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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](#)

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## **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](#)

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## **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.](#)

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## **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](#)

## **Consultation**



## **Consultation on Proposed New Water Resources Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations to implement Directive 2014/52/EU**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs is inviting comments on the Department's proposals to update its environmental impact assessment legislation relating to water resources projects. Environmental Impact Assessments aim to provide a high level of protection to the environment and to help bring environmental considerations into the preparation of projects to reduce their environmental impact. The Department is proposing to consolidate the current water resources EIA legislation and to update this with the changes required as a result of EU Directive 2014/52/EU.

You can read the full consultation here

[Consultation on Proposed New Water Resources Environmental Impact Assessment \(EIA\) Regulations to implement Directive 2014/52/EU](#)

### **Updates**

#### **DAERA NI – Positive Start for 2017 Online Single Applications**

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs is advising farmers to act early and use the online service.



For those who have yet to submit their Single Application, DAERA is advising farmers to act early and use the online service. There are a number of support options available for those who will be applying online for the first time this year. The closing date for applications is 15 May 2017.

Read more here: [Positive Start for 2017 Online Single Applications](#)

## 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



## 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](#)



## 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](#)

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](#).

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