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New on NetRegs



First steps - guidance for new starts, projects and charities

Whether you are starting up a new business, running a charity, or applying for funding for a community project you should consider environmental issues from the outset.

This will not only reduce the environmental impact of your activities, it will also save you money and future proof your business, organisation or project.

You can view the guidance here:

[NetRegs: First steps - guidance for new starts, projects and charities](#)

New Legislation



Water Environment (Floods Directive) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018

These Regulations came into operation on 27 July 2018. They amend the Water Environment (Floods Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 so as to make the Department for Infrastructure the competent authority for the implementation of the Floods Directive. It also amends the list of consultees for flood risk management plans.

Protecting the community from the risk and impact of flooding is at the heart of the European Floods Directive.

You can find further information here:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/what-european-floods-directive>

Water Environment (Floods Directive) Regulations (NI) 2009

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2009/376/contents/made>

Water Environment (Floods Directive) Regulations (NI) 2018

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2018/137/made>

The Non-Road Mobile Machinery (Type-Approval and Emission of Gaseous and Particulate Pollutants) Regulations 2018

The purpose of this instrument is to implement a revised European type approval testing regime for engines to be fitted in Non-Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM), and in particular to create penalties for non-compliance with the requirements or for misconduct during the type approval process. This includes

making the supply of machinery fitted with defeat strategies an offence.

NRMM is defined as any mobile machine, item or transportable industrial equipment or vehicle, with or without bodywork that is not intended for carrying passengers or goods on the road and installed with a combustion engine. Examples include bulldozers, forklifts and mobile cranes.

The Regulations come into force on 21 September 2018.

You can read more about the Regulations here:

[The Non-Road Mobile Machinery \(Type-Approval and Emission of Gaseous and Particulate Pollutants\) Regulations 2018](#)

Consultation



Northern Ireland Future Agricultural Policy

The United Kingdom's exit from the EU will mean the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) will no longer apply to Northern Ireland. Agricultural policy is a devolved matter and its future direction will largely be determined by the devolved administrations.

Following an initial engagement with a range of key stakeholders across food, farming and the environment, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs is now undertaking wider engagement from across a much broader range of stakeholders on possible agricultural support arrangements in NI as we prepare to leave the EU.

The purpose of the document is to discuss a possible high level framework for agricultural policy in Northern Ireland following the UK's exit from the EU, with associated objectives, policy instruments and broad delivery mechanisms.

The stakeholder engagement will run for 01 August 2018 to 10 October 2018.

You can read engagement documentation papers and find out how to respond here <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/northern-ireland-future-agricultural-policy-framework>

Updates

NEW BAT standards for waste treatment

The EU has published a new set of standards covering large waste treatment facilities.

The new standards, published in the Official Journal of the EU, cover emissions from different waste treatments and set out new

BAT conclusions for resource efficiency, energy efficiency, accident prevention, noise and odour.

Existing waste treatment installations will have four years to comply, whereas new installations awarded planning permission following the publication of the new BAT must comply immediately.

You can view more information on the new standards here: [Establishing best available techniques \(BAT\) conclusions for waste treatment](#)



Guidance on the scope of and exemptions from the Radioactive Substances legislation in the UK

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (NI) in association with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Welsh Government and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has published an aid to interpreting the legislation on radioactive substances in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The legislative means by which radioactive substances are regulated in the United Kingdom differ according to devolved administration; however, the effects of the legislation are consistent.

This guidance, aimed at environmental regulators and users, sets out:

- the rationale and underpinning the exemptions regime for England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- how government intends the regime to be interpreted and implemented
- the means by which the objectives of the exemptions should be delivered.

You can read the guidance in full here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-the-scope-of-and-exemptions-from-the-radioactive-substances-legislation-in-the-uk>

Marine Licensing Application Fees (Northern Ireland) 2018

The new Marine Licensing Fee Structure for Northern Ireland applicable from 1 April 2018 have been updated and are available here <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/marine-licensing-northern-ireland-application-fees-2018>

The fees are payable for any application for a marine licence in relation to the Northern Ireland inshore region, for which the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs is the appropriate authority.



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