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New Legislation



The Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2017

These regulations make provision to enable fees to be charged to recover costs in relation to activities carried out relating to the environmental regulation of the offshore oil and gas industry.

The regulations extend to the whole of the UK and cover fees in relation to:

- assessments relating to discharge and providing advice under the Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002;
- assessments relating to discharge and providing advice under the Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005;
- monitoring compliance and providing advice regarding certain Commission Implementing Regulations for the EU's Fluorinated Gas regulatory regime;
- functions carried out under the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme Regulations 2014; and
- services provided by BEIS to the Oil & Gas Authority regarding the Offshore Petroleum Licensing (Offshore Safety Directive) Regulations 2015 (these costs will be recovered from the Oil & Gas Authority).

The regulations come into force on 06 April 2017

You can view the full text of the regulations here:

[The Pollution Prevention and Control \(Fees\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2017](#)

Regulation (EU) 2017/227 amending Annex 17 to Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards bis(pentabromophenyl)ether

This Regulation amends Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards bis(pentabromophenyl)ether. The amendment to Annex 17 of Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 outlines the situations in which bis(pentabromophenyl)ether may be used.

The changes came into effect on 02 March 2017

You can view the full text of the regulations here:

[Regulation \(EU\) 2017/227 amending Annex 17 to Regulation \(EC\) 1907/2006 concerning the Registration,](#)

[Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals \(REACH\) as regards bis\(pentabromophenyl\)ether](#)

The Shellfish (Restrictions on Taking by Unlicensed Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Order 2017

This order restricts fishing from unlicensed fishing boats in the Scottish zone by introducing daily take limits for lobster, Nephrops, scallops and four species of crab.

The order comes into force on 17 April 2017

You can view the full text of the order here:

[The Shellfish \(Restrictions on Taking by Unlicensed Fishing Boats\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017](#)

The Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Outer Hebrides) Order 2017

This order applies to five different geographic locations around the Outer Hebrides and regulates fishing by restricting the use of certain fishing methods to specified periods during the year or prohibits the fishing method completely.

The order comes into force on 01 April 2017.

You can view the full text of the order here:

[The Inshore Fishing \(Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods\) \(Outer Hebrides\) Order 2017](#)

EU Implementing Regulation 2017/270. Amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance sulfuryl fluoride

These regulations amend the Annex of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011, which lists the active substances approved under the Regulation for placing Plant Protection Products on the Market (1107/2009). The amendments relate to the conditions of approval of the active substance sulfuryl fluoride.

The regulations came into force on 09 March 2017.

You can view the full text of the regulations here:

[EU Implementing Regulation 2017/270. Amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance sulfuryl fluoride.](#)

EU Implementing Decision 2017/302 establishing best available techniques (BAT) conclusions, under Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, for the intensive

rearing of poultry or pigs.

The conclusions are relevant to the intensive rearing of poultry or pigs:

- With more than 40,000 places for poultry
- With more than 2000 places for production pigs (over 30kg), or
- With more than 750 places for sows

In particular, these BAT conclusions cover the following on-farm processes and activities:

- nutritional management of poultry and pigs;
- feed preparation (milling, mixing and storage);
- rearing (housing) of poultry and pigs;
- collection and storage of manure;
- processing of manure;
- manure landspreading;
- storage of dead animals.

You can view the full text of the decision here:

[EU Implementing Decision 2017/302](#)

The Non-Domestic Rates (Renewable Energy Generation Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

These regulations amend the Non-Domestic Rates (Renewable Energy Generation Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2010, by extending the relief to cases where community arrangements relate to profit attributable to at least 0.5 of a megawatt of the schemes capacity. The Regulations also adjust the existing relief for new-build renewable generation by providing a 25% relief for new small scale hydro developments after 01 April 2017.

The regulations come into force on 01 April 2017

You can view the full text of the regulations here:

[The Non-Domestic Rates \(Renewable Energy Generation Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#)

Consultations



Consultation on a Scottish Energy Strategy: The future of energy in Scotland

The Scottish Government is seeking your views on the draft Energy Strategy for Scotland. The Strategy sets out the Scottish Government's vision for the future energy system in Scotland, for the use and the supply of energy for heat, power and transport.

Responses should be submitted to the Scottish Government by 30 May 2017

You can find further information on the consultation, here:

[Consultation on a Scottish Energy Strategy: The future of energy in Scotland](#)

Other Scottish Government consultations:

[Consultation on a Draft Onshore Wind Policy Statement](#)

[Consultation on Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies, and Regulation of District Heating](#)

[Consultation on Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme](#)

[Talking "Fracking": A Consultation on Unconventional Oil and Gas](#)

Updates

NetRegs and the ENDS Awards

We are very excited to announce that we have been shortlisted for 3 ENDS Environmental Impact Awards. They are "Knowledge Development of the Year", "Partnership of the Year" and "Team of the Year".

