



Energy Companies Obligation (ECO): Update to Supplementary Guidance on Hard-to-Treat Cavity Wall Insulation

On 31 October 2013 we published supplementary guidance on specific categories of hard-to-treat cavity wall insulation under the Energy Companies Obligation (ECO). This was in response to a consultation on our proposed requirements under ECO for demonstrating the characteristics of a hard-to-treat cavity wall (HTTC) that has been insulated.

This document removes the requirement for additional technical monitoring for HTTCs installed from 1 October 2014.

Why we no longer require additional technical monitoring

The requirement was introduced to assure us that HTTC measures delivered under ECO were being installed to cavity walls that met the statutory definition of a 'hard-to-treat cavity'.

The supplementary guidance¹ said we would review the requirements periodically and assess whether any of them should be reduced.

We have reviewed the results for additional technical monitoring conducted on HTTCs installed between January 2014 and June 2014. We are satisfied that the failure level associated with the eligibility of the cavity walls inspected during this period is acceptable. This assures us that these additional checks are no longer required.

As outlined in Chapter 13 of the ECO Guidance for Suppliers,² 5 percent of all measures are subject to technical monitoring. This requirement must still be met, as must all other requirements in the supplementary guidance.

¹ <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/ofgem-publications/84197/ecosupplementaryguidanceonhard-treatcavitywallinsulation.pdf>

² <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/ofgem-publications/88469/energycompaniesobligationecoguidanceforsuppliersversion1.1a.pdf>