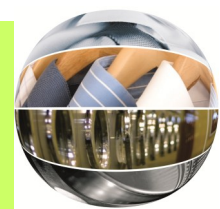




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**National Conference  
2019 to be held at the  
Manor Hotel Meriden  
10th March**



**Intermediate  
Laundry  
Technology**  
a weeks  
intensive  
training  
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book places.

■ **Guild Membership Renewal?** Your Membership Subscription for the year 2018/19 was due from the beginning of April and if not already paid remember that you can now pay on line by visiting the Guild Website at [www.gcl.org.uk](http://www.gcl.org.uk), or alternatively, Telephone 01698 322669. Paying on time saves money and time in having to check and chase late payers. Contact [enquiries@gcl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gcl.org.uk)

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**See this month a Technical Bulletin and an Amber Alert dealing with an Emporio Armani Ladies Jacket and Skirt with a care label that could be a problem.**

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**2019 Guild Conference and Exhibition** is to be held at the Manor Hotel, Meriden (Nr Solihull), a 4-star hotel that combines all of the picturesque beauty of the Warwickshire countryside with the convenience of major city links. Located within easy reach of the M40, M6 and M5, meaning it couldn't be easier to access and situated just 3 miles from Birmingham International Airport and Train station. More details in the coming months but reserve this date in your diary 10th March 2019.

**The testing standard that lies behind the circle symbols**—The symbols seen on garment care labels indicate that the garment type has been tested against BS/ISO 3175 ( the testing standard that lies behind the circle symbols) and in view of this the garment retailer should shoulder the lions share of responsibility for any failure or damage should the item fail in cleaning, provided it was processed to the right standard.

**New Personal Protective Equipment Regulation— PPE.** In certain cases, the manufacturer's obligations can now apply to importers and distributors. An importer or distributor who markets a product in Europe under their own name, brand or trademark becomes liable for the full manufacturer's obligations. There is a transition period of 1 year (21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019) where both the old Directive and the new Regulation are applicable. Therefore PPE designed and manufactured in accordance with Directive 89/686/EEC can still be placed on the market until 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019. Employers who are selecting and using PPE within their own organisation are covered by the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 which are unaltered by this Regulation. Those involved in specifying, sourcing or purchasing PPE for use within their own organisation should continue to select appropriate PPE which has been CE marked.

**Ozone in Laundry**—is a term generally used to describe an addition to normal washing of textiles and uses electricity and oxygen in a unique way to replace some of the chemicals normally used in a traditional washing or laundry process. Oxygen and electricity are used to create ozone. The Ozone is dissolved into cold water and applied to the washing machine in place of some of the chemicals where the vast majority of dirty linens are sheets and towels from the hospitality sector with a minimal amount of soil and stains. Ozone is an oxidant thereby a bleaching agent and with a small amount of alkali, cold water and a little detergent, you can achieve cleaning and brightening equal to using bleach and hot water. Water plus Ozone Laundry Systems have the potential to reduce the environmental impact of traditional laundry operations in some circumstances but Ozone is not a panacea. Some laundries will still need to use some hot water and the amount of hot water required will be dependent on the volume of stained and soiled linens to be processed. Occasionally, some linen will have heavier soil loading and stains including, lipstick, shoe polish, ink, etc. Cold, or cooler wash water is not suited to perform well on these types of stains because of the physical nature of oil at low temperatures. Oil-based products are harder to dissolve when they are cold and less viscous. Heat and standard wash chemistry is required for more rapid emulsification of these oil-based stains and heat and bleach is required for bleaching an occasional stubborn stain. For these types of stains you will need to create a wash program with at least one hot fill and standard hot-water wash chemistry, but ozone assisted processing is worth investigating if you regularly process otherwise clean work. Ozone and hot water do not mix and ozone is depleted with heat.

**Insurance, Weigh Up the Options but be Prepared**— Primark Fire at the Bank Buildings in Belfast, the area is to be cordoned off for over four months, and fourteen businesses are within the cordon. The prospect is no access to these businesses whatsoever and others nearby suffering loss of trade due to reduced footfall. What you should consider is how a similar situation might affect your business. If you are in a town centre or near a super-market etc. that increases your footfall. Your local problem may not necessarily be a fire as it could be a sink hole or other major problem which could last for weeks or even months. Moving your machinery may not even be an option as within the cordoned off area in Belfast. Even removing customers garments may not be allowed, therefore you could have multiple claims for replacement. Think of the time consumed on that alone. Don't forget staff and your wages as well as other mandatory payments. Unlike some other businesses, who could procure new stock and open nearby, you could not. Equipping a drycleaning business would be in the order of £100,000, or plus depending on the shop fit and could take longer than the closure. Check your insurance to see if you might be able to claim if a similar situation affected you but if you are not able to claim then ask your insurance provider, or others, for a quote.

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