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New Legislation



The Road Vehicles (Defeat Devices, Fuel Economy and Type-Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

This Regulation has been amended to improve the safety and environmental performance of vehicles, responding to technological developments and changing market needs.

The amendments include:

- New rules on safety and environment for vehicles built in low volume.
- Makes the supply of motorcycles and agricultural vehicles fitted with defeat devices an offence.
- Makes a requirement for the measurement of fuel economy to be carried out using a new and improved European laboratory test cycle.

The Regulations came into force on 08 June 2018

View the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Road Vehicles \(Defeat Devices, Fuel Economy and Type-Approval\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018](#)

EU Circular Economy Package

As part of a shift towards a circular economy, the European Commission has published modifications of the Directives related to circular economy. The following EU Directives have been amended to implement measures of the wider EU Circular Economy Package:

- [EU Directive 2018/851/EU: Amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste](#)
- [EU Directive 2018/850/EU: Amending Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste](#)
- [EU Directive 2018/852/EU: Amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste](#)
- [EU Directive 2018/849/EU: Amending Directives 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment](#)

The EU Directives come into force on 04 July 2018 and must be transposed into national law in Northern Ireland by 05 July 2020.

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

The European Union Withdrawal Bill received royal assent on the 26 June 2018 meaning that the Queen has agreed to make it into an Act of Parliament.

Read a summary of the key points of the Bill on the [NetRegs website](#).

Revoked: The Chemicals (Hazards Information and Packaging for

Supply) Regulations

The Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations, or CHIP Regulations, have been fully revoked on 1 June 2018.

All requirements for the classification, labelling and packaging of substances are now fully covered under the Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Hazardous Substances and Mixtures (CLP) Regulations.

For more information on the CLP Regulations visit the [NetRegs website](#)

Consultations



Consultation on Environmental Principles and Governance after the United Kingdom leaves the European Union

The Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs have launched a consultation on the development of an Environmental Principles and Governance Bill. The intention is to create a new independent watchdog to hold government to account on environmental ambitions and obligations once we have left the EU. The consultation document addresses some of the key questions around how environmental principles should be embedded into law, public policy making and delivery, and what functions and powers the new environmental watchdog should have to oversee environmental law and policy. The starting point is that the Statutory Instrument will cover England and environmental matters that are not devolved. The consultation therefore only relates to areas for which the UK government is responsible. However it is advised that the Department will work closely with the devolved administrations on common frameworks, believing that a joined up approach would be beneficial.

You can read more about the proposal and how to respond to the consultation here <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/eu/environmental-principles-and-governance/>

Updates



Fly-Tipping and Waste Duty of Care Responsibilities

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency has revealed that tyres, asbestos and construction rubble are among the top items of commercial trash being tipped across Northern Ireland. All businesses, no matter what size, have a legal duty to dispose of their waste legally and not to do so can result in businesses being prosecuted where the maximum fine is £50,000 or imprisonment.

Read more here <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/environment-agency-reveals-top-type-tipped-trash>

NIEA reveals illegal fly-tipping costs

The illegal dumping of waste is the biggest environmental concern for households in Northern Ireland according to the latest statistics from the Northern Ireland Agency (NIEA). The Agency also revealed that in the last two years it has cleaned up 306 illegal waste sites, with taxpayers footing the £0.5 million bill- the equivalent to employing 15 nurses.



You can read more around the issue of fly-tipping and its effect here <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/niea-reveals-illegal-fly-tipping-costs>

Northern Ireland Environment Agency signs innovative environmental agreement with Lakeland Dairies

This is the 8th Prosperity Agreement that NIEA has signed with a progressive company aimed at improving environmental and business outcomes for both organisations. Through the Prosperity Agreement, Lakeland Dairies has committed to working with NIEA to ensure significant improvements in resource efficiency and in reducing carbon emissions from their factory operations.



You can find out more about the Lakeland Prosperity Agreement and the Prosperity Programme here <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/niea-signs-innovative-environmental-agreement-lakeland-dairies>
<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/prosperity-agreements>

Environmental Projects set to benefit

from Multi-Million Pound Scheme

Environmental projects across Northern Ireland can benefit from millions of pounds thanks to the latest round of funding from the carrier bag levy. Strategic schemes that protect and enhance our habitats, health, wellbeing and water quality can benefit from the Department's Environment Fund which opened for pre-applications on the 6 June 2018.



To find out more about the scheme and how to apply see <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/environmental-projects-set-benefit-multi-million-pound-scheme>

Sewage sludge in agriculture: code of practice

Read this code if you produce or use sewage sludge in agriculture in Northern Ireland.

This code will help you understand how to:

- follow good agricultural practice
- look after the land so you can continue to farm it in the future
- avoid public nuisance
- avoid causing pollution
- protect human, animal and plant health

Read the code here:

[Sewage sludge in agriculture: code of practice](#)



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