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New on NetRegs



NEW E-learning tools for carrying waste, transport and beyond compliance.

NetRegs has launched a series of new learning courses to help businesses understand how to comply with key environmental legislation and to promote the business benefits of going beyond compliance.

The new tools, launched in July 2019, include:

- **Beyond compliance**
- **Carrying and transporting waste**
- **Transport**

The tools are free to use and cover the essential points of each topic. They might be useful as a refresher course, or to make sure that staff have a good understanding of their environmental responsibilities.

For more details you can [access NetRegs e-learning here](#)

Over the coming month's NetRegs will be publishing more e-learning courses, with topics ranging from septic tanks, agricultural pollution to F-gas. Keep an eye on the [NetRegs website](#) for future update.

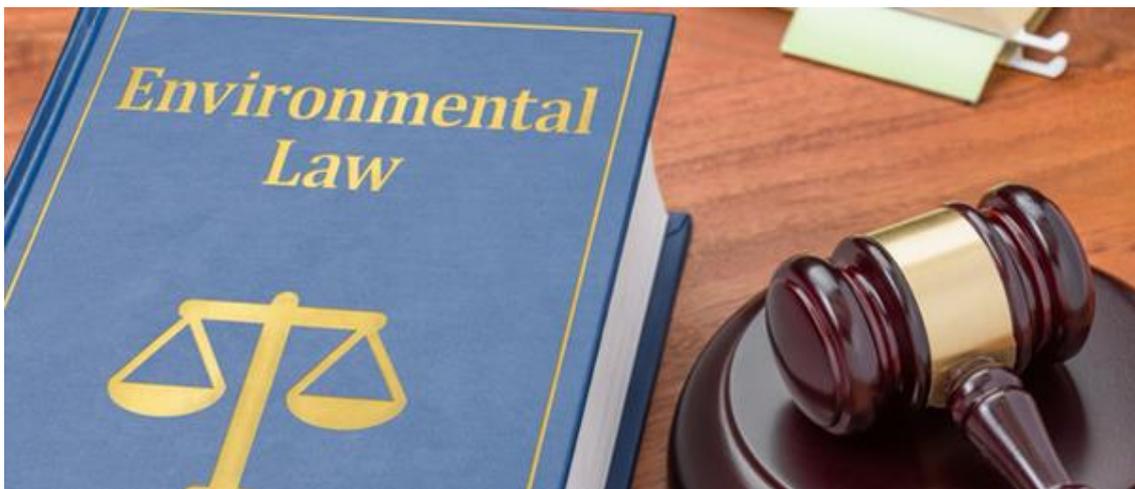
Whisky sector spill awareness video

NetRegs and the Scotch Whisky Association have joined forces to produce the NetRegs spill awareness video for the Whisky Sector.

The aim of this video is to provide key information to those in the Scotch Whisky Industry, on how to effectively deal with a spill and protect the local environment.

Watch the video here >>>

New Legislation



The Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order 2019

Section 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008 (“the Act”) sets out the Government’s target for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050. The Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order 2019 amends section 1 so that the target is for net zero greenhouse gas emissions (following any adjustment for trading in carbon units).

The Order came into force on 27 June 2019.

Read the full text of the Order here:

[The Climate Change Act 2008 \(2050 Target Amendment\) Order 2019](#)

Consultations



BEIS and DEFRA: Standards for biodegradable, compostable and bio-based plastics: call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) are seeking evidence to help develop standards for biodegradable, compostable and bio-based plastics, and an understanding of their environmental impacts.

This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 14 October 2019

You can view the consultation here:

[Standards for biodegradable, compostable and bio-based plastics: call for evidence](#)

Consultation on the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development

A consultation on regulations to bring into force Part 5 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016, the right to buy land to further sustainable development.

The consultation closes on 19 September 2019

You can view the consultation here:

[Consultation on the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development](#)

Updates

SEPA's new finfish aquaculture regulatory framework

A new firm, evidence-based regulatory framework has been introduced for Scotland's finfish aquaculture sector by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), one of a number of organisations regulating the sector. The framework will further strengthen the protection of the marine environment for the people of Scotland.



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Scottish Government News: Tackling the throw-away culture

Applying a charge of at least 20p to 25p on every disposable cup is one of the recommendations put forward to the Scottish Government by an expert panel to encourage more use of reusable alternatives.

Ministers will now consider the introduction of an additional charge to help cut down on the estimated 200 million single-use coffee cups used every year in Scotland.

The Panel also advises that promoting cultural and behavioural change is critical and will underpin the success of implementing any of the other measures recommended.

A range of other measures and interventions have been provided in the Panel's report, which states that there is "no single solution" to reducing single-use cup use given the complexities of how people access on-the-go beverages.



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Loans for farmers to help mitigate impacts of Brexit.

A National Basic Payment Support Scheme providing vital financial support to Scottish farmers in advance of Brexit has been launched.

Under the new scheme, loans will be offered to eligible farmers for up to 95% of their Basic Payment Scheme 2019 payments – an increase of 5% on previous years.

Loan payments are expected to be made to eligible farmers from early October. A similar scheme in 2018 delivered payments worth more than a quarter of a billion Pounds to over 13,500 farmers following months of adverse weather.

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Carbon audits - Farmers guide to efficiency and performance

Apply for a carbon audit through the Farm Advisory Service to improve the technical performance and efficiency of your farming



business.

[Read more here >>>](#)

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](#).



Application open for VIBES-Scottish Resource Young People Award

This peer and/or self-nominated award recognises individuals or groups under the age of 30 who have stood out from the crowd during the last 12 months and have made a real difference to waste, recycling or to environmental sustainability in general and resource management in their local area, or on a regional or national project.

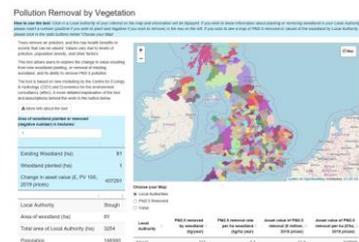


For more information visit:

<https://scottish-resources.com/awards/enter-the-awards/young-people-award/>

Online calculator shows how trees improve air quality and reduce health costs

A new interactive [online tool](#) is set to encourage tree planting initiatives across the UK. It calculates how much pollution would be removed by planting trees in local areas, as well as the corresponding public health cost savings.



Scientists at the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH) teamed up with [eftec](#), a leading environmental economics consultancy, to develop the tool, which shows the existing amount of woodland in

each local authority in hectares, how much particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) the trees remove from the air and the resulting predicted public health cost saving within that area over a 100-year period.

[Read more here >>>](#)

The ClimateLaunchpad green business competition - Deadline extended

Do you have a green business idea with the potential to go global? ClimateLaunchpad 2019, the world's biggest green business ideas competition, has launched in Scotland hosted by the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI). Apply now for help developing a rock-solid business plan and the chance to compete for up to €10,000 and a place on the EIT Climate-KIC Accelerator.

If you've got an idea with positive climate impacts and the potential to go global, submit your idea

<<https://climatelaunchpad.org/application-form/>> by Tuesday 13 August 2019.

The 2 day Bootcamp is fixed for Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 August and the application process is short and simple to complete.

Good luck!



Events



Can Do Innovation Summit - Discover. Imagine. Explore.

When: 20 November 2019

Where: Glasgow Science Centre

Is your business future-ready? Tickets for Scotland's national innovation summit #CANDOSummit are now available!

Meet the innovators, entrepreneurs, academics and investors that can help you adopt new technologies, futureproof your workforce and access the right support to maximise your potential.

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