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## In this month's update...

### Legislation Updates:

#### **Petrol Vapour Recovery Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**



These Regulations have been made by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. They make an amendment to the PPC(IE) Regulations (NI)2013 to take account of EU Directive 2014/99/EU, which sets two new standards for equipment used for Stage II petrol vapour recovery.

The first standard specifies the test methods for the approval of petrol vapour recovery systems for use in refuelling vehicles at service stations. The second standard states the test methods to be used at service stations to verify the effective operation of such vapour recovery systems. Service stations and manufacturers of equipment for petrol vapour recovery will be legally required to comply with these new standards on vapour recovery. The Regulations come into operation on 22 August 2016.

You can read the Regulations in full here:

[Pollution Prevention and Control \(Industrial Emissions\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016](#)

## Packaging Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has carried out a consultation regarding its intention to consolidate the Producer Responsibility Regulations (NI) 2007 and subsequent amending regulations.

The consolidation does not introduce any policy changes to the existing regime for packaging waste but aims to make the regulations more accessible by combining them into a single statutory rule. The draft regulations also include amendments to the plastic and glass packaging targets. The Department intends to make the consolidated regulations during the second half of 2016 with a view to them coming into operation before the end of 2016.

You can read the consultation document and draft regulations here:

[Packaging Waste Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016](#)

## Guidance:

### Regulatory Position Statement - Food Waste Guidance

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published new guidance on the Food Waste Regulations.

The Regulations came into operation on 14th February 2015 and place a responsibility on food businesses to separately collect their food waste.

You can read the guidance here:

[Regulatory Position Statement - Food Waste Guidance](#)



### Wildlife Law and You

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency has produced a booklet intended as a guide to the laws regarding wildlife. It gives a broad outline of the laws protecting wildlife, particularly, but not exclusively to the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order (As amended) 1985.

You can read the Booklet here:

[Wildlife Law and You](#)

## Update:

### Recycle Week 2016

Recycle Week 2016 (12th – 18th September) is the UK's annual recycling week, aiming to get everyone recycling more by raising awareness of the benefits and promoting easy ways to do more. The theme for this year is 'The Unusual Suspects'.

Recycle Week will encourage people to recycle more by:

- Highlighting the unusual items that often get forgotten about when recycling around the home
- Showing the benefits that come from recycling
- Motivating them to do more
- Demonstrating how to be an effective recycler

Interested? visit the wrap website for more details:

<http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/recycle-week-2016>



### New and improved NetRegs website launching soon!

The NetRegs website has been refreshed and redesigned to improve user friendliness, usability and visual appeal. Although much of the content on the site remains the same, a new design makes the site faster and easier to



navigate.

Other key developments include:

- a fresh, modern user interface, optimised for user navigation
- integrated additional resource buttons for video clips, e-learning tools, self-assessment tools and more..
- an updated video library, showcasing all of our video clips



The new and improved site is due to launch soon, so keep an eye on the [website](#) or [NetRegs update](#) for more information!

## From last month's update in case you missed it...

### Legislation:

## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/1141 of 13 July 2016 adopting a list of invasive alien species of Union concern pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The European Commission has published Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1141, which implements the first list of Invasive Alien Species of Union Concern, comprising 37 species (23 animals and 14 plants).

The list will come into force on 3 August 2016.

View the full text of the Regulation here:

[COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION \(EU\) 2016/1141](#)

More information can also be found on the [European Commission website](#)

## The Renewables Obligation Closure (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

This Statutory Rule will close the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation (NIRO) to new small scale (i.e. up to 5 megawatts (MW) installed capacity) onshore wind generation and existing small scale generating stations adding additional capacity from 1 July 2016 and introduce exceptions to closure in the form of limited defined grace periods.

The Order came into force on 29 June 2016

View the full text of the Regulation here:

[The Renewables Obligation Closure \(No.2\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2016](#)

### Update:

## McIlveen announces opening of next phase of the Forest Expansion Scheme

Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Michelle McIlveen announced encouraging news for the forestry sector by opening the next phase of the Forest Expansion Scheme.

The scheme, under the Rural Development Programme, is part financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

It will provide support for farmers and landowners to plant woodlands of five hectares or larger this coming winter. The first phase of the scheme last year resulted in over 180 hectares of new woodland planting.

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