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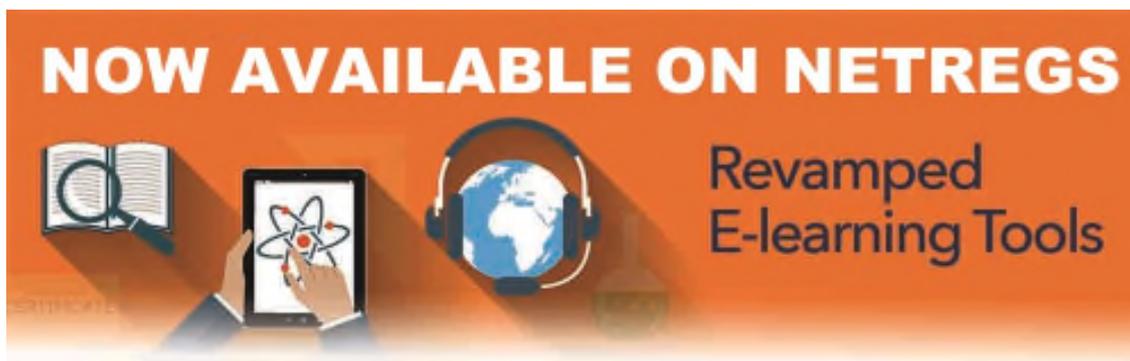


November 2017

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New on NetRegs



Updated e-learning tools

The NetRegs e-learning tools have now been refreshed, bringing them up to date with modern browsers and devices. The update allows users to access the e-learning tools on both desktops and tablets.

Our tools are FREE to use and cover a variety of topics and are particularly useful for businesses that want to:

- raise environmental awareness among their existing staff
- train new members of staff
- get things right from the start when launching a new business
- check on their performance and refresh their understanding of the regulations

Check out the [NetRegs e-learning tools](#) today

New Legislation



The Water Environment (Miscellaneous) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 – Changes to General Binding Rules (GBRs)

These Regulations amend the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) Scotland Regulations 2011 (“CAR”) to improve clarity and introduce new rules which apply to certain activities authorised under CAR.

The Regulations amend existing general binding rules (GBRs) 3, 9 to 13, 15, 17 to 20, 23 and 24, and inserts new GBRs 25 to 28.

The Regulations come into force on 01 January 2018

Further information on the Regulations and its amendments are available on the [NetRegs website](#).

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

These Regulations consolidate all previous amendments made to the Habitats Regulations 2010. They also introduce some minor amendments to reflect changes in other related legislation, such as amendments to the Town and Country Planning legislation and rectify omissions, such as including the River Tweed Commission as a Relevant Authority.

The Regulations transpose the Habitats Directive and elements of the Birds Directive, to a limited extent, in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Regulations come into force on 30 November 2017

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017](#)

Consultations



Consultation: Banning UK Sales of Ivory

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is seeking views on a proposal to introduce a total ban on UK sales of ivory that could contribute either directly or indirectly to the continued poaching of elephants. The ban would prohibit UK sales of ivory, and the import and export of ivory for sale to and from the UK, subject to carefully defined exemptions. The proposals would extend and apply to the UK, including Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This consultation has particular relevance to:

- Individuals or groups with an interest in elephant conservation
- Individuals or businesses who buy, sell, import and export ivory
- Individuals who own ivory goods and may have an interest in buying/selling them in the future
- Associations or organisations representing businesses or individuals who buy and sell ivory
- Businesses or organisations with a commercial interest in the preservation of elephants
- Governments who are considering measures to restrict their own domestic ivory markets

The consultation closes on 29 December 2017

You can read the consultation in full here:

[Consultation: Banning UK Sales of Ivory](#)

Scottish Government Consultation: Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme: Second Consultation on Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategies, and Regulation of District and Communal Heating

This consultation document sets out specific policy proposals for Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategies and regulation of district and communal heating. The Scottish Government are interested to hear your views on the proposals and invite you to contribute to help inform the development of these proposals.

The consultation closes on 20 February 2018.

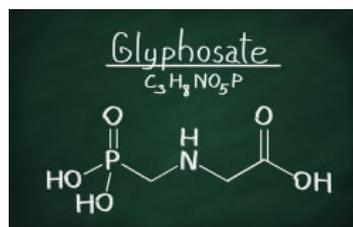
You can view the consultation documents here:

[Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme: Second Consultation on Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategies, and Regulation of District and Communal Heating](#)

Updates

5-year glyphosate renewal

Glyphosate has been thoroughly assessed by EU Member States, the [European Food Safety Authority \(EFSA\)](#) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) - to establish whether its use results in any unacceptable effects on human and animal health or the environment.



On 27 November 2017 a qualified majority in favour of the proposal by the European Commission to renew the approval of glyphosate for a period of 5 years was reached by the Appeal Committee.

The Commission will now adopt the Act before **15 December 2017**.

For more information visit the [glyphosate pages on the European Commission website](#).

