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New on NetRegs



NetRegs at the Balmoral Show 2018

Staff from NetRegs alongside colleagues from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency attended the 2018 Balmoral show to promote the NetRegs website and showcase its features. The NetRegs stand was located within the government departments section of the Eikon building.

We had a great time at the show which was celebrating its 150th year. Thank you to everyone who took the time to visit our stand.

The NetRegs team!

Read our most recent blog:

Managing the environment: Construction legislation explained.

This gives an overview of the important environmental issues surrounding construction works and the benefits of getting it right.

Read the blog here - [NetRegs Blogs: Construction legislation explained](#)

New Legislation



Waste (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 SR 91

These Regulations came into operation on 7th May 2018 and amend regulation 4 of the Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999, which sets out the charges for registration as a carrier of controlled waste.

They also amend regulation 18 of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003, which sets out fees in relation to registration of an undertaking or establishment carrying out activities exempted from the requirement to obtain a full waste management license; and paragraph 3(10) of Schedule 4 to the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003, which sets out fees in relation to the registration of brokers of and dealers in controlled waste.

The Regulations came into force on 07 May 2018

You can read the Regulations in full here:

[Waste \(Fees and Charges\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2018](#)

Radioactive Substances (Modification of Enactments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 SR116

These Regulations come into operation on 1st June 2018. They are part of a package of measures to transpose Council [Directive 2013/59/EURATOM](#) laying down basic safety standards for protection against the dangers arising from exposure to ionising radiation. Most of the transposition measures are being dealt with by amending or replacing existing statutory instruments.

These regulations cover provisions in relation to planned public exposure situations and existing public exposure provisions by amending the Radioactive Substance Act 1993, the Radioactive Substances Exemption (Northern Ireland) Order 2011, the High-activity Sealed Radioactive Sources and Orphan Sources Regulations 2005, the Radioactive Substances (Basic Safety Standards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and the Radioactive Contaminated Land Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006. These Regulations also implement some additional measures to streamline and clarify existing legislation.

The Regulations come into force on 01 June 2018

You can read the Regulations in full here:

[Radioactive Substances \(Modification of Enactments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2018](#)

Consultations



Consultation on proposed Marine Plan

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is consulting on the proposed Marine Plan for Northern Ireland. When adopted, the plan will primarily be used by public authorities taking decisions which affect or might affect the marine area. It may also be used by anyone who has an interest in the marine area, including those bringing forward proposals and stakeholders who wish to comment on such proposals. You are invited to express your views on the proposed marine plan.

Any comments should be made before the 15 June 2018 17:00.

You can view the consultation document here:

[Consultation on proposed Marine Plan](#)

Updates



DAERA secures derogation in three-crop rule for Northern Ireland

The severe weather and near constant rainfall in winter and spring this year has left farmers well behind with planting. In many cases they have been unable to plant the range of crops they would normally manage.

This could have meant that they failed to meet the requirements of the Crop Diversification rules, and would have therefore failed to qualify for the Greening payment.

However Phil Hogan, the EU Agriculture Commissioner has just announced his intention to agree a derogation from the requirements for crop diversification for farmers in Northern Ireland in 2018.

If growers are unable to meet all the requirements of Crop Diversification in 2018, because of the severe weather, then they can make decisions as to the best crops to plant to meet their current situation. This will not affect their Greening payment.

An announcement that will take some of the worry away from growers who have been hard hit over the past few months.

You can read more about Commissioner Hogan's announcement on the [DAERA website](#).

DAERA outlines progress in tackling ammonia

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has announced further progress in its work to help farmers better protect the environment from the impact of ammonia. Further stakeholder forums for agriculture and environment organisations are planned throughout 2018 at which evidence will be gathered to inform the eventual Action Plan on Ammonia.

You can find out more about the Departments progress on the [DAERA website](#) or read the [NIEA Leaflet on ammonia](#).



Application form for imports of animal products and by-products

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published application forms that can be used to apply for a licence to import animal products or animal by-products into Northern Ireland.

You can find the forms here:

[DAERA: Application form for imports of animal products and by-products](#)



DAERA - External Whistleblowing Procedures on how to make a Disclosure

The Department has introduced a revised policy which invites the general public, where they have witnessed or have concerns about alleged wrongdoing, corruption, fraud and malpractice in DAERA make their concerns known.

A guide on the whistleblowing procedures and the whistleblowing reporting form are available here:

[DAERA: Whistleblowing procedures](#)



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