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New Legislation



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

These Regulations amend the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 to add the Eurasian beaver (*Castor fiber*) to the list of European Protected Species of Animals.

The Regulations entered 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 Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019

These Regulations revoke and supersede the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001.

The Regulations impose duties on operators of premises in which work with ionising radiation takes place to identify the hazards arising from the work with such radiation which have the potential to cause a radiation emergency. Where such hazards exist, the operator is under a duty to assess the consequences of the radiation emergency, and liaise with the local authority. Both the local authority and the operator must engage in planning against the radiation emergency occurring, test such plans at regular intervals and provide information to the public.

The Regulations entered into force on 22 May 2019.

View the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Radiation \(Emergency Preparedness and Public Information\) 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:

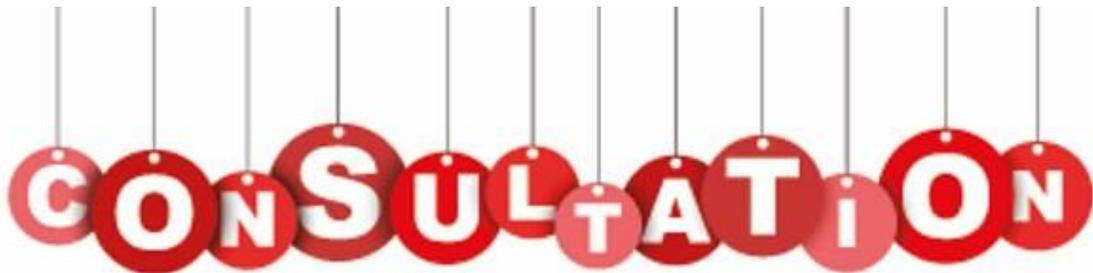
- a. The restriction of the second-hand sale of electrical equipment from July 2019. Such an outcome would be in conflict with the waste hierarchy, which puts reuse and refurbishment above recycling;
- b. The inability to repair or upgrade equipment that falls within the scope of the 2011 Directive after 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



REPPIR 2019 - Approved Code of Practice Consultation

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is consulting on new proposed Approved Code of Practice (ACOP) to assist dutyholder compliance with the new Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019 (REPPIR).

REPPIR 2019 transposes the emergency preparedness and response requirements of the Basic Safety Standards Directive 2013 made under the Euratom Treaty.

The consultation closes on 5 June 2019.

View the consultation documents here:

[REPPIR 2019 - Approved Code of Practice Consultation](#)

SEPA Consultation: SEPA's WEEE charging scheme

This consultation seeks views on the proposed charges from 1 January 2020 for operators under the waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) scheme in Scotland.

The consultation closes on 14 June 2019.

View the consultation documents here:

[SEPA Consultation: SEPA's WEEE charging scheme \(April 2019\)](#)

New resource for the oil and gas decommissioning sector.

Is your business involved in any aspect of **offshore oil and gas decommissioning**, including onshore waste management?

If so then your views are important for the design of a website that will contain all the information you require on regulatory matters, as well as helping you to identify and exploit business opportunities.

This virtual hub will be developed by SEPA, EA, HSE, the Oil and Gas Authority and the Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning

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Your opinions are valuable, and if you can pass this request on through your stakeholders and supply chain it will help to create an information hub that meets the needs of its users.

The survey can be found at bit.ly/decomreghubsurvey and will provide you with the opportunity to opt into participation at the further stages of development. We expect that the survey will take 45 minutes to complete.

The closing date for the survey is midnight on 14 June 2019.

[Take the survey now.](#)

Scottish Government Consultations:

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

Deposit Return Scheme

Scotland's new Deposit Return Scheme will include aluminium and steel cans as well as drinks containers made of glass and Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic with a 20p deposit as part of plans to combat climate change.

The ambitious scheme is based on successful international equivalents and will be widely accessible, with all shops which sell drinks offering deposit refunds to customers.

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



Reduce your office carbon footprint with Resource Efficient Scotland's Green Office Guide

The Green Office Guide includes lots of great ideas that will help you reduce waste, save energy and water, and make your office greener – and more profitable too.

The information in this guide covers the common environmental impacts of a typical office:

- Resource use (e.g. energy, water and office supplies).
- Waste disposal (e.g. food waste, paper, office equipment or worn-out fixtures and fittings).
- Air emissions (e.g. from boilers or heating and cooling systems).
- Noise pollution (e.g. from car parks or site maintenance).
- Water pollution (e.g. from unauthorised discharges from catering facilities, contaminated run-off from car parks or through the use of cleaning and chemical products).

The guide will help office workers, managers and [Green Champions](#) to assess current practice, take practical action to reduce environmental impact, assign responsibility and set targets to encourage continuous improvement. It will also enable more effective internal and external communication.



Read the guide here:

[Resource Efficient Scotland: The Green Office Guide](#)

Farming for a better climate

A new farmer-led initiative to drive low-carbon, environmentally sustainable farming practices in Scotland has been launched.



