

# KEEPING YOUR KITCHEN EXTRACT SYSTEM COMPLIANT

## What is TR19<sup>®</sup> Grease and which parts of your building does it apply to?

**TR19<sup>®</sup> Grease: Fire Risk Management of Grease Accumulation within Kitchen Extraction Systems**, is the new specification, which is issued by BESA (Building & Engineering Services Association).



## What are your responsibilities under Fire Regulations?

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 and Fire & Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 are the principle fire regulations in the UK. Compliance with TR19<sup>®</sup> Grease is essential to meeting your regulatory responsibilities. Your Responsible Person must ensure that levels of grease inside each asset remain within the tolerance levels quoted in TR19<sup>®</sup> Grease; and that each section of ductwork is cleaned at regular intervals in accordance with the tables set out in TR19<sup>®</sup> Grease. Compliance with TR19<sup>®</sup> Grease is also typically expected by your insurer as it greatly reduces the risk of fire in each kitchen extract system.

## How to choose your specialist cleaning provider

You will need a specialist cleaning provider for this as conventional cleaning companies will not provide this service. Select your specialist cleaning provider with care. They should have a sound reputation and long track record for excellent TR19<sup>®</sup> Grease compliant cleaning. Look for a company that is a member of the BESCA Ventilation Hygiene Register (VHR) which raises the bar of compliance with TR19<sup>®</sup> Grease and adds a level of regulation.

## What your compliant post clean report should tell you

You should be provided with a 'post clean report' of every individual asset which your provider cleans for you. This should include:



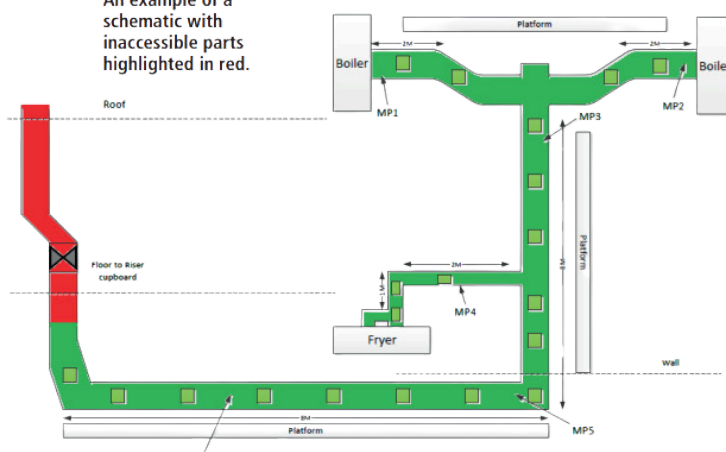
- before and after photography
- details of methodology
- before and after grease measurements
- details of any cleaning chemicals used. It should clearly stipulate that your ductwork is compliant from the date of its cleaning



## What happens if not all of the ductwork can be reached?

In some instances, after ductwork is installed, parts of it are made inaccessible by the addition of extra walls, solid ceilings or stairwells. Some ductwork systems also lack access platforms to allow technicians to work safely at height. Schematic drawings need to be provided that explain fully where any problems lie and suggestions for rectifying each issue. Often a solution can be found by retrofitting additional access doors. Some problems cannot be easily overcome, in these instances you should be made aware of any major work needed to achieve compliance so you can consider the likely costs. The implications of not rectifying the ductwork should be explained for your future compliance and legality.

An example of a schematic with inaccessible parts highlighted in red.



## What you should do now...

By using the guidance in this document, you will:

- appoint a 'Responsible Person' whose role is to ensure that you comply with your legal duties
- appoint a competent, professional specialist cleaning provider with proven expertise in kitchen extract system and canopy cleaning

- ensure that the post clean reports that you receive provide full documentation of the work carried out, including before and after photography.

This will provide a robust audit trail. You may need this in order to demonstrate your compliance, safeguard your insurance and protect you against future prosecution.



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