

Agenda – Operable Walls Working Group
12 October
[Atrium 24 Leonard Street London EC2A 4BY](#)
14:00 – 16:30

Members are reminded they agree to conform to FIS policy to comply with the Competition Act 1998. The meeting is convened and held in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of FIS and the regulations made by the Association. The Association has in place procedures to ensure compliance with all relevant competition laws and the meeting is subject to those procedures.

The objectives of the operable walls Working Group are:

1. Develop technical standards as required
2. Promote best practice in the market
3. Educate and inform clients and specifiers about (working group) work
4. Promote the products and skills of FIS members in this field
5. Monitor and support Risk on behalf of the community
6. Shape the market so that the correct adherence to standards is recognised and adhered to by all to the benefit of clients

General updates that are not on the agenda but are important to be aware of:

- Building Safety Act <https://www.thefis.org/knowledge-hub/technical/fire-protection/building-safety-bill/> including the design responsibility and retrospective liability through an extended Defective premises Act [Retrospective extension of limitation period under the Defective Premises Act to be extended to 30 years - 4 Pump Court - Barristers' Chambers](#)
- [Proposed changes to the Building regulations aligning them to the Building Safety Act](#)
- Beware becoming [The unintentional designer - SpecFinish magazine](#)
- Fire performance: [The four C's](#) provides a process to ensure that the products and systems being designed for the project have evidence of compliance relating to the specific detailing and interfaces.

The following documents are to provide you with background reading ahead of the meeting

- Installation of Partitioning [HERE](#)
- Site Guide Partitioning [HERE](#)
- Site Guide to glazed partitions [HERE](#)
- [Using Partitioning and Ironmongery to Help Manage Social Distancing - FIS \(thefis.org\)](#)
- Servicing Operable walls [HERE](#)
- All our technical guides can be seen [HERE](#)
- The Competency Framework Career and Qualification Path [HERE](#)
- Apprentice guide for employers [HERE](#)

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AGENDA

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

2. Competition Act Reminder

3. How the FIS guidance assists in the seven steps from factory to deconstruction

- Compliancy starts with **marketing** where members can adopt the principles of the Code for Construction Product Information **CCPI** ensuring accurate consistent and clear information and use the Acoustic verification scheme
- Help with writing **specifications** is easy with the [Specifiers guides](#) and the NBS selector
- Understanding the **contractual risks** at **tender stage**
- [Planning the site](#) for the [safe movement of materials](#), and
- ensuring [installation process](#) is clear to the **site managers** using the guides makes matters clear from the start.
- Handing over **O&M** information, and clear evidence of a compliant installation to meet Regulation 38
- **Maintaining** and [servicing](#) (and [SGF20](#)) is important to maintain performance and the safety occupants

And then what happens at the end of a lease, can the products be relocated, reused and what is the impact on any warranty or performance, can the products be returned for recycling?

How and what is required to make these specific to the Operable wall market?

4. The Contractual, Compliance and Construction Process – Common Concerns and Challenges

Key findings from the Operable Wall Census

5. Delivering a Competent Workforce

Definition of competence and impact of wider changes to the Building Regulations

NVQ update

Training landscape for operable wall installers / maintainers

Competency My Pro Pass

6. Sustainability action plan

Developing a net zero plan

Reusing operable wall panels

7. Events

[Workplace 2023](#)

8. AOB (must be submitted in advance of the meeting)

9. Date and time of next meeting