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### New on NetRegs



## Duty of care: Dealing with your business waste leaflet.

As a business, you have a legal responsibility to ensure that you produce, store, transport and dispose of your business waste without harming the environment. This is called your duty of care.

NetRegs have produced a NEW guidance leaflet covering the key responsibilities of duty of care.

Download the leaflet here:

[Duty of care: Dealing with your business waste \(PDF 775KB\)](#)

## NEW Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP) 19: Vehicles Services and Repairs

NetRegs have completed and published another GPP -

[GPP 19: Vehicles Servicing and Repairs](#)

Also available are:

[GPP 2: Above Ground Oil Storage Tanks](#)

[GPP 5: Works and Maintenance in or Near Water](#)

[GPP 13: Vehicle Washing and Cleaning](#)

[GPP 24: Stables Kennels and Catteries](#)

**Coming soon;** GPP 4: Treatment and disposal of wastewater where there is no connection to the public foul sewer, GPP 8: Storage and Disposal of Waste Oil, GPP 21: Pollution Incident Response Planning. These guidelines will provide environmental good practice for the whole UK, and environmental regulatory guidance directly to Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

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## Have you checked if your business activities are compliant?

Use our FREE and anonymous business self-assessment tool to check if your business activities are compliant with the main environmental regulations.

The tool allows you to:

- check your compliance with the main pieces of environmental legislation
- print out or save a summary report
- demonstrate environmental awareness
- start a programme of environmental improvement.

Try it today - [NetRegs business self-assessment tool](#)

## New Legislation



### **The Environmental Impact Assessment (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**

These regulations make minor changes and corrections to the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, the Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, the Agriculture, Land Drainage and Irrigation Projects (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

These regulations come into force on 30 June 2017.

You can view the full text of the regulations here:

[The Environmental Impact Assessment \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#)

### **EU Regulation: Amending Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)**

This regulation amends the Annex XIV (list of substance subject to authorisation) to the EU Reach Regulation, adding eight substance groups classified as toxic for reproduction, two classified as carcinogenic, and two classified as having endocrine disrupting properties.

This update has brought the number of Authorisation List substances to 43.

You can view the full text of the regulation here:

[EU Regulation 2017/999](#)

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

## Consultations



### **SEPA Consultation: Depositional Zone Regulation - A new regulatory method for marine cage fish farms**

Globally, our oceans are under stress. This was powerfully emphasised at the recent *United Nations Ocean Conference* in New York. One of the many pressures on our marine environment is the harvesting of wild fish stocks. Aquaculture, including caged fish farming, represents one way to reduce this pressure but only if it is done well. If done poorly, it can also cause damage to the marine environment. SEPA's role is to ensure that aquaculture in Scotland's marine environment operates responsibly and with minimum environmental impact.

As a result, we intend to modernise and strengthen the way we regulate aquaculture. We have prepared draft proposals and we want your views about whether our proposals are right.

The consultation closes on 31 August 2017

To view the consultation documents visit the [SEPA Consultation Hub](#).

### **SEPA Consultation: The Use of Gypsum to Improve Soil Conditions**

This consultation concerns all companies that have an interest in the use of gypsum for agricultural and ecological improvement.

SEPA is planning to provide new guidance on the use of gypsum on land, but wishes to consult first to understand the impacts on business.

The consultation closes on 07 July 2017.

To view the consultation documents visit the [SEPA Consultation Hub](#).

### **Consultation on Amendments to Permitted Development Rights for Fin Fish and Shellfish Developments**

Permitted development rights (PDR) for fish farms were introduced by The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Fish Farming)(Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 and

### **Improving air quality: reducing nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities**

The UK Government, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland are seeking views on a revised Plan to reduce levels of nitrogen dioxide around roads within the shortest possible time - the most

the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2012.

This consultation asks for responses regarding a number of proposed changes to current permitted development rights for fish and shellfish farms.

The consultation closes on 28 July 2017

You can view the consultation documents here: [Consultation on Amendments to Permitted Development Rights for Fin Fish and Shellfish Developments](#)

immediate air quality challenge.

This consultation applies to England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

It includes the consultation document; the draft UK Air Quality Plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide; and the Technical Report, which includes details of the modelling techniques and assumptions used in the draft Plan.

