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### New on NetRegs



## Read our most recent blog:

### **Managing the environment: Construction legislation explained.**

This gives an overview of the important environmental issues surrounding construction works and the benefits of getting it right.

Read the blog here - [NetRegs Blogs: Construction legislation explained](#)

Check out our other blog posts -

[Minimising food waste - Feed bellies, not bins](#)

[Generating your own renewable energy](#)

[One Planet Prosperity - Terry A'Hearn, SEPA CEO](#)

## New Legislation



### **The Environmental Protection (Microbeads) (Scotland) Regulations 2018**

These Regulations make it an offence to use microbeads as an ingredient in the manufacture any rinse-off personal care products. It also makes it an offence to supply, offer to supply or have in possession for supply any rinse-off personal care products containing microbeads as an ingredient.

These Regulations are being introduced in conjunction with other administrations of the UK to allow for a UK-wide ban.

The Regulations come into force on 19 June 2018

You can read more on the NetRegs website:

[The Environmental Protection \(Microbeads\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018](#)

### **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill**

This Bill amends the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 to make provision setting targets for the reduction of greenhouse gases and to make provision about advice, plans and reports in relation to those targets.

The Bill consists of:

- Emissions reduction targets,
- Emissions accounting,
- Reporting and planning duties,
- Minor and consequential modifications,
- Final provisions.

The Bill was introduced on 23 May 2018

You can view the details of the Bill here:

[Climate Change \(Emissions Reduction Targets\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

## Consultations



### Scottish Government Consultations

#### **Proposal to ban the manufacture and sale of plastic-stemmed cotton buds in Scotland**

The purpose of this consultation is to gather views from stakeholders on the proposal to ban the manufacture and the sale of plastic-stemmed cotton buds. The proposed bans aim to further protect our seas from plastic pollution.

The closing date for responses to the consultation is 22 June 2018

You can view the consultation documents here:  
[Proposal to ban the manufacture and sale of plastic-stemmed cotton buds in Scotland](#)

#### **Renewables Obligation (Scotland): Consultation on enabling additional capacity at large hydro generating stations**

This consultation seeks views on an amendment to the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Order 2009 to enable hydro-electric generating stations in Scotland to increase their declared net capacity above 20MW.

The closing date for responses to the consultation is 12 June 2018

You can view the consultation documents here:  
[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\): Consultation on enabling additional capacity at large hydro generating stations](#)

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### SEPA Consultations

## Flood Risk Management in Scotland - 2018 Consultation on Potentially Vulnerable Areas (PVAs)

SEPA would like your views on the proposed PVAs and the consultation arrangements, which will inform the Flood Risk Management Strategies.

The consultation closes on 31 July 2018.

You can view the consultation documents here: [Flood Risk Management in Scotland - 2018 Consultation on Potentially Vulnerable Areas](#)

## Consultation on draft Standard Conditions for radioactive substances authorisations

SEPA would like your views on the proposed Standard Conditions for radioactive substances. This consultation is aimed at people that are currently regulated under the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 or who may carry out a radioactive substances activity in the future. SEPA also welcome views from any person that has an interest in radioactive substances regulation, for example, other regulators and interested members of the public.

The consultation closes on 20 June 2018

You can view the consultation documents here: [Consultation on draft Standard Conditions for radioactive substances authorisations](#)

## Updates



### New guidance on protecting groundwater dependent wetlands (GWDTE) from forestry is now available.

Many forestry proposals include significant works on tracks, resulting in a risk of run-off that can cause diffuse pollution during the construction phase. The new Construction Site Licence will be used to control risks of diffuse pollution from the construction of tracks over 5km – See [CAR Practical Guide](#) for more details.

This guidance intends to help forest managers identify Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial



### Biodegradable Municipal Waste landfill ban guidance

From 1 January 2021, landfill operators in Scotland will be prohibited from accepting Biodegradable Municipal Waste (BMW) for disposal at the landfill.

SEPA has produced a guidance document to provide guidance on the ban on landfilling BMW. It describes BMW, why it will be banned, how to decide if a waste is caught by the ban and how the ban will be implemented.

Ecosystems (GWDTE) and assess the risk of woodland creation operations to the GWDTE and their related groundwater flows.

Read the guidance document here: [Biodegradable Municipal Waste landfill ban guidance](#)

Read the guidance here:

[The Practice guide for forest managers to assess and protect GWDTE when preparing woodland creation proposals](#)

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## Farm Advisory Service – Technical Note: Agricultural use of biosolids, composts, anaerobic digestates and other industrial organic fertilisers.



Organic fertilisers such as biosolids, composts, anaerobic digestates and industrial wastes can be useful and cost-effective crop nutrient sources that can improve soil fertility and quality. This note explains how to use non-farm organic fertilisers to best effect and provides guidance on compliance with the relevant legislation.

Read the technical note here:

[Technical Note: Agricultural use of biosolids, composts, anaerobic digestates and other industrial organic fertilisers](#)

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## 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 - 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](mailto:EmployeeEngagement@est.org.uk).

## Events



### CIWM Scottish Resources Conference

The Scottish Resources Conference will be held in the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.

Find out more and book your place at: [www.scottish-resources.com](http://www.scottish-resources.com)

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