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## New on NetRegs



### **New: GPP 26: Safe storage of Drums and Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs)**

These guidelines will help you if you're responsible for storing and handling drums and Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs). They're written for site operators of industrial and commercial premises.

Following the guidance will help you reduce the risk of pollution from your site to land, surface waters and groundwater.

Read the guidance here –

[GPP 26: Safe storage of Drums and Intermediate Bulk Containers \(IBCs\)](#)

### **New – Resource efficiency good practice checklist.**

The NetRegs Resource efficiency good practice checklist is perfect for new start businesses and for charity groups seeking funding.

The checklist covers all aspects of your business/project including energy, waste, water, transport, materials and equipment and more.

Try the checklist now -

[Resource efficiency good practice checklist](#)

## New Legislation



## **The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2019**

These Regulations amend Schedule 2 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994, to add the Eurasian or European beaver (*Castor fiber*).

Schedule 2 lists those species that have European Protected Species status.

By adding beavers to Schedule 2 and giving them European protected species status, it will be an offence to deliberately or recklessly:

- capture, injure or kill such an animal
- harass an animal or group of animals
- disturb an animal while it is occupying a structure or place used for shelter or protection
- disturb an animal while it is rearing or otherwise caring for its young
- obstruct access to a breeding site or resting place, or otherwise deny an animal use of a breeding site or resting place
- disturb an animal in a manner or in circumstances likely to significantly affect the local distribution or abundance of the species
- disturb an animal in a manner or in circumstances likely to impair its ability to survive, breed or reproduce, or rear or otherwise care for its young
- disturb an animal while it is migrating or hibernating

It is an offence of strict liability to damage or destroy a breeding site or resting place of such an animal. These sites and places are protected even when the animal isn't present.

The Regulations come into force on 01 May 2019

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Conservation \(Natural Habitats, &c.\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019](#)

## **The Environment (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019**

The Regulations make amendments to a number of pieces of legislation relating to industrial pollution control, waste, water, environmental protection and the water industry. The Regulations revoke one water instrument.

The purpose of these amendments is to ensure that environmental licensing and enforcement powers continue to operate, and that environmental standards continue to apply, after the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

The Regulations come into force on exit day.

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Environment \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2019](#)

### **Consultations**



### **Consultation on Packaging Waste: changing the UK producer responsibility system for packaging waste**

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is currently consulting on proposals to reform the packaging producer responsibility system. Views are sought on measures to reduce the amount of unnecessary and difficult to recycle packaging and increase the amount of packaging that can be recycled through reforms to the packaging producer responsibility regulations. It also proposes that the full net costs of managing packaging waste are placed to influence its design. In particular, the Department is seeking views on:

- changing how costs are managed to be consistent with “polluter pays” principles
- how we can use incentives to encourage the use of recyclable packaging
- making recycling labels mandatory on packaging
- setting new packaging waste recycling targets for 2025 and 2030

- improving monitoring and enforcement of the regulations

The consultation closes on 13 May 2019.

You can read the consultation and associated information here:

[Consultation on Packaging Waste: changing the UK producer responsibility system for packaging waste](#)

## Consultation on Plastic packaging tax

HM Treasury is seeking views on the design of a brand new tax which would apply to businesses that produce or import plastic packaging that doesn't include at least 30% recycled content, from April 2022.

This consultation closes on the 12 May 2019

You can read the consultation and associated information here:

[Consultation on Plastic packaging tax](#)

## Updates

### Refrigeration and freezer equipment: How to manage the impacts of the EU Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulation



A ban is coming in to force in 2020 that will prevent refrigerants with a global warming potential (GWP) greater than 2500 being used to service or refill your refrigeration or freezer system.

This ban affects refrigeration systems containing HFCs amounting to over 40 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. This equates to around 10kg of R404A, a common refrigerant in medium sized systems.

The type of systems affected will typically include:

- industrial refrigeration systems
- large commercial refrigeration systems, e.g. 'central pack' systems used in supermarkets

- large transport refrigeration systems, e.g. in trains or ships

For more information on the ban read the guidance - [How to manage the impacts of the EU Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulation](#)

## Beavers given protected status

The Eurasian or European beaver will be added to the list of European Protected Species of Animals, protected under Scottish law. See above - [The Conservation \(Natural Habitats, &c.\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019](#).



This means that from 1 May 2019 shooting will only be allowed under licence, which will be managed by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). All licenses will be issued in accordance with the law on European Protected Species.

Read more on the [Scottish Government website](#).

## Duty of care – Did you know?

Did you know that a crucial part of your Duty of Care is to make sure your business waste is only handed to people authorised to accept it? Follow these three steps to help your business stay compliant:

1. Check the person taking your waste is authorised to transport it or accept it.
2. Ask the next waste holder about the full journey of your waste. Can they prove it is being managed legally and safely until it is recovered or disposed of?
3. Carry out more detailed checks if you suspect the waste is not being handled correctly, for example by requesting evidence that your waste has arrived at the intended final destination. If you're not satisfied then don't hesitate to [contact SEPA](#).

