

Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2026 Consultation Report

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Responses to this survey: 2

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF RESPONDENT COMMENTS:

There were only two respondents, but both consultation responses showed strong overall support for the proposed Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2026, with agreement that aligning IOM health and safety law with UK standards and processes would be appropriate and represents good practice.

Respondents considered the draft legislation to be clear and did not identify any areas requiring further clarification to support understanding or compliance.

The proposed implementation strategy and timescale were also fully supported, with respondents indicating that industry readiness could be achieved within the proposed framework. Only limited suggestions for improvement were raised, notably a desire for closer consistency with UK drafting and regulation numbering, and a proposal for optional practical support, such as a Health and Safety at Work Inspectorate workshop, to aid understanding.

Overall, the (limited) feedback indicated confidence in the approach, content and delivery of the proposed regulations, with no substantive concerns raised about the consultation process or the proposals themselves.

We asked:

The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFA) has been reviewing specific UK Health and Safety legislation to form a judgment on whether the Island would benefit from greater alignment with UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE) standards. As part of that process, consideration has also been given to whether this UK HSE legislation would enhance public and worker safety for offshore energy developments. This process has culminated in public consultation of specific draft legislation, with the starting point for most of the legislation being existing UK legislation.

DEFA has welcomed stakeholder and public feedback on the proposed health and safety legislation, and where appropriate any associated guidance documentation, through this public consultation process.

You Said:

Noting only 2 respondents, there was support for the proposed Regulations and agreement that aligning IOM health and safety law with UK standards is the right approach. The draft legislation and proposed timescales were considered clear and appropriate, with only minor suggestions for improvement around consistency with UK drafting and the availability of optional practical support, such as workshops. No wider concerns were raised about the proposals or the consultation process.

We did:

The DEFA Health and Safety at Work Inspectorate (HSWI) is grateful to all those who took the time to consider and respond to this consultation.

Due to the December 2025 holiday period and the limited number of initial responses received, it was decided to extend the closing date of the outstanding health and safety legislation consultations to 31 March 2026.

The consultation process and responses received informed the Department's assessment of the benefits of the proposed legislation. All consultation responses were considered in detail, alongside direct engagement with relevant Manx businesses. The consultation process has therefore informed the Department's decision making. Having considered all available information, the Department has decided to pause the introduction of this tranche of legislation until further notice.

Further engagement between DEFA HSWI and the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE) will take place in June 2026. Should the Department subsequently decide to proceed with the introduction of any of the draft legislation, this will first be reviewed against the latest position of the relevant UK legislation and updated where necessary. If any substantive changes are made as a result, a further public consultation exercise may be undertaken.

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CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Question Number	Title	Total Responses
1	Do you agree that the Isle of Man should follow UK standards and processes for health and safety laws and its regulation?	2 (100.00%)
2	Are there any parts of the legislation being consulted upon that require more clarity to aid understanding and assist with compliance?	2 (100.00%)
3	Is the proposed implementation strategy and timescale for the introduction of the IOM Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2026 appropriate for industry readiness?	2 (100.00%)
4	Are there any specific support mechanisms (e.g. guidance, training, transitional arrangements) that would help you or your organisation prepare for the new legislation?	2 (100.00%)
5	Do you have any other comments on the draft IOM Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2026 legislation attached to this stage of the overall consultation process?	1 (50.00%)
6	Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about the proposed changes or the consultation process?	1 (50.00%)

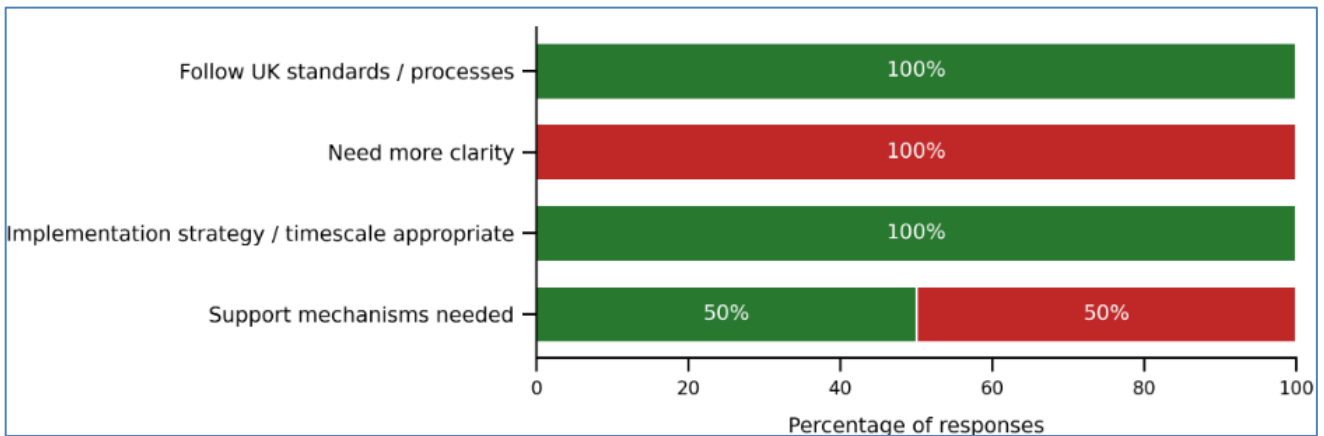


Fig 1:
Question (Q1–Q4) - Percentage of Responses (Yes/Agree, No/Disagree, Not Answered)

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS – INDIVIDUAL SUMMARY OF RESPONSES BY QUESTION

Question 1 – Following UK standards and processes

Both respondents agreed that the Isle of Man should follow UK standards and processes for health and safety law and its regulation. This was described as good practice and supportive of regulatory alignment. One respondent suggested that closer consistency with UK drafting conventions would be beneficial, specifically in relation to regulation structure and numbering, to aid familiarity and ease of use.

Question 2 – Need for clarity to aid understanding and compliance

Neither respondents indicated that further clarification was required within the draft legislation to support understanding or compliance. Overall, the proposals were considered clear and accessible, with respondents expressing confidence that the legislation could be understood and implemented without additional explanation at this stage.

Question 3 – Appropriateness of implementation strategy and timescale

Both respondents agreed that the proposed implementation strategy and timescale for introducing the Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2026 are appropriate for industry readiness. No substantive concerns were raised, and respondents generally indicated that the proposed approach allows sufficient time for organisations to prepare.

Question 4 – Support mechanisms to assist preparedness

The views were mixed on the need for additional support mechanisms. One respondent considered that further support would be useful and suggested a practical workshop delivered by the HSWI to provide an overview of the new requirements. The other respondent indicated that no additional support mechanisms were necessary to support implementation.

Question 5 – Other comments on the draft Regulations

Neither respondents raised any additional substantive comments on the draft Regulations at this stage of the consultation process, indicating general satisfaction with the content and scope of the proposals as presented.

Question 6 – Further comments on the proposed changes or consultation process

Neither respondents provided further comments on the proposed changes or the consultation process, suggesting that the consultation approach was appropriate and that no additional issues needed to be raised.