Check out our guidance on [pesticides and biocides on the NetRegs website](#).

Life SMART Waste – Project Update:

SEPA have published the latest in a series of LIFE SMART Waste digital brochures to provide an update on progress at the mid-point in the LIFE SMART Waste project.

The brochure provides updates on the launch of the project's communications Hub, intelligence-gathering activities and progress in the development of a range of innovative tools, approaches and techniques (including financial investigation and horizon scanning tools, Remote Sensing and more) that may help us to understand, tackle and reduce waste-related crime.



The brochure is available in [English](#), [French](#), [Dutch](#), [German](#) and [Welsh](#) to reflect the languages of SEPA's associated beneficiaries.

Details of all LIFE SMART Waste project publications to date are available on the [SEPA website](#).

Home Energy Scotland - Free online energy efficiency training for your employees



The fun, interactive, Home Energy E-learning training shows employees how to save energy and money at home. All they need is 30 minutes to spare and internet access.

It's a great way to offer benefits to your team. It engages staff which in turn increase motivation. It can also contribute towards accreditation and awards schemes as an employee engagement tool.

What's more, energy-saving behaviour learned in this training can also be transferred to the workplace. It's a win-win all round. [Download the leaflet](#) to find out more.

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 <mailto:EmployeeEngagement@est.org.uk>

VIBES: Scottish Environment Business Awards 2017 – Winners Announced

Nine Scottish companies have been declared champions of sustainability at the VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards.



Changeworks, CircoSense Ltd, EC-OG, Glaze & Save Ltd, Greenvale AP, John Lawrie (Aberdeen) Limited, Paterson Arran Ltd, Sibbald Limited and The Glenmorangie Company Ltd each picked up a coveted green award in front of an audience of more than 350 business figures at the ceremony held in Edinburgh's Grand Sheraton Hotel and Spa on Wednesday 15 November.

For details of this year's winners and finalists, visit the [VIBES website](#).

See how businesses have achieved environmental excellence by watching our [video case studies](#).

People's Choice Award 2017 - Vote for your favorite engineering project in the UK.

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) are asking you to back one of the local engineering projects that have been put forward for their national award, the People's Choice Award 2017.

There are 12 projects from across the UK to choose from. The project put forward by ICE Scotland is the [M8 M73 M74 Motorway improvement project](#).



Members of the public can vote at www.ice.org.uk/Peopleschoiceaward from 13 November until 1 December and the winning project will be revealed on 13 December.

Funding



Funding opportunities from the Construction Scotland Innovation Centre

The Construction Scotland Innovation Centre have up to date details on calls for support and funding opportunities on their [website](#).

Current funding opportunities include:

- BEIS Energy Innovation Programme: [Innovation in the Built Environment](#)
- [ForestValue Research programme](#)
- [Horizon 2020 Funding Call - Decarbonisation of the EU Building Stock](#)
- [Horizon 2020 Funding Call - Building Information Modelling adapted to efficient renovation](#)

Visit the [Construction Scotland Innovation Centre website](#) for more details.

Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund

Transport Scotland's Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund is now open for Round 2 applications. Energy Saving Trust administers the fund on behalf of Transport Scotland.

Public, community and third sector organisations can apply for funding under the European Regional Development Fund 2014-2020 Programme to facilitate the delivery of active travel and low carbon transport hubs.

For more information and to apply [visit the Energy Saving Trust website](#).

The deadline for all applications is Friday 19 January 2018, 4pm.

Events



Zero Waste Scotland: Circular Manufacturing – The Lecture Series

The Circular Economy Masterclass and Lecture programme administered by Zero Waste Scotland, offers continuing professional development for SMEs based in Scotland and supports work that will deliver circular economy growth.

For more details on the lecture series visit [the Zero Waste Scotland event pages](#).

Calling all farmers, crofters and land managers - Get a Grip on Greening with the Soil Association.

The Greening rules are changing! So it's time to get to grips with Greening – to make it work for you, your business and the environment.

- Monday 4th December, [Loch Leven's Larder, Kinross](#)
- Tuesday 5th December, [Springwood Park \(Border Union Showground\), Kelso](#)
- Wednesday 6th December, [Castleton Fruit Farm, Laurencekirk](#)
- Thursday 7th December, [Thainstone Agricultural Centre, Inverurie](#)

NFU Scotland will give an update on the Greening Rules that come into play on the 1st of January 2018.

RSPB Scotland and the Game and Wildlife Conservation trust will showcase how biodiversity (such as grey partridge and corn buntings) can benefit from EFA options, and The Soil Association will give results from their field-labs on how EFA can be used to build soil fertility, improving crop productivity, and profitability as a result.

Free of charge to farmers, crofters and land managers.

Booking is essential as places will go quickly. Booking can be done online for [Kinross](#), [Kelso](#), [Laurencekirk](#) or [Inverurie](#), or by emailing or calling Jane on 0131 666 2474.

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