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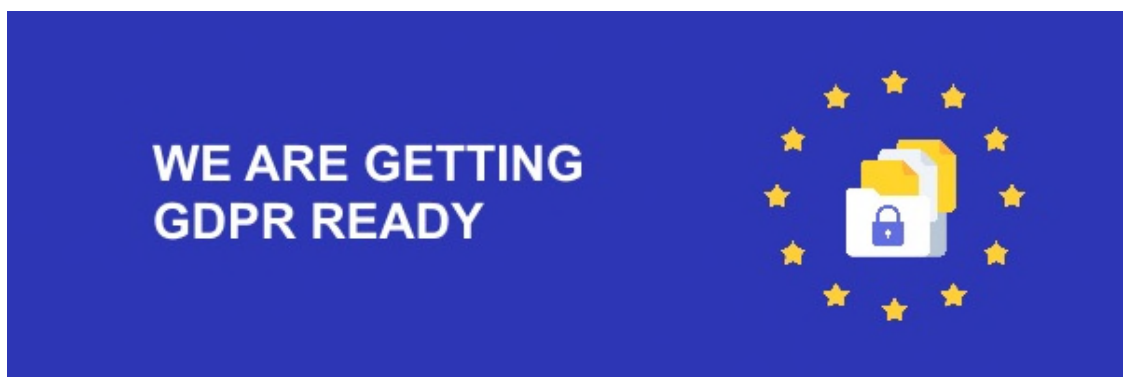


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### New on NetRegs



## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Regulations on data protection are changing. We are getting GDPR ready and wanted to remind you how we use your personal data.

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## New Legislation



### Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2018 SR33

These new Regulations amend the PPC (IE) Regulations 2013 and come into operation on 20 March 2018. They introduce new provisions relating to medium combustion plants (MCP) and transpose the European Union's Medium Combustion Plant Directive, which lays down rules to control emissions of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and dust from MCPs. A MCP is a combustion plant with a rated thermal input equal to or greater than 1 megawatt but less than 50 megawatts.

The Regulations provide that no MCP brought into operation after 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 can operate without a permit or being registered. In relation to MCPs already in operation as at that date, those with a rated thermal input above 5 megawatts are brought within the permitting regime from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and those with a rated thermal input of 1 to 5 megawatts are brought within the permitting regime from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2029.

Provisions are also introduced in relation to certain specified generators, to further limit emissions of nitrogen oxides.

The Regulations came into force on 20 March 2018.

You can access the Regulations in full here

[Pollution Prevention and Control \(Industrial Emissions\)\(Amendment\) Regulations \(NI\) 2018](#)

## **The Energy Information (Amendment) Regulations 2018**

These Regulations amend the Energy Information Regulations 2011. The purpose of the amendments is to comply with changes to European Union law following the entry into force of the Energy Labelling Framework Regulation 2017 that replaced the Energy Labelling Directive 2010.

These changes affect:

1. the requirements placed on suppliers, dealers in relation to labelling and the provision of standard product information on the consumption of energy and other resources in relation to certain energy-related products, which are required under the 2011 Regulations, and
2. the scope of the enforcement powers of the authorities responsible for market surveillance to cover these changes.

The Regulations come into force on 29 March 2018.

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Energy Information \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018](#)

## **The Agricultural and Forestry Vehicles (Type-Approval) Regulations 2018**

The purpose of these Regulations is to implement revised European Regulations for the type approval of Motorcycles and Agricultural vehicles, and in particular to create domestic penalties for non-compliance with the requirements or for misconduct during the type approval process. The intention is to ensure that new vehicles comply with high standards of safety and environmental protection in accordance with the European legislation.

The Regulations come into force on 20 May 2018

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Agricultural and Forestry Vehicles \(Type-Approval\) Regulations 2018](#)

## **Consultations**



### **GOV.UK: Tackling the plastic problem – Open consultation**

This consultation looks at how changes to the tax system or charges could be used to reduce the amount of single-use plastics waste by reducing unnecessary production, increasing reuse, and improving

recycling. The consultation also explores how to drive innovation in this area to achieve the same outcomes.

The closing date for responses is 18 May 2018 at 11:59 pm.

For more information and to respond to the consultation visit [gov.uk](http://gov.uk).

## **ECHA - European Chemicals Agency Call for evidence on the intentional uses of microplastic particles in products of any kind.**

The ECHA, at the request of the European Commission is investigating the need for a restriction on the intentional use of microplastic particles in products. As part of the investigation the ECHA is currently undertaking a call for evidence and information, with the intention to gather information on all possible intentional uses of microplastic particles in products. The information gathered will be used to determine whether these uses pose a risk on an EU-wide basis and assess the socio-economic impacts of any potential restriction.

This call for evidence is intended for interested parties such as companies (manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, importers etc.), trade associations, scientific bodies and any other stakeholders holding relevant information.

ECHA invites interested parties to respond to the call for evidence by 11 May 2018

For more information and return of responses visit the [ECHA website](#).

## **Updates**

### **Putting Environmental Crime under the Microscope**

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) and Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI) have recently forged a new, enhanced partnership in stepping up the fight against environmental crime. The two organisations have agreed to work closely in collaboration, with the aim of reducing crime and at the same time improving the environment.



You can read more here <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/putting-environmental-crime-under-microscope>

### **Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) in the UK**

GOV.UK have published reports for the amount of EEE placed on the market and WEEE collected in the UK under the WEEE Regulations. Summary reports for the amount of:

- new electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) placed on the market by producers of EEE, reported by compliance schemes and small producers
- WEEE collected in the UK and delivered to approved authorised treatment facilities and approved exporters

You can view the report here:  
[WEEE in the UK summary reports](#)



## Ten years of REACH: making chemicals safer for consumers, workers and the environment

For the last 10 years, the key EU law on chemicals ("REACH") has significantly enhanced the protection of human health and the environment and promoted alternatives to animal testing. Building on this, the Commission has proposed actions to further facilitate its implementation.

Read more here:  
[European Commission: Ten years of REACH](#)



## Come and say hello at the Balmoral show this year!

We are very excited to have the opportunity to be at Balmoral this year to celebrate the shows 150<sup>th</sup> year from the 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

NetRegs will have a stand in the Eikon building, and together with Northern Ireland Environment Agency staff, look forward seeing you there!



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