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February 2016

In this month's update...

NEW Legislation:

The Waste Management Licensing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016

These Regulations amend the Waste Management Licensing (Scotland) Regulations 2011 to remove exemptions from waste management licensing the storage and treatment of waste tyres.

The regulations come into force on the 30th March 2016.

For further details visit the Waste Management Licensing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations page on NetRegs

The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower

Rate) Order 2016

This Order specifies the standard rate and lower rate for Scottish landfill tax for disposals on or after 1st April 2016. The standard rate is £84.40 and the lower rate is £2.65. Tax is to be calculated by reference to the weight and types of material disposed of, as provided for in section 13 of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014.

The Order comes into force on the 1st April 2016.

To view the full text of the Regulations follow the link below:

The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2016

The Reservoirs (Scotland) Regulations 2016

From 1 April 2016, reservoirs in Scotland with a capacity of 25,000m^3 or more will be regulated by SEPA. To begin with the new regime will apply only to reservoirs with a capacity of 25,000m^3 or more. At some point, this will be extended so that it also applies to reservoirs with a capacity of between 10,000 and 25,000m^3.

Under the new regime, SEPA will regulate each reservoir having regard to the risk that each reservoir poses to public safety. In particular, SEPA will be responsible for ensuring that reservoir managers comply with the duties imposed on them under the new regime.

The Regulations come into force on the 1st April 2016.

To view the full text of the Regulations follow the link below:

The Reservoirs (Scotland) Regulations 2016

Consultations:

Draft provisions for a Wild Fisheries (Scotland) Bill/Draft Wild Fisheries Strategy: a consultation

This consultation is designed to give stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback on the approach currently being taken to develop the legislative provisions for a Wild Fisheries (Scotland) Bill.

The closing date for responses to the consultation is the 2nd May.

To view the consultation documents follow the link below:

Draft Provisions for a Wild Fisheries (Scotland) Bill/Draft Wild Fisheries Strategy

SEPA Consultation: Guidance for Release of Nuclear Sites from Radioactive Substances Regulation

SEPA is seeking responses to their public consultation on the proposed new guidance on Requirements for Release of Nuclear Sites from Radioactive Substances Regulation.

The proposed new guidance has been produced jointly by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), the Environment Agency (EA) and Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

The closing date for responses to the consultation is the 9th May.

To view the consultation documents follow the link below:

Requirements for Release of Nuclear Sites from Radioactive Substances Regulation

OTHER

Organic Ambitions - Scotland's Organic Action Plan 2016-2020 - Knowledge - Strength - Skills - Resilience

The Scottish Organic Forum (SOF) carried out an extensive consultation with over 700 stakeholders to produce this Action Plan. It includes 17 actions under four headline themes (KNOWLEDGE, STRENGTH, SKILLS & RESILIENCE) to be taken forward over the next 5 years.

The Action Plan will encourage growth in the Scottish organic sector which will, in turn, help Scotland address wider challenges such as encouraging biodiversity, tackling climate change through reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving soils and protecting our air and water. It will also add further economic value to the Scottish Food and Drink Sector.

To view the report click on the link below:

Organic Ambitions - Scotland's Organic Action Plan 2016-2020 - Knowledge - Strength - Skills - Resilience

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Updates:

‘Making Things Last’ Scotland’s Circular Economy Strategy

This strategy sets out the priorities of the Scottish Government for moving towards a more circular economy – where products and materials are kept in high value use for as long as possible. It builds on Scotland’s progress in the zero waste and resource efficiency agendas.

A more circular economy will benefit:

- the environment – cutting waste and carbon emissions and reducing reliance on scarce resources;
- the economy – improving productivity, opening up new markets and improving resilience; and
- communities – more, lower cost options to access the goods we need with opportunities for social enterprise.

Within the strategy four priority areas have been identified, these are: food and drink, energy infrastructure, remanufacturing and construction.

To view the strategy document click the following link:

Making Things Last: A Circular Economy Strategy for Scotland

NEW SEPA Guidance: Systematic Assessment of Resource Use and Efficiency for PPC Part A Activities

SEPA has developed a new PPC reporting template and supporting guidance for the systematic assessment of resource utilisation, which combines the reporting of water use, energy efficiency and waste minimisation, with the aims of:

- clarifying the requirement of resource utilisation systematic assessments;
- improving the efficiency of the reporting and review process;
- reducing the amount of reporting for resource utilisation requirements;
- encouraging regulated industries to continuously drive resource use efficiency; and
- realising the positive benefits to the environment and on operator productivity (as well as significant associated cost savings for operators).

To view the new PPC template and supporting guidance visit the Guidance pages on the SEPA website and choose the relevant document under 'Part A installations > Resource use and efficiency systematic assessment'

Scottish Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

The Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP)

offers funding for rural Scotland. A key aim of the SRDP is to deliver environmental benefits for water, soil, biodiversity, landscape, climate change and public access.

The 2016 application window for the Agri-Environment Climate (AEC) Scheme (one of the main SRDP schemes) is now open until 15 April 2016. A further application window is expected to open in early 2017.

Further information on the SRDP can be found on the SRDP pages on the Scottish Government's website.

