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New on NetRegs



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](#)

NetRegs Business Advisory Group – call for expressions of interest

NetRegs has a Business Advisory Group (BAG) comprised of representatives from businesses, business support organisations and other stakeholders. BAG's role is to advise NetRegs on course of action, so that NetRegs can serve businesses better and increase its reach. For that purpose, BAG meets twice a year. Meetings are typically in Edinburgh, Glasgow or Stirling, with lunch provided. BAG membership is free, but travel expenses are not reimbursed.

NetRegs BAG is seeking new members, from the following sectors: Chemicals Manufacturing, Landfill, Leather, Metals, and Tyres. If your business or support organisation falls within one of these sectors, and you are interested in joining, please send your expression of interest to netregs@sepa.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you. We will let you know in due course the outcome of the selection process.

New Legislation



Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations SI 2018/1214

These Regulations amend the 2013 WEEE Regulations, to implement the open scope principle to bring all electrical and electronic equipment into the scope of Directive 2012/19/EU unless exempt or excluded and retain the current UK WEEE system product categories.

The full list of exemptions and exclusions is set out in regulations 7 and 8 of the 2013 WEEE Regulations. There are additional regulatory amendments in relation to Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) obligations to collect WEEE from local authorities under regulation 34; and the allocation of producer fees between UK Agencies.

The Regulations came into force on 1 January 2019.

You can read the Regulations and the Explanatory Memorandum in full here
[Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment \(Amendment\) \(No.2\) Regulations SI 2018/1214](#)

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) (Scotland) Regulations 2018

The instrument makes miscellaneous amendments to a number of pieces of legislation relating to the environment, food and rural affairs.

The amendments update out of date references and make minor amendments to rectify omissions or

errors in domestic legislation.

The Regulations come into force on 28 February 2019

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018](#)

Draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill 2018

On the 19 December the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs published the draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill setting out how the government will maintain environmental standards as we leave the EU. It also details how we will build on the vision of the 25 Year Environment Plan.

This includes creating an independent body - the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) – which will:

- scrutinise environmental law and the government's environmental improvement plan (EIP)
- investigate complaints on environmental law
- take enforcement action on environmental law

The draft Bill commits the government to publishing a policy statement which will set out how ministers should interpret and apply environmental principles. It also commits government to have a plan for environmental improvement.

You can read the draft Bill and associated papers here:

[Draft Environment \(Principles and Governance\) Bill](#)

Consultations



SEPA sector plans

Scottish businesses across agriculture, manufacturing and infrastructure are being urged to have their say on nine 'sector plans' currently out for consultation.

These are:

- Chemicals manufacturing
- Crop production
- Dairy production
- Dairy processing
- Housing
- Leather
- Nuclear
- Strategic infrastructure (transport & utilities)
- Water supply and wastewater treatment

The consultations close on Friday 15 February 2019.

Visit the [SEPA sector plans website](#) to view the proposals and have your say.

Updates

SEPA: Deadline for data returns

Water abstraction licence holders have until 31 January to submit data returns for 2018 - even for nil returns.

Accurate data helps to protect the ecology of rivers & lochs and could affect your compliance score if you do not provide it.

For more information, visit the [Abstraction section on the SEPA website](#)



Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) public registers

The updated 2018 registers of electronic equipment (EEE) producers, approved exporters, approved treatment facilities. Plus a list of WEEE producer compliance schemes and their contact details are available here [Waste electrical and electronic equipment \(WEEE\) public registers](#).



The registers are published by the Environment Agency and are regularly updated.

Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme authorised installers

Details of companies authorised by the Office for Low Emission Vehicles under the Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme is available here: [Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme authorised installers](#).



To help private plug-in vehicle owners offset some of the upfront cost of the purchase and installation of a dedicated domestic recharging unit, the government offers the Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS). Customers who are the registered keeper, lessee or have primary user of an eligible electric vehicle can receive up to 75% (capped at £500) off the total capital costs of the chargepoint and associated installation costs.

The document below sets out the technical eligibility criteria and application guidance for the Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme for vehicle manufacturers.

[Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme: vehicle applications](#)

FREE Food Waste Workshops

Energy Saving Trust and Zero Waste Scotland are offering FREE 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

To find out more, [watch the video clip](#) or email [Energy Saving Trust](#)



Interface - The knowledge connection for businesses



How can Interface assist business?

Interface facilitates collaborative partnerships between all industry sectors, helping businesses work together on key industry challenges

- With connections to thousands of academics across all disciplines, they find quick solutions to many questions
- Interface administers Scottish Funding Council Innovation Vouchers and can identify numerous funding opportunities to help offset the cost of a collaboration.

The free and impartial service has helped hundreds of organisations to become more competitive enabling them to increase their profits, maximise their export potential and ultimately become more sustainable.

For more information visit Interface's website or contact them via their online form

Events



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 by the 8th March 2019.

SMAS: Future Fit Manufacturing conference 2019

When: 26 February 2019, 09:30 – 14:30

Where: Royal Bank of Scotland 175 Glasgow Rd Edinburgh EH12 9SB

Don't miss Scotland's Future Fit Manufacturing conference, brought to you by the Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service in association with the Royal Bank of Scotland.

This conference follows on from SMAS' successful Make Smarter conference in May 2018 and will continue the conversation on the adoption of Industry 4.0. It will showcase how businesses are already adopting digital technologies and signpost you to a plethora of support to help you on your own Industry 4.0 journey.

Find out more and sign up here: [SMAS Conference 2019](#)

Funding



100% Grant Funding - Zero Waste Scotland's Waste Prevention Implementation Fund

Zero Waste Scotland's [Waste Prevention Implementation Fund](#) offers 100% grant funding to small and medium-sized organisations (SMEs) across Scotland for projects which reduce or prevent waste. Take advantage of this free support for SMEs to reduce overheads and waste by getting in touch via the [Waste Prevention Implementation Fund](#) webpage.

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