Winners will be announced at a ceremony in London early in May.



Celebrating sustainability achievement

SEPA Position Statement: Use of Crop Residues in Anaerobic Digestion Plants

This Position Statement sets out how SEPA will regulate the use of crop residues in Anaerobic Digestion (AD) processes and the use of digestate outputs from such AD process. It should be read in conjunction with SEPA's previous positions on the [licensing of AD activities](#) and the use of [PAS110 certified digestate](#).

You can view the position statement here:

[Use of Crop Residues in Anaerobic Digestion Plants](#)



The New Plastics Economy: Rethinking the future of plastics

The New Plastics Economy: Rethinking the future of plastics report provides a vision of a global economy in which plastics never become waste, and outlines concrete steps towards achieving the systemic shift needed.

The report was produced by the World Economic Forum and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation.

You can view the report here:

[The New Plastics Economy: Rethinking the future of plastics](#)



Energy efficiency savings and your business - your feedback

The Energy Saving Trust in partnership with Scottish Enterprise and Zero Waste Scotland, are carrying out research into buyers' needs for energy efficiency and low carbon heat, and what the suppliers' ability is to meet those needs.

To get your feedback on this they have put together a short survey. The survey will only take around 5 minutes of your time to complete.

[You can give your feedback here.](#)

The deadline for feedback is 24 March.

The logo for the Energy Saving Trust, with the words "energy saving trust" stacked vertically in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The word "energy" is in a dark purple color, while "saving" and "trust" are in a lighter purple color.

NEW NetRegs Case Studies and Videos Topic

We have created a NEW topic on the NetRegs website dedicated to case studies and video clips. All of the videos are organised by environmental topic and all of the case studies by sector. Case study topics include:

- [Combined Heat and Power](#)
- [Construction](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Fishing and Aquaculture](#)
- [Food and Drink Manufacture](#)
- [Recycling and Reprocessing](#)
- [Retail and Wholesale](#)
- [Transport](#)

The NetRegs logo, featuring the word "NetRegs" in a large, white, sans-serif font inside a dark blue rectangular box. Below the box, the text "For Northern Ireland and Scotland" and the website address "www.netregs.org.uk" are displayed in a smaller, dark blue, sans-serif font.

We will be adding new case studies and sectors to this list over the coming months so keep an eye on the [NEW Case Studies and Videos page](#).

NEW Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPPs) formerly known as Pollution Prevention Guidelines (PPGs)

The NEW series of **Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPPs)** is available now. The GPPs provide environmental good practice guidance for the whole U.K, and environmental regulatory guidance directly to Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

To date we have released the following GPPs:

- [GPP 2: Above ground oil storage tanks](#)
For above ground oil storage, excluding oil refineries and distribution depots. (January 2017)
- [GPP 5: Works and maintenance in or near water](#)
For construction or maintenance works near, in, or over water. (January 2017)
- [GPP 24: Stables, kennels, catteries](#)
For managing and operating stables, kennels and catteries. (January 2017)

We will be adding more GPPs to the series over the coming months, so keep an eye on the [GPP Pages on the NetRegs website](#).

Funding



Funding window now open for Scottish farmers

The Scottish government is offering financial support for those converting to organic farming. Scottish farmers can apply for funding up until **31st March**. The Soil Association can certify organic farmers, and are welcoming applications with competitive certification fees and a new support package for farmers interested in converting to organic.

For more details visit the [Soil Association website](#).

The Carbon Trust Green Business Fund

The Carbon Trust **Green Business Fund** is the brand new energy efficiency support service for small and medium-sized companies. It provides direct funded support through energy assessments, training workshops, equipment procurement support and up to £10,000 capital contribution towards your energy saving equipment purchase.

For more details visit [the Carbon Trust website](#).

Resource Efficiency Waste Prevention Implementation Fund

Specialist support grant funding is available to small and medium-sized organisations working in;

- Food and drink
- Construction
- Commercial and Industrial waste.

Funds up to a **maximum of £100,000** is available for waste prevention measures.

For more details visit the [Resource Efficient Scotland website](#).

Events / Workshops



How one of Scotland's largest hotels cut its energy and water consumption

Since opening in 2003, Jurys Inn Glasgow has won a number of environmental awards including the Gold standard under the Green Tourism Business Scheme in 2007. Join [Resource Efficient Scotland](#) and the [Green Network for Businesses](#) on a unique behind the scenes tour of this award-winning hotel to see the many successful improvements that have been made, including:

- reduction of its waste by 70% and working towards zero waste to landfill
- in-depth measuring and monitoring of its energy and water consumption
- installation of low energy lighting across the building

If you're an SME and would like to improve performance and save money by using less energy, water and materials, then make sure you join this knowledge sharing session. [Click here](#) to book or call **0800 808 2268**

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