Under reforms to the Farming For a Better Climate (FFBC) programme, a new group will be established to trail and develop ideas on farms which could provide practical, innovative solutions to help climate change mitigation.

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

Tenant Farming Commissioner publishes Tree Planting Guide

Scotland's Tenant Farming Commissioner Bob McIntosh has today published a Guide to Tree Planting on Tenanted Agricultural Holdings.



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[Read the full article](#)

Scotland's Farm Advisory Service: Keeping hill farming alive in fragile areas

Scotland's Farm Advisory Service has produced a video case study demonstrating how help with an Integrated Land Management Plan and specialist advice support on soil and nutrient management helped Farm Manager Finlay McIntyre.



[Read the full article](#)

New LIFE SMART Waste project progress report

LIFE SMART Waste has published a report to provide a high level summary of the project's progress towards developing and demonstrating innovative ways to understand, tackle and reduce



waste-related crime.

The 'Progress on technical actions' report was prepared for environmental regulators, enforcement bodies and waste industry representatives and includes references to the project's publications.

You can read the report here:

[LIFE SMART Waste project: Progress on technical actions](#)

New website promoting active and sustainable travel in the workplace - www.waytoworkscot.org

Way to Work is a new website which helps workplaces in Scotland to promote active and sustainable travel. It showcases funding, training, advice and activities available, alongside inspiring case studies and the latest sustainable travel news.

- Signposts to relevant information to facilitate next steps.
- Time-saving tool, helping workplaces identify and access support more quickly

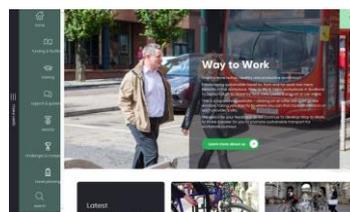
The website is for anyone who is interested in promoting active and sustainable travel in their workplace.

Visit the website today – www.waytoworkscot.org

Who is the "Best of VIBES"? - You decide

Check out VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards latest case studies about the 2019 "Best of VIBES" Finalists and cast your vote for who should be VIBES2019 "Best of VIBES" worthy winner.

For more details, visit the [VIBES: Scottish Environment Business Awards website](#).



Events



Sustainable Development Goals Workshop Edinburgh

When: Thursday 6 June 13:30 to 17:30

Where: Double Tree City Centre, 34 Bread Street, Edinburgh EH3 9AF

Engaging and interactive workshop to explore how local businesses can take action on the goals and can benefit from doing so. Run by the UK Network of the United Nations Global Compact.

Who should attend?

Business representatives with a role in sustainability/CSR or business strategy. The 17 Global Goals are of relevance to any business!

More information and Register

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-global-goals-local-business-edinburgh-global-goals-roadshow-2019-tickets-60046086461>

Brewing and Distilling Technical Drop in Day

When: Friday, June 21, 9am – 5pm

Where: Mabbett House, 11 Sandyford Place, Glasgow G3 7NB

Find out about saving more and wasting less by coming along to Zero Waste Scotland's Brewing and Distilling Technical Drop-in Day: Waste, Water, Energy.

During this event, technical experts will be available to provide free one-on-one support to SMEs in the sector.

Drop by when it suits you at any time between **9am and 5pm** and talk to experts about

- by-products and their potential to be another source of revenue
- waste streams

- monitoring use of resources
- technology to improve efficiency
- funding opportunities

The event is free of charge. For more information, contact foodanddrink@resourceefficiencyscotland.com or Julian Shortt on 0141 227 2315. Register your interest at the event's Eventbrite page: [Brewing and distilling technical drop in](#)

Arable Scotland 2019

When: Tuesday 02 July 2019, opens at 10am

Where: Balruddery Farm, by Dundee DD2 5LL

Arable Scotland is a brand-new event for Scotland where the industry can view, share and explore the new innovations that will drive the markets and the future sustainability of Scottish arable production. Free to attend, the event features a whistle-stop tour of a core set of field plots alongside a mix of indoor and outdoor exhibits and field-based demonstrations and trials. Visitors will also have plenty of opportunities to tour the Centre for Sustainable Cropping Platform and participate in our "Arable Conversations" sessions.

The event is organised and hosted by the James Hutton Institute in partnership with Scotland's Rural College and AHDB.

Visit the event website to information on the exhibitors, event programme and how to register your attendance - [Arable Scotland event website](#)

Cleaner Business Fleets: Reducing Your Transport Emissions – Business Breakfast

When: Thursday 11 July, 8am – 11am.

Where: DoubleTree Hilton Edinburgh, Queensferry Crossing, North Queensferry

VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards are holding an event in partnership with Green Business Fife as part of the yearlong celebration for 20 years of VIBES.

At the event, you will learn about low emission transport and how this can help you reduce your carbon footprint, hear from previous VIBES winners and finalists and see how you could implement the same within your organisation.

There will also be stand holders who can provide your business support on your sustainable transport journey. Make sure you pay them a visit during networking sessions.

Register through: <https://bit.ly/2JKXAV9>

Free food waste workshops for your staff

Love Food Hate Waste are fund and interactive 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.

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

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