

Application for Appliance Exemption

Flow diagram of the application process for exemption of appliances

Note: Enquiries regarding applications for appliance exemption under the Clean Air Act should be made to **netcen**.

Formal application made to Defra or Devolved Administrations by letter or email.

Defra or Devolved Administration forward details of the formal application from the applicant to **netcen**. **netcen** respond to the applicant giving details of the application and testing procedure requesting copies of brochures, list of appliances and their fuel(s) for which exemption is sought together with instruction and installation manuals, engineering drawings of the appliances and any particle emission test data.

netcen review the appliance, application and any testing that the appliance has undergone to establish whether the test work was carried out to BS PD 6434 or equivalent by an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory. If so whether the the mean of five tests of the particle emission rate (in g/hour or equivalent units) at each of low medium and high fire and under upset conditions is less than 5 g/hour plus 0.1 g/hour for each 0.3kW of heat output from the stove during each test.

Appliance has been tested

Appliance has not been tested

netcen respond establishing whether further test work if required and if so the cost of this.

netcen respond to the applicant giving a quotation for the full test.

Test work arranged with subcontractor either at test laboratory or at applicant's installation. Test report reviewed using the requirements of the Clean Air Act, emission of 5 g.h⁻¹ plus 1 g.h⁻¹ per 3 kW of the heat output the appliance produces.

Appliance passes

Appliance fails

Re-test

No further test work required. Recommendation made to Defra and Devolved Administrations Regarding the appliance.

Recommendation for the appliance's exemption made to Defra and the Devolved Administrations.

Recommendation made to Defra and the Devolved Administrations that the appliance has failed. Discussion with the manufacturer concerning the failure.

Appliance is based on an already exempt model. Only changes to the exterior of the appliance or to the air ways after the combustion is complete