



CER Press Release

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CER announces New Safety Requirements for LPG

The Commission for Energy Regulation (CER), Ireland's national energy regulator, has put in place new safety legislation for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) undertakings supplying LPG to residential customers. The legislation covers LPG provided by cylinders, tanks or distribution networks.

This means that by law, from 31st March 2014, LPG undertakings must report any LPG related safety incidents to the CER, if the incident caused the death of any individual, injury requiring inpatient treatment, or damage in excess of €6,500. Investigation of such incidents by the CER can help prevent recurrence in the future and assist in promoting safety for the general public.

LPG undertakings are defined as any person who imports LPG or purchases LPG directly from a refinery within the State and makes it available to individual domestic or commercial final customers by way of LPG cylinder, bulk tank or via a piped LPG distribution network.

This new requirement will improve gas safety by ensuring that appropriate action is taken if LPG incidents occur in Ireland.

Incidents can be reported using the Incident Reporting Form which is available on the Energy Safety section of www.cer.ie.

Ends.

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Notes to Editors:

- The CER is Ireland's independent energy regulator with a wide range of economic, safety and customer protection responsibilities in energy. The CER focus of the CER's energy safety responsibilities is on protecting lives and having a world class energy safety record.
- The CER was given a remit to regulate natural gas with respect to safety in 2006. In 2012, this was expanded to include safety regulation of LPG. The CER will be

implementing a licensing system for LPG undertakings operating distribution networks to multiple domestic final customers from April 2014. This will form part of a wider safety regulatory system for the LPG industry which meant that in 2011 it became mandatory for contractors that carry out any works on domestic LPG appliances or fittings to become registered with the Register of Gas Installers of Ireland. The CER intends to continue to work to increase safety regulation in the LPG industry.

- To see if these regulations affect you, please see the LPG Incident Reporting Factsheet at the Energy Safety section of www.cer.ie, which gives more information on the regulations and the methods of reporting.