



The Certification Mark for Onsite
Sustainable Energy Technologies

MCS

For Information on MIS 3004 Issue 3.0

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1. Publication of the new MIS 3004 on 1st August 2012

Information with regards to the publication of the new MIS 3004 v3.0 standard

Following the publication of the new MIS 3004 v3.0 on 1st August 2012 with regards to the implementation and date of withdrawal of the old MIS Standard, please see the details below.

Publication Date: 1st August 2012

Implementation Timescale:

All new quotes / orders must be compliant with MIS 3004 v3.0	From 1st November 2012
Existing quotes where no order received and not yet installed, i.e. no contract has been signed.	On expiry of existing quote to be treated as new quote. Period of quote validity to be determined by installation company's standard quote validity policy, e.g. 1, 2, or 3 months etc.
Existing orders yet to install and installations in progress, i.e. a contract has been signed.	No deadline / requirement to comply with MIS 3004 v3.0

All installation companies can work to v3.0 of the Standard from the date of publication (1st August 2012).

All new quotes must be compliant with MIS 3004 v3.0 from 1st November 2012. Existing quotes where no order has been received and the system is not yet installed will be valid for the remainder of the quote validity period. On expiry of the quote the job should be treated as a new quote. Existing orders yet to install have no set deadline / requirement to comply with MIS 3004 v3.0.

Installation companies having their annual surveillance visit before 1st November 2012 will be assessed against v2.1a of the Standard.

Installation companies joining the scheme or having an annual surveillance visit after 1st November 2012 will be assessed against version 3.0 of the standard.

2. Summary of changes

MIS 3004 v2.1a was updated to issue 3.0 on 1st August 2012.

MCS certified installation companies shall ensure they are compliant with the new version of the standard and review the document in full. A summary of the key changes is provided below.

- **Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).** Reference to the Renewable Heat Incentive added for information. This ensures that MCS certified companies are clear some products may be covered within the MCS standard but not eligible for RHI. It also refers to guidance on emissions limits for RHI. A reference to the Low Carbon Buildings Programme has been removed. (Page 5)
- **Sub-contracting.** The section on sub-contracting requirements has been revised and now refers to MCS 001. (Page 8)
- **BS EN 12831.** Examples of suitable methods for calculating the heat loss of buildings updated with a reference to BS EN 12831. (Page 10)
- **BS EN 14961-1.** A note regarding fuel compliancy requirements has been updated. This now refers to BS EN 14961-1 rather than DD CEN/TS 14588:2004 which is no longer current. (Page 11)
- **Commissioning check sheet.** A new requirement for a commissioning check sheet has been added. This requires that MCS certified installation companies verify and record a specific range of data relating to the biomass system. (Pages 12 and 13)
- **Competence of staff.** This section has been reworded to require that MCS certified installation companies have proven current training / experience with biomass heating systems and additionally that any contractors will be able to demonstrate relevant knowledge on biomass systems during any audit. (Pages 13 and 14)
- All links and references updated as appropriate.