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IMPORTANT!! 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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This is also true for our [e-learning tools](#) where the data you supplied is only

used to allow you to continue accessing the site and to review your completed topics.

New on NetRegs



Environmental news/blogs section

Keep up to date with all of the latest news with NetRegs. We have created a NEW environmental news/blogs section on the website which we will regularly fill with interesting news and guest blogs etc.

Check out the latest news and blogs from NetRegs here:

[Environmental news on NetRegs](#)

New Legislation



The Common Agricultural Policy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2018

This instrument makes provision in Scotland for the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 2017/2393 of the European Parliament and of the Council. The Regulation builds on Commissioner Hogan's

commitment to simplify the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and includes a series of measures aimed at further simplifying the policy with a view to easing the burden on, and making life easier, for both farmers and national authorities.

The instrument amends the following domestic regulations:

- the Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2015;
- the Common Agricultural Policy (Cross-Compliance) (Scotland) Regulations 2014; and
- the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2010.

The Regulations come into force on 15 May 2018

Read the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Common Agricultural Policy \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018](#)

The Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018

This instrument amends the Plant Health (Scotland) Order 2005 ('the PH Order'). The PH order contains measures to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful plant pests and diseases and transposes Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the European Union of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Union.

The Order comes into force on 14 May 2018

Read the full text of the Order here:

[The Plant Health \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018](#)

The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2018

This Order specifies the standard and lower rate for Scottish Landfill Tax for disposals on or after 01 April 2018.

From 01 April 2018:

1. the standard rate is £88.95 per tonne; and
2. the lower rate is per £2.80 tonne.

A list of material qualifying for the lower rate and conditions that have to be met can be found in the Scottish Landfill Tax (Qualifying Materials) Order 2016.

The Order came into force on 01 April 2018.

Read the full text of the Order here:

[The Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2018](#)

The Ionising Radiation (Basic Safety Standards) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2018

This instrument transposes new requirements contained in the European Council Directive 2013/59/Euratom.

Most of the requirements of the Directive are already implemented in existing United Kingdom legislation. This Instrument is necessary to transpose new requirements contained in the Directive concerning public exposures that do not fit within existing regimes. The Directive also incorporates recommendations from the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP).

The Regulations come into force on 8 May 2018

Read the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Ionising Radiation \(Basic Safety Standards\) \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Regulations 2018](#)

Renewable Transport Fuels and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Regulations 2018

These Regulations amend the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007, the Energy Act 2004 and the Motor Fuel (Road Vehicle and Mobile Machinery) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Regulations 2012. They aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from fuels supplied in transport, thereby supporting the delivery of savings to meet UK carbon budgets. They also align UK schemes with requirements in EU legislation.

The Regulations came into force on 15 April 2018

You can read the Regulations in full here

[Renewable Transport Fuels and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Regulations 2018](#)

Consultations



SEPA invites you to help shape Agency's first sector plans

Everyone with an interest in Scotland's environment is being invited to have their say on the Scottish Environment Protection Agency's (SEPA) sector plans for Scotch Whisky, metals and landfill.

The sector plans will:

- drive compliance with environmental regulations
- shape our interactions with every sector and the businesses within them

SEPA want to hear what people think of their draft plans. Consultees have until **07 May 2018** to respond to the consultation which is available to view on the SEPA [Consultation Hub](#)

European Commission Consultations

[Public consultation on the evaluation of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive](#)

Closes: **23 July 2018**

[Public consultation on potential measures for regulating the environmental impact of machine tools and welding equipment](#)

Closes: **10 July 2018**

[Evaluation of the EU framework for taxation of energy products and electricity](#)

Closes: **04 June 2018**

[Public consultation on ecodesign and energy labelling on refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines,](#)

[televisions, computers and lamps](#)

Closes: **07 May 2018**

Updates

HMRC – Excise Notice 179e: biofuels and other fuel substitutes

This notice replaces the June 2014 version. It gives details of the various biofuels and their Excise Duty rates. It also explains the roles and responsibilities of producers (and in some cases, users) of these products.

