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Seasons Greetings from the NetRegs Team!

We would like to thank all our users and subscribers for your continued support this year.

We have lots of exciting plans for 2018. Keep an eye on the NetRegs website for updates!

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New Legislation



Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment No2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

These Regulations amend the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007. They establish new waste packaging recovery and recycling targets for paper, aluminium, steel and wood for years 2018 to 2020. The amendments also set recycling targets for all packaging materials for years 2018 to 2020.

These Regulations come into force on 01 January 2018

You can [view the full text of the Regulations here](#).

Updates

Regulatory Position Statement – November 2017 Technical Competence for Operators of Authorised Waste Facilities

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency is aware that the Northern Ireland version of the continuing competence test for those operating authorised waste facilities is not in place. As a result, NIEA has produced a pragmatic interim position to provide assurance to waste operators.

You can [read the Interim Position Statement here](#)



DAERA Standing Advice for Developments that may have an effect on the Water Environment

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has produced a suite of pre-written advice that explain what applicants for planning permission must do to meet legislative and policy requirements, thus enabling them to prepare good quality planning applications. The documents can also be used by planning authorities to inform their decision making. The [list of Standing Advice is available to view here.](#)

Further [Standing Advice for development of land that may affect Natural Heritage Interests is available here.](#)

Animal By-Products Applications

The EU Animal By-Products Regulation 1069/2009 and implementing Regulation (EU) 142/2011 require a range of premises and activities associated with Animal By-Products to be either approved or registered.

Copies of [the application forms you should complete in order to enable approval or registration are available here.](#)



Surface Waters Alterations Handbook November 2017

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published a handbook for landowners and people and organisations involved in carrying out activities that may alter the physical characteristics or flows of rivers and other water bodies. The handbook provides advice on the current regulatory controls and best practice guidelines which apply to alterations. The regulatory controls specified in the handbook should be followed before any alterations are carried out and the appropriate approvals/consents should be sought in advance.

You can [access the handbook in full here.](#)



Online Consent Service Launched for Areas of Special Scientific Interest

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) has launched a new online Service for

operations and activities requiring consent in Areas of Special Scientific Interest. The new service will make consent applications more convenient, efficient and straight forward.

You can [read more about the new service and access the ASSI online service here.](#)



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