

GVARA – Gas Valves and Regulators Association Meeting Rules – December 2023

GVARA will comply with the letter and spirit of antitrust, business governance, data protection and other relevant law in the UK.

GVARA shall not be used, or risk being seen to be used, as a forum for the discussion of business secrets. GVARA's meetings must always be conducted in a manner which avoids even the appearance of any restrictive practice and the following are prohibited discussion areas at GVARA meetings.

1. Prices, price trends, discounts and rebates;
2. Costs;
3. Profits;
4. Production output and sales;
5. Market demand, shares and sales territories;
6. Investments and marketing plans;
7. Bidding or refraining from bidding;
8. Credit conditions or other conditions of sale.

Data Protection

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018 came into force in UK on 26th May 2018 and require businesses to protect individuals' information in much more detail than the outgoing Data Protection Act, which the newer regulations replaced.

This extends to keeping records which allude to the whereabouts of individuals and other information about them. Participants in GVARA meetings are required to give their explicit consent that their attendance at meetings and any opinions or suggestions expressed thereat, as well as their contact details and, occasionally, images, may be kept on record in perpetuity by GVARA and may be used by as required in relation to operating the Association's business.

Meeting Chairpersons should obtain such consent from all participants at the start of each meeting and shall exclude from the meeting any individual who is unwilling to give such consent. Non-attendance at meetings shall not be recorded in minutes. By order of the GVARA Council.

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