

Regulation of Piped LPG Distribution Networks that are not operated by a Licensed LPG undertaking

What is being published?

The CRU has published two documents for consultation. These documents are:

- 1. Operator Handbook – Part of the Class 2 LPG Safety Licence**
 - Outlines the safety obligations required to operate a piped LPG distribution network.
- 2. Class 2 LPG Safety Licence**
 - Outlines the Licensees responsibilities to operate a piped LPG distribution network.

All members of the public and industry are invited to provide feedback on these documents.

How will these documents affect me?

To ensure all piped LPG distribution networks¹ are operated in a safe manner, all individuals operating a piped LPG distribution networks will have to apply for a Class 2 LPG Safety Licence from the CRU and comply with all sections of the operator handbook.

When are these changes coming into effect?

For these changes to come into effect, legislation must be amended. It is hoped that primary legislation will be enacted by Government by Q4 2021/Q1 2022.

All individuals identified by the CRU that have to apply for a Licence will be notified when these changes are coming into effect.

There will be a transitional period so all affected parties have an appropriate amount of time to apply for a Licence.

What do I need to do now?

All members of the public and industry are invited to provide feedback on these documents before **08 October 2021**.

If you have any feedback on these documents, please email gsfteam@cru.ie. Please note the section of the operator handbook or Licence condition in your feedback.

When the public consultation closes, the CRU will publish a decision paper with the final version of the Operator Handbook and Class 2 LPG Safety Licence.

¹ “piped LPG distribution network” means a pipeline system connected to a central storage bulk tank or LPG cylinder but not including a bulk tank or LPG cylinder as the case may be, and includes pipework above and below ground and all other equipment necessary upstream of the point of delivery and downstream of the emergency control valve, supplying gas to two or more customers;]