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## New on NetRegs



### Read our latest blogs

See our latest blogs below:

#### **Environmental regulations: what they mean for you**

Read about [Environmental Regulations and the new integrated framework for Scotland](#)

#### **Why food and drink businesses should consider the sustainable supply chain**

Read the [latest blogs on the NetRegs website](#)

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#### **New GPP 22: Dealing with spills**



This guidance is for anyone who is responsible for storing and transporting materials that could cause pollution if they spill. It may also be useful for those who respond to spills, or those responsible for transporting or storing waste from spills.

This guideline gives information and advice about:

- pollution risk assessments;
- pollution incident response plans;
- the pollution control hierarchy;
- pollution control methods and equipment you could use to contain spills;
- site specific pollution control options;
- spills on a road or highway;
- clean-up after you've contained a spill, including pollutant specific information.

**You can view this GPP, along with the full list of new GPPs:**

[GPP22: Dealing with spills](#)

[NetRegs: Guidance for Pollution Prevention](#)

## New Legislation



## The Environmental Noise (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018

**These Regulations amend the Environmental Noise (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to implement Commission Directive (EU) 2015/996 establishing common noise assessment methods.**

**The Regulations come into force on 31 December 2018**

**You can view the full text of the Regulations here:**

## **The Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018**

**This Order implements Commission Implementing Decision 2018/490 repealing Decision 2007/365/EC on emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and spread within the Community of *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Olivier). Also known as Red Palm weevil.**

**The 2007 Decision introduced emergency measures against the spread of Red Palm weevil, and only allowed suspect plants to be imported/moved if specific requirements were met. The emergency measures did not work and Red Palm weevil is widespread in the EU. As a result the 2007 decision has been revoked by the 2018 Decision.**

**The Order comes into force on 17th November 2018.**

**You can view the full text of the Order here:**

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

### **Consultations**



# **Scottish Government Consultation: A consultation on the Scottish Government's preferred policy position on unconventional oil and gas (UOG), the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report, and partial Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA)**

The Scottish Government is currently finalising its policy position on the development of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland.

As part of that process the Scottish Government are inviting views on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and partial Business, Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) of their preferred policy position, that the Scottish Government does not support the development of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland.

These assessments are necessary before the policy position can be finalised and are the latest steps in the cautious, evidence-led approach the Scottish Government has adopted on this issue.

The consultation closes on 18 December.

**You can view and respond to the consultation here:**

[A consultation on the Scottish Government's preferred policy position on unconventional oil and gas \(UOG\), the Strategic Environmental Assessment \(SEA\) Environmental Report, and partial Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment \(BRIA\)](#)

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## **SEPA: Finfish aquaculture sector plan**

The Scotland's finfish aquaculture sector relies on Scotland's high quality environment and abundant freshwater resources. SEPA have unveiled firm, evidence-based proposals for a revised regulatory regime and at its heart, a new sector plan that outlines how SEPA propose to do this.

SEPA would like your views on the new plan.

The consultation closes on **24 December**.

You can view and respond to the consultation here:

[Finfish aquaculture sector plan](#)

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## Updates

### Local fuel oil suppliers register (for marine operators)



List of contact details for fuel oil suppliers who are registered as compliant with the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL, 1973).

View the guidance here:

[Local fuel oil supplier's register](#)

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### SEPA to end exemptions for burning farm plastics

SEPA has announced its next steps to stem the plastic tide by confirming it will end exemptions for burning most types of agricultural waste from **1 January 2019**.

Whilst a change in Scotland's environmental regulations in 2013 meant farmers could continue burning plastics only under an exemption, the agency is moving to reduce the environmental impacts of farm waste.

The move, which will affect silage wrap, crop covers, fertiliser bags and containers, follows extensive engagement between SEPA and Zero Waste Scotland. SEPA has also worked closely with NFU Scotland to roll out the change which will feature ongoing dialogue with farmers and crofters over the coming months.

Further information is available from [www.sepa.org.uk/farmplastics](http://www.sepa.org.uk/farmplastics)



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Read more here:

[Information leaflet – End of the road for on-farm burning](#)

[SEPA website – Burning on-farm waste](#)

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## Free food waste workshops for your staff

Energy Saving Trust has again teamed up with Zero Waste Scotland to offer the popular and fun Love Food Hate Waste workshops to help staff understand how best to reduce food waste.

These employee engagement sessions can empower your employees to:

- Save an average of £460 a year through reducing food waste at home
- Play their part in reducing the impact of waste and contribute to a greener Scotland
- Reduce food waste at work as they become more attuned to sustainable behaviour at home



Fully funded by the Scottish Government, workshops are

free of charge and are delivered by Energy Saving Trust's expert advisors at any location across Scotland. A session usually lasts between one and two hours but can be tailored to suit.

Attendees will get a free food waste pack to take away, as well as the chance to enter a draw to win £100 in ticket vouchers.

To find out more, email [Energy Saving Trust](mailto:Energy Saving Trust).

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## **VIBES Awards 2018 winners announced**

The winners of the prestigious VIBES Scottish Environment Business Awards were announced at the ceremony held at the Radisson Blue in Glasgow on 14 November.



The winners were:

Hydro Nation Water Innovation:	Aqualution Systems Ltd
Sustainable and Active travel:	Beyond Green
Environmental Product/Service:	Clearwater Controls Ltd
Green Team:	Devro (Scotland) Ltd
Management SME:	Hickory
Best Micro-business:	Peel Tech Ltd
Management (Large):	Scottish Leather Group
Circular Economy:	Spruce Carpets Limited
Climate Change Adaptation:	James Hutton Institute
Innovation:	Xanthella

Commendations for Aberdeen City Council Countryside Ranger Service in the Climate Adaptation category and for DSM Nutritional Products (UK) Limited in the Management (Large) category.

VIBES - Scottish Environment Business Awards is a strategic partnership between Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Government, Scottish Water, Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Zero Waste Scotland, and Energy Saving Trust.

Visit the [VIBES website](#) for more information

## Events



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