Remember that it is a criminal offence not to comply with your Duty of Care obligations. If caught you may be subject to enforcement action. Visit the [NetRegs website](#) for practical advice on Duty of Care, including free e-learning courses and more.



Download the [Duty of Care leaflet](#) for more information.

## Help your staff to save energy at home

Are you aware of Home Energy Scotland's employee engagement services?

As well as providing advice to thousands of people on staying warm and saving on home energy bills, the Scottish Government-funded impartial energy advice service runs a comprehensive programme for employers, allowing them to engage with their staff in a range of areas around home energy efficiency.

They send out an informative employee engagement e-newsletter every two months that features details of events, programmes and free content that can be shared by employers in their staff communications. It's completely free of charge – and you can [sign up here >>>](#)



## Events



**Are we Making Things Last in Construction?  
The Scottish Circular Economy – Design, Materials and  
Construction**

**When:** 13 March 2019, 10:00 to 16:00

**Where:** The LIGHTHOUSE, Gallery 2, 11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow, G1 3NU

This event will explore how the Circular Economy can be adopted in Scottish design and construction. It will look at:

- Circular Economy planning statements and designing in circularity.
- Embedding circular principles in construction.
- A showcase of emerging Scottish circular economy building materials and models.

Find out more and book a place: [https://www.ads.org.uk/design\\_materials\\_construction\\_event19/](https://www.ads.org.uk/design_materials_construction_event19/)

## **NetRegs Micro Brewers and Distillers Guidance Workshop 2019**

**When:** 20th March 2019, 09:45 - 13:00.

**Where:** Hilton Edinburgh Carlton, 19 North Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1SD.

Are you a micro brewery or micro distiller confused by your environmental obligations? Are you aware that improving your environmental performance can save you money? Then come along to our free workshop and find out what you can do to avoid potential fines, to improve your green credentials and your businesses bottom line.

At the workshop, you can enjoy a breakfast roll before hearing from environmental experts, trade and membership bodies and other businesses. They will provide advice and guidance on what you need to do to comply with environmental legislation, the benefits of best practice and highlight free resources to support you.

The workshop will conclude with a buffet lunch and an opportunity to network.

Register for FREE now at [NetRegs Micro Brewers and Distillers Guidance Workshop 2019](#).

Or alternatively RSVP to: [netregs@sepa.org.uk](mailto:netregs@sepa.org.uk) by the 8th March 2019.

## **Switched on Scotland Conference**

**When:** 13 March 2019

**Where:** Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh

The conference is free to attend and will bring together a diverse mix of individuals and organisations who are leading the charge in ultra-low emission vehicle (ULEV) innovation and application in Scotland.

The day will celebrate Scotland's achievements so far in electrifying transport, and consider the integration of ULEVs into wider society through discussions led by a range of expert speakers

including innovators, policy makers and delivery agents.

More information about the event is available on the Energy Saving Trust [website](#).

## **Scottish Sustainable Development Goal Reporting Working Group Meeting**

**When:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, 9:30 to 1pm

**Where:** Diageo, 5 Lochside Way, Edinburgh Park, EH12 9DT

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), ICAS (Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland), Standard Life Aberdeen and Diageo, invite you to the next meeting of the Scottish Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Reporting Working Group.

Bringing together a pool of leading thinkers, the group is focusing on two key challenges:

- How can businesses seize the opportunities of SDGs by building them into their business models and benefit the Scottish economy, environment and most importantly, our people?
- How can the Scottish approach to One Planet Prosperity and SDGs create transformational impact across the UK and globally?

The 22<sup>nd</sup> March is World Water Day and the working group meeting will focus on *SDG 6 Clean Water, Sanitation, SDG 12 Sustainable Consumption, and Production*, under the “Planet” banner.

Please email Catherine Preston, Head of Innovation, SEPA on [Catherine.preston@sepa.org.uk](mailto:Catherine.preston@sepa.org.uk) to register your attendance for the 22<sup>nd</sup> March meeting.

## **Become a CPD-certified Green Champion and lead the way in growing a greener more profitable business**

Rising energy, water and raw material costs and increasing consumer pressure continue to challenge the way that businesses across Scotland manage their environmental performance.

Grab your place at one of Zero Waste Scotland’s FREE training events and you will:

- learn valuable new skills and knowledge in areas such as staff engagement, energy efficiency and recycling;
- enhance your CV with CPD-certified training; and
- get free access to time-saving tools, templates and tried-and-tested techniques.

**Book your FREE place now:**

- [Wednesday 13 March, 10:00 -16:00, Edinburgh Zoo](#) (Includes breakfast, lunch, free entry to the zoo and panda viewing)
- [Thursday 21 March, 10:00 - 16:00, Hampden Park, Glasgow](#) (Includes breakfast, lunch and free tour of the Scottish Football Museum)
- [Tuesday 26 March and Thursday 28 March, 12:30 - 13:30, Webinar](#)

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