



PRESS RELEASE

BCGA completes major revision of key safety code for manufacturing sector

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The British Compressed Gases Association has completed a comprehensive review of one of its most widely consulted safety guidance codes within the manufacturing sector.

Code of Practice 7, 'The Safe Use of Oxy-Fuel Gas Equipment (Individual, Portable or Mobile Cylinder Supply)' has been brought completely up-to-date by the trade body, to include the latest information and guidance to support a safe environment in manufacturing.

Available for free download from the publications area of the BCGA website, Code of Practice 7 is one of the most commonly accessed documents within the association's extensive library of safety material.

Information featured includes legislation, examination, inspection and maintenance and an overview of significant hazards, as well as advice on equipment, cylinder storage and handling, setting up, closing down, emergency procedures and security.

Doug Thornton, Chief Executive of the British Compressed Gases Association (BCGA), said: "The revised code details the minimum safety standards required for the assembly, examination, inspection, maintenance and use of individual portable or mobile cylinder oxy-fuel gas equipment, in circumstances where each gas is supplied from a cylinder and individually controlled by a cylinder-mounted pressure regulator.

"The safety standards laid down are the minimum for safe working practice – and the importance of the skill and competence of operators, supervisors and managerial staff is stressed throughout the document.

“Like all our publications, Code of Practice 7 has been produced in accordance with BCGA’s commitment to mission safety in the compressed gases industry.

“The publication was last updated four years ago and significant resources have been deployed to bring this new version together.

“We hope it is well-received across the manufacturing sector.”

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Notes– About BCGA

The ‘invisible industry’ underpinning a safe, successful and healthy nation - industrial and medical gases are essential to the existence and wellbeing of thousands of people in the UK every day.

Industrial gases perform a wide-ranging role, supporting the manufacture of information technology, as well as key UK industrial sectors including steelmaking, refining, welding, chemical processing and electronics. They also help keep homes warm, water clean and food nutritious, appealing and affordable - while medical gases play a critical role in applications including respiratory care, pain therapies and anaesthesia.

The British Compressed Gases Association (BCGA) is the UK membership body for this critical industry. With a commitment to stringent quality, safety and environmental measures, BCGA members employ 19,000 people directly and account for an annual turnover of £2.7 billion.

Members of BCGA operate in a highly-regulated industry and work together on technical, safety, health and environmental issues to achieve high standards of integrity and environmental care, both within their own and customers’ working environments.

BCGA promotes safety practice through its publications and also participates in the preparation and revision of National, European and International Standards.