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NetRegs blog latest

[How farmers can best manage air quality and ammonia levels](#)

Advice for farmers on managing ammonia levels, while also looking at their environmental responsibilities regarding air quality. This blog has a particular focus on Northern Ireland.

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New Legislation



Carriage of Dangerous Goods (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019

These Regulations amend the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 in order to transpose, in part, in Northern Ireland, the radiological emergency preparedness and response requirements contained in the Euratom Basic Safety Standards Directive (2013/59/Euratom) in relation to the transport of radioactive materials in the UK by road, rail and inland waterway.

The rule will strengthen Northern Ireland's emergency preparedness and response arrangements for transport of radiological materials. It will improve public protection and reduce adverse consequences in the event of an emergency.

You can read the Regulations in full here

[Carriage of Dangerous Goods \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2019](#)

Updates

Upcoming 1st Jan 2020 ban on certain types of refrigerants containing fluorinated greenhouse gases



A ban is coming into operation in Northern Ireland on 1st January 2020 that will prohibit certain types of fluorinated greenhouse gases ("F-gases") with a high global warming potential being used to service or refill refrigeration systems in NI.

It applies to hydrofluorocarbons ("HFCs, i.e. one of the F-gases) in, amongst others:

- small hermetically sealed systems,
- condensing units, and
- central pack systems

Enforcement notices and possible fines will be able to be applied after 1st January 2020 by enforcing authorities in NI for potential breach of the upcoming ban.

To verify the full details of whether or not your business is affected

by the ban, and, if so, the actions that you should take, please feel free to download the **information leaflet and answer documents** [available here](#)

DAERA Practice Guide – Redeveloping Land affected by Contamination

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published a Developers Guide to Planning Considerations and Environmental Responsibilities. The aim is to provide developers with a simplified guide to redeveloping land affected by contamination. It aims to signpost developers to key sources of information and to assist developers in determining what information is required to support the redevelopment of land affected by contamination as the applicant moves from the planning application stage to compliance of conditions. This guidance may also be a useful source of information for agents, contractors, planning officers and project managers associated with development schemes affected by land contamination.

You can [read the Developers Guide here](#)

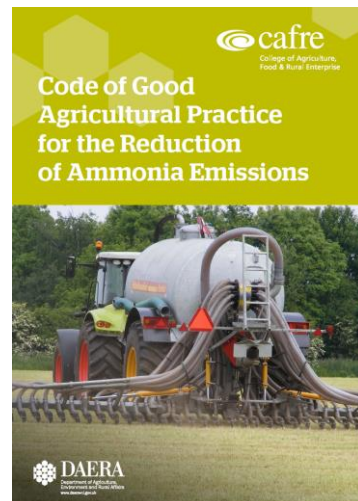


New Code to Help Farmers Reduce Air Pollutant

A new guide to help farmers improve the environment by reducing ammonia emissions has been launched by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

It has been produced in collaboration with the farming industry and provides farmers with a range of practical steps they can take to minimise emissions of this air pollutant which is harmful to the environment through the deposition of excess nitrogen on sensitive habitats. Ammonia is also one of a number of contributory factors in the formation of Particulate Matter which has negative impacts on human health.

The Code of Good Agricultural Practice for Reducing Ammonia Emissions and the Nutrient Action Programme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 are available here:



[The Code of Good Agricultural Practice for Reducing Ammonia Emissions](#)

[Nutrient Action Programme Regulations](#)

[NAP 2019-2020 Information for Farmers on the changes to NAP and New Measures](#)

Reminders for farmers from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Proper use of veterinary medicines – responsibilities of farmers

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs wishes to remind livestock farmers of their responsibilities in relation to the use of veterinary medicine on their farms. There are a number of key points for farmers to remember, which you can read here:

[Reminders for farmers from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

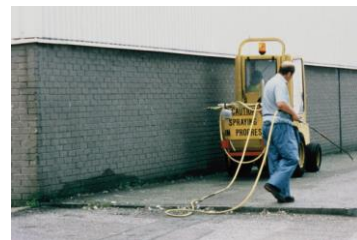


Control noxious weeds now

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs reminds farmers and landowners of the need to control noxious weeds. Ragwort, creeping thistle, spear thistle, broad leaved docks, curled leaved docks and wild oats are defined in law as noxious weeds. DAERA has powers to insist that these weeds are controlled under notice and failure to comply with such a requirement could result in prosecution and/or Basic Payment penalty. Owners and occupiers of land are also reminded that ragwort (also called ragweed or benweed) is poisonous and may cause illness and even death to livestock.

Further information is available here:

[Control noxious weeds now](#)



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