

Dear Dermot

Following a meeting you had with the White Goods Association, we have a number of comments from the industry, which we believe should be taken into account in relation to the drafting of the Regulation of Gas Installers. The White Goods Association represents the distributors of white goods, including laundry, cooking, heating and refrigeration.

One of our primary objectives is to ensure the safe installation of our products and we have been doing so for many years. However, we feel that some of proposals outlined in the Regulation of Gas Installers, will have a very negative impact on our sector and will not allow us to continue to manage the safe installation of our products.

We would also welcome an opportunity to take part in any further consultation you plan in relation to the Regulation of Gas Installers.

The following are the key points we wish to raise:

- That a specific qualification is made available for the repair and connection of domestic appliances as defined below to the gas system.
- That a specific training course is developed for the repair and connection of domestic appliances to the gas system.
- That the regulator considers the inclusion of L.P.G. in the new regulations.
- The availability of state funded training courses in time to comply with new regulations implementation date.
- It is our opinion that gas domestic appliances as defined below do not require annual service and certification.
- The definition of the appliances repaired and connected to gas supply within the white goods industry are hobs, oven's, freestanding cooking, gas fires range cookers and tumble dryers.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you to discuss these issues in some detail.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any queries.

Regards

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