



# Don't Get Caught Out!!!

As a result of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), any building which has an air conditioning system with an effective rated output of greater than 12kW will require an **air conditioning inspection** and accompanying inspection report

Unlike the requirements for Energy Performance Certificates, these **air conditioning inspections** are not triggered by sale or rental, but have been given definite deadlines for compliance. These are –

- First inspection of all existing air conditioning systems over 250 kW cooling capacity must be completed by 4 January 2009.
- First inspection of all existing air conditioning systems over 12 kW cooling capacity must be completed by 4 January 2011.

***This means that any systems over 12kW that have not already been inspected are currently breaching the regulations and therefore liable for a fine or further prosecution***

## The True Cost of Delay

Many companies don't fully understand the implications on their business if they do not meet the Energy Performance of Buildings requirements. Consider the following points before you become the first legal test case

### Statutory Financial Penalties

As legislation currently stands, you can be issued with a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance with the legislation. There are 2 main fines that can be levied

1. £300 for failure to ensure that a system has been inspected at regular intervals not exceeding 5 years (Regulation 21 (1))
2. £200 for failure to produce a valid air conditioning report within 7 days of being requested to do so by a Trading Standards officer (Regulation 39(4))

Fines are levied **per site** and can be **repeated daily** which can be a **huge potential liability** for multi-site operators.

Trading Standards have indicated that due to the laid back attitude of many building owners, their primary targets will be high profile, national and multi site owners which will be the quickest method of reaching a wider audience.

## Reasons for Compliance

Air Conditioning can account for **up to 30-45% of the energy usage** of large buildings so undertaking an inspection has a number of benefits

- Reduce your energy costs and consumption
- Meet your legislative compliance obligations
- Reduce your overall carbon emissions and prepare for schemes such as the **Carbon Reduction Commitment**

## How NACI can help

- Comprehensive and industry leading reporting over and above the requirements of legislation
- Use of only qualified engineers with the necessary specialist knowledge to fully meet your needs
- Low cost and No cost recommendations, in addition to capital investment projects, providing options to save money by simply changing inefficient behavior
- National coverage with a first class project management team ensuring minimum client supervision and disruption
- Truly independent inspections and reports with no conflict of interest due to auditing our own maintenance or wanting to sell additional services