The consultation closes on 31 July 2017

You can view the consultation documents here: [Improving air quality: reducing nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities](#)

## Updates

### **BS 8001: 2017. Framework for implementing the principles of the circular economy in organisations.**

BSI the UK national standards organisation has launched a new standard for the circular economy. Applicable to all business sizes, the new standard provides guidance and recommendations that will help organisations implement the principles of the circular economy. It will help provide environmental benefits through improved resource use in addition to delivering financial and social benefits, through economic, employment and innovation opportunities.

You can find out more information here: [BS 8001: 2017. Framework for implementing the principles of the circular economy in organisations.](#)

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## Planning Advice Note: Environmental Impact Assessment

The Scottish Government has recently updated Planning Advice Note 1/2013 on Environmental Impact Assessment. This PAN explains the role of individual planning authorities and Consultation Bodies in EIA, as well as providing guidance on the ways in which EIA can be integrated into the overall development management process. It is also intended as a point of reference for developers and their consultants who prepare the EIA Report on behalf of their client.

You can view the PAN here:

[PAN 1/2013: Environmental Impact Assessment](#)



## Scottish Government – Agriculture Facts and Figures 2017

The 2016 [Agriculture Facts and Figures for Scotland](#) gives a selection of key statistics for agriculture in Scotland, often alongside some comparative data from elsewhere in the UK.

More information on agriculture in Scotland is available at the Scottish Government statistics page on the [Scottish Government website](#).



## Resource Efficient Scotland: Maximising re-use in construction

A guide to maximising the re-use of materials on construction sites. Re-using materials on construction sites can save project costs by avoiding use of building materials and reducing waste disposal costs.

View the guide here:

[Maximising re-use in construction](#)

For information on a other free materials, guides and tools for the construction industry visit the [Resource Efficient Scotland website](#).



## Resource Efficient Scotland Video: How to develop an environmental policy

Resource Efficient Scotland have released a video of their webinar showing how you can develop an environmental policy to impress your customers and save your business money.

- Learn how having a good environmental policy will help your business.
- Get an easy to follow 11-point checklist for writing or refreshing your own policy – including how and when to share it.
- See example policies that you can learn from and tailor to your business.
- Stay compliant, save money, attract the best staff and win new customers.

Whether you're writing a new policy from scratch, or want to make sure that your business's current policy is still up to the job, this webinar will help you.

You can view the webinar here:

[How to develop an environmental policy](#)



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## EU observatory for nanomaterials launched

The ECHA has published a new website that gives citizens, workers and professionals access to information on nanomaterials on the EU market in 23 languages. It is the first phase of the European Union Observatory for Nanomaterials (EUON).

The EUON offers a unique web-based information point with factual and neutral content about nanomaterials on the EU market. The observatory is targeted at a wide audience including consumers, workers, regulators and scientists.

You can view the website here:

[European Union Observatory for Nanomaterials \(EUON\)](#)



## Events



## **6th European Environmental Evaluators Network Forum: Evaluating Innovation in Environmental Protection and Sustainability**

**When:** Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November 2017

**Where:** The Royal Society of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

**Hosted by:** Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)

The 6th European Environmental Evaluators Network Forum (2017 EEEN Forum) will bring together practitioners, academics, policy-makers and other users of environmental evaluation to share views, knowledge and experiences about the use, relevance and future priorities for climate and environment policy evaluation.

For more details including details on how to attend the event visit the 2017 [EEEN Forum website](#).

Funding:

### **CIRIA Events: How to deal with asbestos from soil on site (awareness training)**

**When:** 30 August, 10.00am - 4.35pm

**Where:** Heriot-Watt University, William Arrol Building, Room 2.08, Riccarton, Edinburgh, EH14 4AS

This course will provide ground workers and other site operatives' advice and guidance on how to deal with asbestos from soil in a safe, cost effectively and legal way. This training is based on CIRIA's new report C765 *Asbestos in soil and made ground good practice site guide* and could be considered as 'Information, instruction and training, IIT' or 'awareness training' to satisfy Regulation 10 of Control of Asbestos Regulation 2012 (CAR 2012).

Click [here](#) for more details.

### **Training for non-licensed work for asbestos in the ground**

**When:** 31 August, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Edinburgh

**Where:** Heriot-Watt University, William Arrol Building, Room 2.08, Riccarton, Edinburgh, EH14 4AS

This course is aimed at ground workers and other site operatives who manage and disturb asbestos contaminated soil (ACS) directly as part of their work (including site investigation, ground investigation etc). The training will be counted as 'additional training' required for non-licensed work by providing guidance in identification of asbestos contaminated materials and what to do with planned and unplanned discovery of asbestos on site.

Click [here](#) for more details.

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