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New on NetRegs



Website changes

The NetRegs team are always working hard to improve the website. The eagle-eyed users may have already spotted a couple of recent changes, which include new “Tools” and “Blogs” sections.

Our “Tools” section provides a new home for our:

- E-learning courses,
- Self-assessment tool,
- Mobile app,
- Email newsletter, and
- Savings calculator.

The “Blog” section houses our new and improved NetRegs Blog and provides up-to-date summaries of our social content on Facebook and Twitter. Details of NetRegs latest Blog can be found below.

Visit www.netregs.org.uk and check out the new sections today!

NetRegs Blog - Latest

[How micro-brewers and distillers can reduce their environmental impact - 24/04/2019](#)

A blog exploring the environmental obligations and responsibilities of micro-brewers and distillers, with advice on things they should and shouldn't be doing.

[Read More](#)



Latest GPPs -

GPP29: Micro-breweries and micro-distilleries

This GPP is written for small/micro-breweries and distilleries.

It provides an overview of the environmental regulations that you may need to comply with, and provides good practice advice that can help you to minimise your environmental impacts.

Read GPP29 here:

[GPP29: Micro-breweries and micro-distilleries](#)

GPP 26 Safe storage - Drums and Intermediate Bulk Containers

This GPP is written for site operators of industrial and commercial premises storing and handling drums and intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) containing oil, chemicals or potentially polluting substances.

Read GPP26 here:

[GPP 26 Safe storage - Drums and Intermediate Bulk Containers](#)

New Legislation



The Forestry (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019

The Regulations create exemptions to the requirement to have permission from the forestry regulator, Scottish Ministers, in order to fell trees. This means you do not need permission in the circumstances described in the Regulations.

The exemptions include the following:

- Felling of trees with a diameter of 10cm or smaller.

- Felling of trees in certain places (such as orchards or public open spaces).
- Felling of 5 cubic metres in any quarter, except in small native woodlands or in Caledonian Pinewoods.
- Felling necessary for the prevention of immediate danger.
- Felling immediately required for development (authorised by planning permission).
- Felling of trees obstructing aerodromes or landing installations.
- Felling by or for electricity operators, in certain circumstances.
- Felling by statutory undertakers, in certain circumstances.
- Felling by or for Scottish Water, or by or for a Local Authority, for flood management, in certain circumstances.
- Felling of trees with Dutch Elm Disease.
- Felling in accordance with a plan of operations, under a forestry dedication agreement.
- Felling of dead trees.
- felling required by an enactment.
- Felling of trees in accordance with a Tree Preservation Order consent (after being referred by the forestry regulator).

The Regulations came into force on 01 April 2019.

You can read the Regulations in full here:

[The Forestry \(Exemptions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019](#)

The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2019

These Regulations amend Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012.

This instrument amends the following provisions of the 2012 Regulations:

- a. The restriction of the second-hand sale of electrical equipment from July 2019. Such an outcome would be in conflict with the waste hierarchy, which puts reuse and refurbishment above recycling;
- b. The inability to repair or upgrade equipment that falls within the scope of the 2011 Directive after July 2019, with new cables or spare parts. This would be undesirable from both an environmental and an economic perspective;
- c. An inadvertent ban on new pipe organs being placed on the EU market, as they would not be RoHS compliant due to the amount of lead required to produce the pipes;

- d. The different treatment of cord connected non-road mobile machinery, such as professional cleaning machines (which would be caught by the 2011 Directive), in comparison with otherwise identical machinery powered by a battery or an on board power supply (which would be exempt).

The Regulations come into force on 12 June 2019

You can read the Regulations in full here:

[The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019](#)

Consultations



Consultation on Environmental Principles and Governance in Scotland

The purpose of this consultation paper is to consider how we maintain effective environmental governance following an exit from the European Union. It seeks views on:

- Maintaining the role of environmental principles in developing future Scottish environmental policy and legislation; and
- Maintaining effective, appropriate and proportionate environmental governance in Scotland.

The consultation closes on 11 May 2019

You can view the consultation here:

[Consultation on Environmental Principles and Governance in Scotland](#)

The future of low carbon heat for off gas buildings: a call for evidence

Scotland's transition to a more prosperous, low carbon economy is already well underway.

Decarbonising the way we heat our buildings is a fundamental part of this transition and important if we are to achieve our climate change targets and ambition for all Scotland's buildings to be near zero

carbon by 2050.

The Scottish Government is seeking evidence on the technologies and the actions necessary to support the decarbonisation of the heat supply of buildings that currently do not use mains gas as their primary heating fuel.

The closing date for responses to the consultation is 17 June 2019.