HMRC have updated contact details and information about submitting returns and payment

Read the notice here:

[Excise Notice 179e: biofuels and other fuel substitutes](#)



Last chance to apply for VIBES 2018

Get recognition for your good environmental practice: Free application, great networking, and tailored feedback.

The 2018 categories are:

- Innovation,
- Management (250+ employees and <250 employees),
- Environmental Product or Service,
- Hydro Nation Water Innovation,
- Sustainable and Active Travel,
- Circular Economy,
- Green Team,
- Micro Business. There is also a special award for Climate Adaptation.

Applications close at 5pm today (Friday 27 April). For more information, visit www.vibes.org.uk or contact vibes@sepa.org.uk

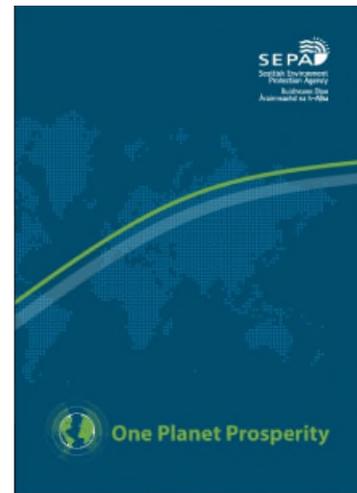


SEPA: One Planet Prosperity

This planet provides everything we need for our health, well-being and prosperity: air, water, food, raw materials, energy, and processes which break down wastes. So it is our most precious resource, but one which is also under pressure. If everyone lived as we in Scotland do, we would need the resources of almost three planets to support ourselves. Globally, that figure is estimated to be more than one and a half planets, and rising. But we only have the one, so it will eventually become a constraint on our success, unless we can find new ways to thrive within its capacity to support us. This is no theory or fantasy, it is the stark

reality which faces us all in the 21st century. But it is also an opportunity for those willing to grasp it.....

Read the full article on the [NetRegs website](#)



Carbon Trust SME carbon footprint calculator

Free to use tool to calculate your businesses carbon footprint.
DATA you will need:

- **Fuel consumption** - Fuel consumed by the organisation in its sites and owned vehicles. This can be natural gas, diesel or LPG. You may find this information in bills, fuel card data or meters
- **Energy consumption** - Electricity used in your sites. You may find this information through meter readings, utility bills, or automatic meter readings
- **Top ups made to air conditioning units** - Many refrigeration, fire protection and air conditioning equipment contain a type of F gas (Fluorinated greenhouse gas), which has a large carbon footprint.



Start using the tool now: [SME carbon footprint calculator](#)

Feed bellies, not bins

A blog from Resource Efficient Scotland that provides advice on how to avoid surplus food ending up as waste. Free SME waste audits to help prevent surplus food and links to organisations that can make good use of in the Surplus Food Redistribution Guide



[Read more on the NetRegs website](#)

Funding



Scottish Government SME Loan Fund, now with 30% cashback

Take out an interest-free SME loan for resource efficient measures and not only will you reduce your bills, you'll receive 30% cashback.

The SME Loan provides unsecured, interest free loans from £1,000 up to £100,000 for the installation of energy efficient measures such as lighting and heating upgrades, double glazing, insulation and much more. (The further information document provides a list of all eligible projects.)

For more details on the SME Loan fund and cashback visit the [Resource Efficient Scotland website](#).

Calling all low carbon entrepreneurs in Scotland! Just over 2 weeks to apply for Climate-KIC Accelerator Stage 2!

The Climate-KIC Accelerator Stage 2 at the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI) has opened for applications – giving fledgling climate entrepreneurs the chance to apply for dedicated support and funding of up to 20,000 euros.

Climate-KIC Accelerator Stage 2 offers entrepreneurs coaching, workshops and funding of up to 20,000 euros to validate their business model with customers. It's open to businesses with an idea for a new product or service with the potential for substantial climate impact. Applicants must have a basic business model already defined, and a motivated team with at least two founders.

Apply before **Thursday 10 May at 5pm** at <https://bit.ly/2GMZX90>.

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