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New on NetRegs



Why you need a green team

When it comes to sustainability in your office, small changes can make a big difference. However, encouraging buy-in from your employees can sometimes prove difficult. Setting up a green team will help to make the switch to sustainability much more seamless.

Read our blog on [why your business needs a green team](#)



Read our latest blog - Make sure you are 'Good to Go' this spooky season

Food waste is an issue at all times of the year - read about ways of reducing food waste in our latest blog. (Includes links to recipies for using pumpkins!)

Read our [seasonal blog about preventing food waste](#)

New Legislation



Revocation of the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Order

On the 1st October 2018 the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (Revocation and Savings) Order 2018 came into force. This Order makes provision for the early closure of the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (“the CRC Scheme”), an emissions trading scheme which began in the UK in 2010.

The current phase, which applies to emissions from relevant energy supplies from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2019, will be the final phase of the CRC Scheme.

So as to enable the CRC Scheme to close efficiently and smoothly, some provisions will remain in force for limited purposes. Hence, the CRC Energy Efficiency Order 2013 (“the 2013 order”), which provides for phases of the CRC scheme up to 2043, is revoked, with savings, and the 2013 Order is amended to the extent it continues to operate for the purposes of the current phase and the 2010 Order is amended to the extent it continues to operate for the purpose of the previous phase (which applied to emissions from relevant energy supplies from 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2014).

This means that although the CRC Scheme will have ended, there are still some obligations to be met up until 2025.

Read the full text of the [CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme \(Revocation and Savings\) Order 2018](#)

Consultation



Consultation:

WEEE Compliance Fee Methodology 2018

The Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DERFA) has launched a UK-wide consultation on proposals for the setting of a WEEE compliance fee. The UK Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations 2013 establish a system in which producers of equipment are required to finance the cost of collection, treatment, recovery and recycling of WEEE arising from private households. The Secretary of State has discretionary powers to approve a compliance scheme methodology as an alternative form of compliance payable by producer compliance schemes (PCSs) that fail to achieve their annual collection target.

The consultation contains two proposals from external organisations for a compliance fee methodology and administrator for 2018. Comments are invited on whether the Secretary of State should set a compliance fee for 2018 and if so the extent to which each of the proposals meet the published evaluation criteria.

This consultation will close on **Sunday 18 November 2018**.

Read about the [consultation and ways to respond to it](#)

Consultation on draft Industry Noise Action Plan – Round 3s

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is seeking your comments on the proposed Round 3 Industry Noise Action Plan, which sets out how DAERA and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), as the competent Authority for industrial noise, will deliver their obligations under the Environmental Noise Directive (END).

The Environmental Noise Directive 92002/49/EC (END) aims to avoid, prevent and reduce, on a prioritised basis, the harmful effects, including annoyance, resulting from exposure to environmental noise. This Directive was transposed in Northern Ireland by the

Environmental Noise Regulations (NI) 2006 which require noise mapping to be undertaken every five years for certain noise sources. Action Plans, to deal with priority areas on noise pollution, are then drafted based on the Noise MAPS. This consultation deals with the third round of Noise Maps and Action Plans.

The Round 3 Industry Noise Action Plan follows the approach set out in the Department's Technical Guidance on Noise Mapping and Action Planning issued in 2013, and provides a framework within which DAERA/NIEA can comply with the requirements of the END. The Action Plan analyses the results of the noise mapping in terms of the area, number of properties and number of individuals exposed to various levels of noise. The plan identifies the numbers of people affected by the highest levels of industrial noise in the Belfast agglomeration and targets the top 1% for further investigation.

The Consultation closes on **05 November 2018 at 23:59**.

You can read the Consultation documents and the process for providing comments on the Round 3 Industrial Noise Action Plan here:

[Consultation on draft Industry Noise Action Plan – Round 3s](#)

Updates

Advice for Farmers as Closed Spreading Period Begins

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has issued advice to farmers as the closed spreading period came into effect from midnight on the 15th October 2018.

The closed spreading period prohibits organic manures, including slurry, poultry litter, sewage sludge and abattoir waste from being spread from 15 October 2018 to 31 January 2019. This period represents the time when the risk of nutrient leaching is at its highest and there is little or no plant growth.

Read more about the [requirements](#), [access the guidance](#) and find out how to contact the Department for [further information](#)



A Guide to Importation and Export of Wood and Wood Products for Northern Ireland



The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Forest Service, has published guidance setting out the requirements which have to be met when **importing controlled material** into Northern Ireland. The controls prevent the spread of economically and environmentally damaging pests and diseases.

For **further information** you can read:

[A guide to importation and export of wood and wood products for Northern Ireland](#)

Application for registration for importers of controlled wood and bark from countries outside the EU:

[Explanatory Note and Application for registration to import wood and bark](#)

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