Events:

Green Champions Training

Get all the skills you need to develop a resource efficiency action plan for your organisation and identify the things you can start doing today to save money on energy, water, waste and raw materials.

Particularly ideal for:

- health, safety and environment managers;
- environmental performance champions;
- compliance managers;
- facilities managers; and
- office/general managers.

When: Thursday, 24th March 2016 10-4pm

Where: Edinburgh Zoo, 134 Corstorphine Rd, Edinburgh EH12 6TS

For more details visit Resource Efficient Scotland website

Other Resource Efficient Scotland events:

How to save money and energy on your lighting

Thursday 10 March (Morning workshop at Edinburgh Zoo)

The secrets to a successful lighting upgrade

Wednesday 16 March (45 minute webinar)

Earn your Green Champions Certificate in one day

Wednesday 23 March (Full day workshop at Hampden Park, Glasgow)

Earn your Green Champions Certificate in one day

Thursday 24 March (Full day workshop at Edinburgh Zoo)

Financing your resource efficiency projects

Wednesday 30 March (45 minute webinar)

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

Legislation:

The Waste Batteries and Accumulators (Amendment) Regulations 2015

These Regulations amend certain conditions of the Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009.

The amendments will reduce regulatory burdens on businesses, allowing for increased focus on the key

aims of the core regulations, including delivery of environmental benefits.

Broadly these regulations make the following changes:

a) removal of the requirement to provide operational plans;
b) removal of the requirement to submit independent audit reports;
c) allows an “approved person” to delegate the responsibility for signing off reports.

The Regulations came into force on 1 January 2016

To view the full text of the Regulations follow the link below:

The Waste Batteries and Accumulators (Amendment) Regulations 2015

The Animal By-Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015

These Regulations amend the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 in order to narrow the types of Animal By-Products that may lawfully be disposed of in remote areas. Regulations also update the small quantities derogation in response to a recent amendment of the EU Implementing Regulation.

The Regulations came into force on 1 January 2016

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

The Animal By-Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015

The Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2016

The purpose of the Order is to protect cod stocks in the Firth of Clyde at a crucial time in their life cycle by prohibiting fishing effort during the spawning season.

This Order prohibits, subject to certain exceptions, all methods of fishing within specified areas of the Firth of Clyde from 14th February until 30th April, during both 2016 and 2017.

The Order comes into force on 14 February 2016

To view the full text of the Regulations follow the link below:

The Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2016

NEW SEPA Guidance:

Biosecurity and management of invasive non-native species for construction sites and Controlled Activities

SEPA has produced new guidance on ‘Biosecurity and management of invasive non-native species for construction sites and Controlled Activities’

The guidance covers legal responsibilities when dealing with non-native species, who the responsible authorities are in Scotland as well as key considerations, and guidance on how to avoid introducing, moving or spreading non-native species on or off your construction site.

To view the guidance click on the link below:

Biosecurity and management of invasive non-native species for construction sites and Controlled Activities

SEPA European Waste Catalogue (EWC) guidance

‘Guidance on using the European Waste Catalogue (EWC) to code waste' is a new document that provides guidance on how to interpret and use the EWC. The guidance is aimed at anybody that uses an EWC code and is designed to help operators complete waste site returns and consignment notes.

The guidance is split into various sections with a ‘how to’ and detailed guidance for specific waste management activities, providing each with a possible list of commonly used EWC codes for each sector.

To view the guidance click the link below:

Guidance on using the European Waste Catalogue (EWC) to code waste

Other Guidance:

Water Assessment and Drainage Assessment Guide

This document, produced by the Scottish SUDs working party, includes water supply advice and is intended to help guide those involved in the installation of water and drainage infrastructure (both new and retrofitting) through the necessary stages to obtain relevant permissions and comply with standards and policies.

To view the guidance document click the link below:

Water Assessment and Drainage Assessment Guide

Updates:

The Future of PPGs

Pollution Prevention Guidelines (PPGs) are well known good practice guides, previously produced by the Environment Agency, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. They also include reference to legal obligations, which are in some cases out of date and require review. These guides have been archived, in England, but are available from the PPG pages on the NetRegs website.

NetRegs is currently working on a review plan to update these guides and turn them into a new replacement guidance series, with new titles and new branding. We will work with SEPA, NIEA and other organisations to do so. Further details, when available, will be presented on the NetRegs website.

Tell us which PPGs you would like to see reviewed first. Email the NetRegs mailbox with your suggestions.

The BIG Biodiversity Challenge to 'do one thing'

The BIG Biodiversity Challenge to 'do one thing' invites you to add one new biodiversity enhancement to your construction site, development or existing building.

The Challenge aims to:

- Raise awareness of the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity in the built environment to all those who work in the construction industry
- Encourage construction teams to collaborate with local communities to ensure long term awareness and protection of local biodiversity
- Promote the integration of biodiversity in green infrastructure initiatives
- Support the targets of Biodiversity 2020 strategy in the built environment.

For more details visit the BIG Biodiversity Challenge website

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The Savings Finder - Save energy water and raw materials in 2016

Resource Efficient Scotland has launched an online resource efficiency planning tool that will help you target your very best savings opportunities.

Visit the Resource Efficient Scotland website for more details.

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