

# Quick start environmental checklist for machinery and electrical equipment businesses

Use this checklist to see if your machinery or electrical equipment (MEE) business is complying with environmental legislation.

## Check if you need a permit, licence or exemption

- Check if your business needs a permit, licence or exemption to carry out its activities including certain listed activities, waste disposal and recovery, using radioactive substances, storing or disposing of radioactive waste, or discharging to water or sewer.

[NetRegs: Do you need a permit, licence or exemption?](#)

## Manage hazardous substances correctly

- If you store or use dangerous substances, such as oil or certain chemicals, check whether the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations apply to you.
- Store hazardous substances, such as oils, organic solvents and other chemicals, securely to avoid pollution. Label drums containing hazardous substances clearly.
- Check that any persistent organic pollutants (POPs) you use are permitted and dispose of any POPs you have correctly.
- If you use chemicals make sure you comply with REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals) Regulation.
- Check any scrap metal for radioactivity.
- Check that any ozone depleting substances you use are not banned.

[NetRegs: Oil and chemical storage](#)

[NetRegs: Persistent organic pollutants](#)

[NetRegs: Using chemicals](#)

[NetRegs: Radioactive substances](#)

[NetRegs: Refrigerants](#)

## Meet environmental requirements for manufacturing

- Label any household electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) you manufacture or sell within the EU with an energy efficiency rating.

- Check that any energy-using products you manufacture, such as boilers, lights or EEE, comply with energy efficient design requirements.
- Check that any EEE you manufacture or put on the EU market complies with the restrictions on hazardous substances in EEE.
- Check that any batteries, or EEE containing batteries, you manufacture or import comply with legal requirements.
- Check that any packaged products you produce or put on the market comply with the Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations.

[NetRegs: Energy labelling and ecodesign](#)

[NetRegs: Restriction on hazardous substances](#)

[NetRegs: Batteries](#)

[NetRegs: Packaging](#)

### **Meet your waste producer responsibility obligations**

- Check that any EEE you manufacture, import or re-sell complies with waste electrical and electronic equipment producer obligations.
- Check that any batteries you manufacture or import comply with battery producer obligations.
- Comply with the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations if you handle more than 50 tonnes of packaging a year and have a turnover of more than £2 million.

[NetRegs: Waste electrical and electronic equipment](#)

[NetRegs: Batteries](#)

[NetRegs: Packaging](#)

### **Handle your waste correctly**

- Check that anyone who takes your waste has a waste carriers' certificate.
- Complete waste transfer notes whenever anyone takes waste away from your site. Keep waste transfer notes for at least two years.
- Complete consignment notes whenever anyone takes hazardous/special waste away from your site. Keep consignment notes for at least three years. In **Northern Ireland** you must also keep 'consignee return to producer' forms for at least three years.
- Pre-notify your environmental regulator at least three days before moving your hazardous/special waste.

[NetRegs: Waste storage and transport](#)

[NetRegs: Hazardous/special waste](#)

## **Manage your energy use and carbon emissions**

- Check if the EU Emissions Trading System applies to emissions from your business.
- Check if the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme applies to carbon emissions from your business.
- Check if your industry is covered by a climate change agreement.

[NetRegs: Carbon emissions](#)

## **Prevent pollution and nuisance**

- Prevent nuisance, such as dust and noise, and do not emit dark smoke.
- You should prepare a pollution incident response plan.

[NetRegs: Air pollution](#)

[NetRegs: Noise and vibrations](#)

[NetRegs: Pollution incident response planning](#)

## **Further information**

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[NetRegs: Machinery and electrical equipment](#)

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