

Gas Safe Certificates

Local council officials sometimes ask caterers for Gas Safe Certificates on outdoor free-standing equipment. This requires careful understanding.

Gas Safe registered engineers issue certificates under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 which do not apply to mobile or portable **appliances** supplied with gas from a cylinder, with the exception of cabinet heaters. A Gas Safe Certificate is therefore not applicable, whereas **installations** such as in burger vans do require a Gas Safe Certificate every twelve months.

However, the council official will have the authority to stop your operation if they think it may be a danger to the public, so you must get to a solution.

Notionally, you are covered for the first twelve months because we apply the CE mark at the factory under our EC Product Surveillance Certificate.

After twelve months **or at any time**, you can get a **Gas Safety Inspection Report** from a Gas Safe engineer who must be registered for LP (propane) gas commercial equipment. The **Gas Safe Register** will find you a local engineer by calling 0800 408 5500, or by searching at www.gassaferegister.co.uk

Please note your appliance holds CE Type Approval to BS EN 498:2012 (Barbecues for Outdoor Use) which does not require Flame Supervision Devices (FSD's), except in certain lighting arrangements. Our arrangement of burners do not require FSD's.

We recommend you ask the Environmental Health office at the local council what they require for you to trade to the public in their area, and begin your compliance in good time.

Excellent support and advice on hygiene and other regulations even before you get to the local council office can be had by contacting the Nationwide Caterers Association (NCASS) on 0121 603 2524 or at www.ncass.org.uk

Q) Can I use a barbecue inside a Gazebo?

A) Yes. The UKLPG Code of Practice 24 was revised in 2017 amidst concerns about multiple appliances with multiple gas cylinders within enclosed areas, for use in Outdoor Catering.

However, sub section 2.2 of the Code entitled 'Build-ups, Gazebos, Marquees, Tents, Stalls and other Temporary Structures' states:

"Where a Single Appliance supplied by a Single Cylinder without a Flame Failure Device is in use, ventilation shall be equal in area to that of the longest wall (from eaves to ground level). Also additional ventilation shall be provided by a 150mm gap at ground level on each of the other walls".

Q) Do I need a Flame Failure Device?

A) No. –but you must meet the ventilation requirements in Code of Practice 24 for Single Appliances supplied by a Single Cylinder.

Also, Flame Failure Devices are not required under BS EN 498:2012 (Gas Barbecues for Outdoor Use) unless;

- 1) The relative positions of the controls give rise to confusion, or,
- 2) In the case of two or more burners in the same compartment, there is not a means of ignition equally effective on each burner.

Q) Do I have to use a Stainless Steel Braided hose?

A) No. Sub section 4.1 of the Code of Practice 24 states:

"A single appliance supplied by a single cylinder located less than 1.5 metres apart shall be supplied using a hose in accordance with BS 3212, BS EN 16436-2 or BS EN 10380."

Orange hose with swaged ends conforms to both BS 3212 and BS EN 16436-2, and BS EN 10380 refers only to corrugated metal hose.

Sub section 4.2 continues with 'Installation Pipework Requirements' and it is only here that Stainless Steel Braided hose appears as a requirement.

Q) Do I need a Gas Safe Certificate?

A) This is becoming more common at events and you must ask the fitter on site for a 'Gas Safety Report'.

Gas Safe fitters are guided and authorised by the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations which does not cover Single Appliances supplied by a Single Cylinder, -with the specific exception of cabinet heaters. The fitter is therefore not bound by their regulations which typically demand Flame Failure Devices and if the siting meets the UKLPG Code of Practice 24 relating to ventilation they are allowed to issue a satisfactory Gas Safety Report.