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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](#)

Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018

Fluorinated Gases are used in several sectors of industry in Northern Ireland. Legislation helps to limit the gaseous emissions and minimise the effects of global warming. The above amending regulations came into operation on 17th January 2019, to take account of a number of EU Regulations, which set new requirements for some sectors of industry in Northern Ireland. They introduce a number of new provisions on F-gases, including the following requirements for businesses using F-gases.

1. provisions to list certification, evaluation and attestation bodies (CEAs) for certificates to work legally with F-gases on easily updated websites, instead of legislation – these websites are [CEAs for individuals.\(external link opens in a new window / tab\)](#) and [CEAs for companies.\(external link opens in a new window / tab\)](#)
2. changes to the business activities for which certification for work with F-gases from a CEA is required;
3. changes to the type of business for which certification for work with F-gases from CEA is required, to now include refrigerated lorries and trailers;
4. updates to the offences on the labelling of products containing F-gases;
5. the inclusion of work with refrigeration units of refrigerated trucks and trailers in F-gas offences; and
6. a requirement for businesses transferring F-gas work to another business to ensure that the second business has the appropriate certification to work legally with F-gases.

You can access the Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2018 here <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2018/206/contents/made>

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](#)

Updates

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](#)

Cross-Compliance 2019

The Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs has published details of the Northern Ireland Cross- Compliance requirements. It is effective from 1 January 2019 and replaces any previous Cross- Compliance guidance issued by the Department.



You can read the full and the summary version of the 2019 Cross-Compliance Verifiable Standards guidance documents here <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/cross-compliance-2019>

Further information DAERA Cross-Compliance <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/cross-compliance>

Events



The Northern Ireland Construction Conference & Expo

Where: Titanic Exhibition Centre, Belfast

When: 13th of February 2019.

NetRegs will be attending this year's Northern Ireland Construction Conference and Expo. Come and visit us at stand B18.

Key Themes for 2019 Conference

- Brexit
- Foreign Direct Investment
- Jobs, Skills, Training and Education
- Infrastructural Investment
- Public & Private Housing
- Building Materials & Services Innovation
- Sustainability

For more information on the event visit the [Northern Ireland Construction Conference website](#).

Other events happening on the day:

Northern Ireland Manufacturing & Supply Chain Conference & Exhibition
Northern Ireland High Tech Manufacturing & Precision Engineering Expo
Northern Ireland Food & Drink Business Europe Conference & Exhibition

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