You can view the consultation documents here:

[The future of low carbon heat for off gas buildings: a call for evidence](#)

Energy Efficient Scotland: Consultation

This consultation seeks to gather evidence, which might support a change to the proposed timeframe to deliver standards for all properties across Scotland.

It builds on earlier consultations on energy efficiency and fuel poverty including:

- the Consultation of Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme;
- Energy Efficiency and Condition Standards in the Private Rented Sector;
- the Fuel Poverty Strategy Consultation;
- Energy Efficient Scotland Consultation: Making our homes and buildings warmer, greener and more efficient;
- the Consultation on the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing post 2020 (ESSH2);
- and two consultations on Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies and the Regulation of Heat Networks.

The closing date for responses to the consultation is 17 June 2019.

You can view the consultation documents here:

[Energy Efficient Scotland: Consultation](#)

Updates

VIBES Awards urge Scottish businesses to become sustainable leaders and boost growth



The VIBES - Scottish Environment Business Awards is celebrating its 20th year and is calling on Scottish businesses to play their part in protecting our planet for future generations.

The 20th anniversary awards were launched at the Scottish Parliament on 27 March 2019 and organisers of the awards are urging Scottish businesses to mark the milestone by helping to tackle the environmental challenges facing Scotland and the rest of the world.

This year's award categories include:

- Leadership Scotland,
- Innovating Scotland,
- Product Scotland,
- Service Scotland,
- Hydro Nation Scotland,
- Circular Scotland,
- Moving Scotland,
- Adapting Scotland,
- Engaging Scotland,
- Partnership Scotland and
- Small Business Scotland.

Businesses have until **5pm on 10 May 2019** to submit their free application.

For more details and to apply visit the [VIBES Awards website](#).

Managing forest operations to protect the water environment – Forest Research guidance

This Practice Guide provides detailed supplementary guidance to forest managers, practitioners, planners and supervisors, on how forest operations should be planned and managed to protect the water environment.

The Guide is structured by forest operation. Each section starts with a summary of the most relevant water issues followed by subsections that set out guidance on planning and operational practice. A summary of the main points is provided for those



working on forest sites using illustrated examples of forestry practice situations. Applying this guidance will help ensure that forest operations comply with the UKFS Guidelines on Forests and Water, which are the primary source of information on the legal and good practice requirements.

Read the guidance here:

[Managing forest operations to protect the water environment](#)

Invasive Species Week 13th – 17th May 2019



During Invasive Species Week, organisations across England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man will be working together to raise awareness of the damage that non-native invasive species are causing. Invasive non-native species harm the environment and wildlife, are costly to the economy, and can even pose a risk to human health and our way of life.

There are simple things you can do to help protect the environment and recreational spaces you enjoy, find out more at: [**nonnativespecies.org/invasivespeciesweek**](http://nonnativespecies.org/invasivespeciesweek)

[Non-native species: Invasive Species Week](#)

EU Emissions Trading System – SPICe Briefing (5 April 2019)



This briefing provides an overview of the EU Emissions Trading System, a carbon pricing policy central to the EU's action climate change. It covers the history, present functioning and planned reform of the policy and explores the options available to the UK after Brexit.

This briefing also provides an account of UK and Scottish government policy to date, and the perspectives of key stakeholders.

You can view the briefing here:

[EU Emissions Trading System – SPICe Briefing](#)

Scottish Resources Awards 2019 – open for entry

Do you have a successful resources and waste project or do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution in this sector?

Choose from a wide range of award categories, including best circular economy initiative, best food waste initiative, innovation and young person award.

Previous winners have enjoyed some fantastic press coverage, not to mention the recognition from some of the industry's leading experts.

Taking place on the evening of the second day of the [Scottish Resources Conference](#), the prestigious Scottish Resources Awards provide a fantastic opportunity for the public, private and community sector to gain national recognition for their involvement and innovation within resource management.

All finalists will receive a complimentary ticket to the prestigious Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 2 October at The Perth Concert Hall.

For more information or to enter the awards visit [Scottish Resources Awards](#).



Events



VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards regional information events

VIBES are holding free information events all across Scotland so you can learn all about good environmental practices, support available and their application process.

Details of the remaining events can be found below:

- **29th April – 5 to 7pm – Inverness** – At Mercure Inverness hotel in partnership with The Glenmorangie Company and IoD (Church St, Inverness IV1 1DX)
- **1st May – 3 to 5pm – Edinburgh** In partnership with IoD at their Edinburgh office (10 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, EH2 4DR)
- **2nd May – 4 to 6pm – Ayr** Kindly hosted by Albion Environmental (Damside, Ayr, KA8 8ER)

Register: www.vibesawards.eventbrite.co.uk. To find out more, visit www.vibes.org.uk or email us.

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