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## In this month's update...

### Legislation Updates:

**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](#)

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

### Legislation:

### Food Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 - New Rules

A food business is any business that carries out activities related to the processing, distribution, preparation or sale of food. This includes:

- Restaurants and cafes
- Shopping and food courts
- Canteens
- Hotels
- Pubs that serve food
- Shops that serve food
- Supermarkets
- Schools and colleges
- Prisons, nursing homes and hospitals.

If you are a food business then you must be prepared to present food waste for separate collection:

- by 1 April 2016 for large producers (producers of more than 50kg of food waste per week)
- by 1 April 2017 for small producers (producers of between 5kg and 50kg of food waste per week) and Health and Social Care trusts.

To view the full text of the Regulations, click the link below:

[Food Waste Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015](#)

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## Updates:

### NetRegs website refresh - Same content, NEW design

We are very excited to announce that we are in the process of launching a new NetRegs website. The 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

Keep an eye on the [website](#) or [NetRegs update](#) for more information!

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### Regulatory Position Statement on the use of Plasterboard in Animal Bedding

Guidance on the protocol on the use of gypsum and plasterboard in animal bedding has been produced by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

The guidance sets out the Northern Ireland Environment Agency's position concerning the use of gypsum and plasterboard in animal bedding.

To view the guidance click the link below:

[Regulatory Position Statement on the use of Plasterboard in Animal Bedding](#)

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### Minister Michelle McIlveen urges farmers to take up CAFRE Agricultural Business Operations course

The CAFRE Agricultural Business Operations Level II Certificate meets the agricultural training eligibility requirements for the Young Farmers' Payment/Regional Reserve Scheme. The classes will be sector based – Dairying, Beef, Sheep, Crops, Arable/Commercial Horticulture and Poultry.

Minister McIlveen has encouraged anyone who plans to attend the training in autumn 2016 to apply before the closing date of 4pm on Thursday 7 July 2016.

More information on how to apply can be accessed here:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/mcilveen-urges-farmers-take-cafre-agricultural-business-operations-course>

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### Have you signed up for the BIG Biodiversity Challenge 2016?

Now in its third year, this free to enter Challenge invites leaders from across construction, infrastructure, retail, transport and Government to "do one thing" for biodiversity.

Organisations are invited to add one new biodiversity enhancement to a construction site, development or existing building, however large or small, permanent or temporary as well as adding creativity in biodiversity enhancements.

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