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### Legislation Update



## Food Waste Regulations 2015 - New Duties for Food Businesses

The Food Waste Regulations 2015 came into force on the 14 February 2015.

From the 01 April 2017 the final elements of the regulations come into operation, these are:

- Food businesses producing 5kg or more of food waste per week, must ensure the separate collection of that waste. There is no legislative requirement for food businesses which produce less than 5kg of food waste per week, to collect it separately
- Food waste must not be deposited in a lateral drain or public sewer.

For more information read the [Regulatory Position Statement for Food Waste](#).

## Consultation



### Consultation: Proposals to ban the use of microbeads in cosmetics and personal care products

The purpose of the consultation is to seek views on the Governments proposals for a UK-wide ban on the sale and manufacture of cosmetics and personal care products containing microbeads which may harm the marine environment.

The ban would apply to solid microplastic ingredients <5mm in size in every dimension that are used as an ingredient in rinse-off cosmetics and personal care products including but not limited to exfoliating scrubs, shower gels and toothpastes. The consultation also seeks to gather evidence on the extent of the environmental impacts of microbeads found in other products, to inform future UK actions to protect the

marine environment.

The closing date for responses is today (28 February 2017) at 23.52

For more details visit the [NetRegs website](#)

## Updates

### NEW NIEA Regulatory Position Statements:

The NIEA have recently produced a number of new regulatory position statements:

#### Production of Asphalt Road Planings

This document has been developed to promote the sustainable reuse of asphalt road planings. It provides an agreed methodology for demonstrating when aggregate produced from source segregated asphalt road planings is appropriate for reuse. This is for the purpose of encouraging the reuse of aggregates through clarification of the waste management licensing legislation.

You can view the position statement here:

[Production of Asphalt Road Planings](#)

#### Reuse of Material

This guidance explains reuse of materials and when waste legislation does not apply.

You can view the position statement here:

[Reuse of Material](#)

#### The Burial of Rodents Poisoned on Farmland

This guidance explains the NIEA's regulatory position on the burial of rodents poisoned on farmland.

You can view the position statement here:

[The Burial of Rodents Poisoned on Farmland](#)

You can view the complete list of regulatory position statements here:

[NIEA Regulatory Position Statements](#)

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### Environmental Farming Scheme now open

The Environmental Farming Scheme (EFS) is now open for applications, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has announced.



The EFS is DAERA's new agri-environment scheme under the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014 - 2020, which is

part funded by the European Union.

You can read more about the scheme on the [DAERA website](#).

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## Research Challenge Fund Reopens

A grant scheme worth almost £900,000 to help stimulate innovation in Northern Ireland's agri-food industry has reopened.



The Research Challenge Fund (RCF) provides funding for Small to Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) to get involved in industry-led collaborative research projects that have potential to further the sustainability and competitiveness of agri-food and rural enterprises.

Read more on the [DAERA website](#).

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