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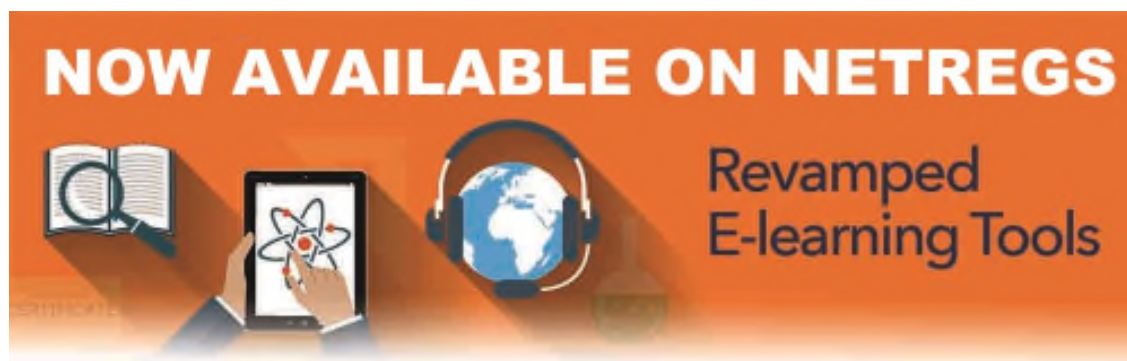


November 2017

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New on NetRegs



Updated e-learning tools

The NetRegs e-learning tools have now been refreshed, bringing them up to date with modern browsers and devices.

The update allows users to access the e-learning tools on both desktops and tablets.

Our training tools are FREE to use and cover a variety of topics and are particularly useful for businesses that want to:

- raise environmental awareness among their existing staff
- train new members of staff
- get things right from the start when launching a new business
- check on their performance and refresh their understanding of the regulations

Check out the [NetRegs e-learning tools](#) today

New Legislation



Waste (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

These Regulations will amend the fees and charges for waste management licenses under the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 to ensure they are sufficient to recover the costs for the Department exercising its functions. The Northern Ireland Environment Agency's Regulatory Charging Schemes for 2017/18 were approved in March 2017 but, in the absence of a legal basis for doing so, not implemented until the Regulations come into force.

These Regulations come into operation on 27 November 2017.

You can read the Regulations in full here:

[Waste \(Fees and Charges\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2017](#)

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

These Regulations consolidate all previous amendments made to the Habitats Regulations 2010. They also introduce some minor amendments to reflect changes in other related legislation, such as amendments to the Town and Country Planning legislation and rectify omissions.

The Regulations transpose the Habitats Directive and elements of the Birds Directive, to a limited extent, in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Regulations come into force on 30 November 2017

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017](#)

Consultation



Consultation: Banning UK Sales of Ivory

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is seeking views on a proposal to introduce a total ban on UK sales of ivory that could contribute either directly or indirectly to the continued poaching of elephants. The ban would prohibit UK sales of ivory, and the import and export of ivory for sale to and from the UK, subject to carefully defined exemptions. The proposals would extend and apply to the UK, including Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This consultation has particular relevance to:

- Individuals or groups with an interest in elephant conservation
- Individuals or businesses who buy, sell, import and export ivory
- Individuals who own ivory goods and may have an interest in buying/selling them in the future
- Associations or organisations representing businesses or individuals who buy and sell ivory
- Businesses or organisations with a commercial interest in the preservation of elephants
- Governments who are considering measures to restrict their own domestic ivory markets

The consultation ends on **29 December 2017**

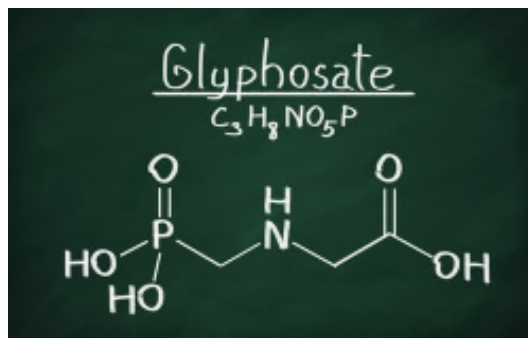
You can read the consultation in full here:

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Updates

5-year glyphosate renewal

Glyphosate has been thoroughly assessed by EU Member States, the [European Food Safety Authority \(EFSA\)](#) and the [European Chemicals Agency \(ECHA\)](#) - to establish whether its use results in any unacceptable effects on human and animal health or the environment.



On 27 November 2017 a qualified majority in favour of the proposal by the European Commission to renew the approval of glyphosate for a period of 5 years was reached by the Appeal Committee.

The Commission will now adopt the Act before **15 December 2017**.

For more information visit the [glyphosate pages on the European Commission website](#).

Check out our guidance on [pesticides and biocides on the NetRegs website](#).

Bird Flu and Gamebirds: UK Standing Advice November 2017

Guidance has been prepared by a number of game shooting, research and game conservation bodies, and is endorsed by DAERA, Defra, and the Scottish and Welsh Governments, which provides advice on the signs of avian influenza and what to do if it is detected. The guidance also sets out the typical control measures, explaining how they might affect each aspect of gamebird management.



You can read the Standing Advice covering the whole of the UK here:

[Bird Flu and Gamebirds: UK Standing Advice November 2017](#)

A guide to importation and export of wood and wood products for Northern Ireland

This guide sets the requirements which have to be met when importing controlled material into Northern Ireland. The controls prevent the spread of economically and environmentally damaging

pests and diseases.

You can view the guidance document here:

[A guide to the importation and export of wood and wood products for Northern Ireland](#)



Integrated Pest Management Guidance

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has produced guidance to assist farmers with understanding the requirements of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). IPM is a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimises economic, health and environmental risks. IMP emphasises the growth of a healthy crop with the least possible disruption to agricultural ecosystems and encourages natural pest control mechanisms.



You can read the DAERA IPM guidance here:

[Integrated Pest Management Guidance](#)

Environment, Marine and Fisheries Group Enforcement Policy

In carrying out statutory functions, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency has obligations to regulate and monitor potentially damaging activities, respond to breaches of environmental legislation and investigate suspected environmental crime.



You can read the general intent and principles underpinning the EMFG's approach to enforcement here:

[EMFG Enforcement Policy](#)

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