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**Health and Safety (General Duties of Self-Employed
Persons) (Prescribed Undertakings) Regulations 2026**

PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS

Health and Safety Inspectorate

Department of Environment Food and Agriculture of the Isle of Man Government
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The activity ran from 17 Oct 2025 to 12 Dec 2025

Responses to this survey: **Nil**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Health and Safety (General Duties of Self-Employed Persons) (Prescribed Undertakings) Regulations 2025 consultation ran from 17 Oct to 12 Dec 2026 seeking views on amendments to health and safety legislation.

There were zero responses via the consultation Hub.

It should be noted that the consultation was clear in explaining that adopting the new Regulations is a positive approach which will provide clarity by now defining “prescribed undertakings”, a requirement that has been outstanding, thereby ensuring that health and safety duties apply only where risks to others exist.

The introduction of the legislation reduces unnecessary burdens on low-risk self-employed persons, aligns the IOM with UK standards, and supports a proportionate, risk-based approach. It also strengthens public safety by clearly identifying high-risk activities such as construction and asbestos work, enabling consistent enforcement and better regulatory certainty for businesses.

It should be noted that each of the consultations on proposed health and safety legislation directs respondents to the relevant UK acceptable codes of proactive and/or guidance, with added information on how this guidance may be used with IOM legislation.

We asked:

The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFA) is reviewing and updating specific legislation to align with UK best practice. This consultation continues the process of updating IOM Health and Safety legislation and refers directly to the following draft legislation:

- Health and Safety (General Duties of Self-Employed Persons) (Prescribed Undertakings) Regulations 2026.

Following this public consultation and incorporation of any necessary amendments, the Department aims to submit the proposed legislation to Tynwald in early 2026, with the intention of introducing this legislation as soon as possible after Tynwald has passed the legislation. DEFA welcomes stakeholder and public feedback on the updated and proposed health and safety legislation, and where appropriate any associated guidance documentation, through this public consultation process.

You Said:

There were zero responses via the consultation Hub.

We did:

DEFA HSWI are grateful to everyone who took the time to consider this consultation, however there were zero responses to the consultation.

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The introduction of the legislation reduces unnecessary burdens on low-risk self-employed persons, aligns the IOM with UK standards, and supports a proportionate, risk-based approach. It also strengthens public safety by clearly identifying high-risk activities such as construction and asbestos work, enabling consistent enforcement and better regulatory certainty for businesses. DEFA have therefore decided to approve the legislation for submission to the CoMin.