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New on NetRegs



Videos and Case studies

Have you checked out our Video and Case studies topic on the NetRegs website?

We have produced a selection of videos showcasing real life, good environmental business practice examples, organised under the following headings:

- Air Pollution
- Carbon Reduction and Efficiency
- Emergency Response
- Environmental Management
- Land
- Materials, Fuels and Equipment
- Transport
- Waste
- Water

Visit the [videos and case studies topic](#) on NetRegs.

The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill - Update

The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill, previously known as the 'Great Repeal Bill', passed its second reading in the House of Commons on the 11 September 2017. MPs will next consider the Bill in a Committee of the whole House on a date yet to be announced.

To view a summary of the key points of the Bill, visit the [future legislation pages](#) on the NetRegs website.

New Legislation



Capital Allowances Act 2001 (Cars Emissions) (Amendment)

The Capital Allowances Act 2001 (Cars Emissions) Order SI 2016/984 amended the Capital Allowances Act 2001. That Act sets out the conditions to qualify for main rate allowances in respect of cars with low carbon dioxide emissions, and the introduced amendment reduced the qualifying emissions threshold from 130 grams to 110 grams per kilometre driven, in relation to expenditure incurred on or after 1 April 2018.

The Regulations came into force on 03 August 2017

You can view the full text of the regulations here:

[Capital Allowances Act 2001 \(Cars Emissions\) \(Amendment\)](#)

The Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulations 2017

The Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulations 2017 impose a common set of standards and functionality for the provision of certain alternative fuel infrastructure (electricity and hydrogen for vehicles and seagoing ships at berth). This will ensure that users of electric or hydrogen powered vehicles and berthed seagoing ships can be confident of using the right infrastructure to the appropriate standard.

The Regulations come into force on 09 October 2017

You can view the full text of the regulations here:

[The Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulations 2017](#)

The Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme and domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2017

This instrument makes changes to the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations 2011 (the "2011 Regulations") and the Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations 2014 (the "2014 Regulations"). A number of amendments are made, including to:

- methods for calculating and issuing scheme payments
- budget control mechanisms
- the levels of tariffs for making payments to scheme participants.

The Regulations came into force on 20 September 2017

You can view the full text of the regulations here:

[The Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme and domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2017](#)

EU Regulation 2017/1505/EU: Amending Annexes I, II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS)

This regulation consists of 3 articles and an annex; which in turn contains annexes I, II and III of Regulation 1221/2009, revised and adapted according to the requirements of ISO 14001:2015.

Companies are required to adapt their EMAS management systems before 14 September 2018, which is also the deadline date for transitioning environmental management systems to ISO 14001:2015.

The Regulations came into force on 20 September 2017

You can view the full text of the regulations here:

[EU Regulation 2017/1505/EU](#)

Consultations



BEIS Consultations: Policy proposals for offshore combustion plant

This consultation is seeking views on policy proposals for reducing emissions of specified pollutants from relevant medium combustion plants (i.e. boilers, heaters and dual fuel engines (not dual fuel gas turbines) on offshore platforms engaged in hydrocarbon-related activities (i.e. oil and gas operations, gas unloading and storage operations and carbon dioxide storage and unloading operations) on the United Kingdom Continental Shelf. This consultation also seeks views on policy proposals to ensure that Chapter III of the Industrial Emissions Directive is transposed in full, as there are now large combustion plant (LCP) offshore that are within scope of this Chapter.

The consultation closes on 05 October 2017

You can view the consultation document here:

[BEIS Consultation: Policy proposals for offshore combustion plant \(September 2017\)](#)

Non-domestic smart metering – Policy proposals and draft legal text

This consultation seeks views on non-domestic smart metering policy proposals including how to give effect to the Government's decision, following two separate consultations, to remove the DCC opt-out.

The consultation closes at 5pm on 19 October 2017

You can view the consultation document here:

[BEIS Consultation: Non-domestic smart metering – Policy proposals and draft legal text \(August 2017\)](#)

SEPA Consultations: Depositional Zone Regulation - A new regulatory method for marine cage fish farms

One of the many pressures on the 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, SEPA intend to modernise and strengthen the way we regulate aquaculture. SEPA have prepared draft proposals and they want your views about whether the proposals are right.

The consultation closes on 30 September 2017

You can view the consultation document here:

[Depositional Zone Regulation - A new regulatory method for marine cage fish farms](#)

Consultation on the new SEPA Compliance Assessment Scheme

SEPA routinely assesses the environmental performance of the operators that we regulate. One of their main duties is to determine how well an operator is complying with their environmental obligations. They call this process 'Compliance Assessment' and we determine this by using rules set out in our Compliance Assessment Scheme.

This consultation provides an opportunity for you to give your views on SEPA's proposed new Compliance Assessment Scheme.

The consultation closes on 03 November 2017

You can view the consultation document here:

[Consultation on the new SEPA Compliance Assessment Scheme](#)

Consultation on proposal for new Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme 2018

This consultation presents the details of the planned changes outlined in the 2015 Charging Scheme consultation (2015 Consultation) to further develop the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme 2016 (the Scheme) which came into force on 1 April 2016. The consultation closes on 03 November 2017

You can view the consultation document here:

[Consultation on proposal for new Environmental Regulation \(Scotland\) Charging Scheme 2018](#)

Updates

REACH registration deadline – Have you registered?



The REACH registration deadline of 31 May 2018 will see the highest number of registrations to date. It concerns substances manufactured or imported in low volumes, between 1–100 tonnes a year. Many of the companies affected are small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

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

EU Ban on inefficient vacuum cleaners

Inefficient vacuum cleaners that produce more heat and noise than suction will be banned once stocks run out.

Vacuum cleaners using more than 900 watts and emitting more than 80 decibels will be banned when stocks run out.

You can view the EU Regulation 665/2013 on energy labelling of vacuum cleaners here:

[EU Regulation 665/2013](#)



Free workshops will help staff save money and be greener

You could help your staff save an average of £460 a year - as well as do their bit for the environment - with these free, interactive workshops.

Energy Saving Trust and Home Energy Scotland - in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland - are delivering workplace-based workshops to help employees understand how best to reduce food waste at home.

The Love Food Hate Waste workshops motivate and engage your workforce – and help them save money too. They'll also empower staff to reduce food waste at work as they become more attuned to sustainable behaviour.



The Scottish Government-funded courses are free, and tailored to fit in with your organisation's needs; they're run at a venue, time and length that suit you and your staff.

To find out more or to book a workshop, get in touch with Energy Saving Trust's Employee Engagement team - email EmployeeEngagement@est.org.uk

Raise your profile and meet up with leading businesses

Do you wish to Raise your profile and meet up with leading businesses? Join us at VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards ceremony on 15th November at the Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa in Edinburgh.

Individual places or tables of 10 are available for you and your colleagues. Ticket price includes a tasty two courses meal and glass of wine.

Sponsorship, advertising and exhibition opportunities are also available.

For more information on tickets, sponsorship, advertising and exhibition opportunities, please contact Mia or Lucy on 01316 035 040 or email vibes@thebusinesspartnership.org.uk



Funding



New Innovation Fund to meet environmental ambitions

£60 million will be made available by the Scottish Government to accelerate innovation in new technologies, including low carbon and digital projects by 2020.

The Innovation Fund, announced in Programme for Government, will support the development of low carbon energy infrastructure, such as electricity battery storage, sustainable heating systems and electric vehicle charging.

For more details visit the [Scottish Government website](#).

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:

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