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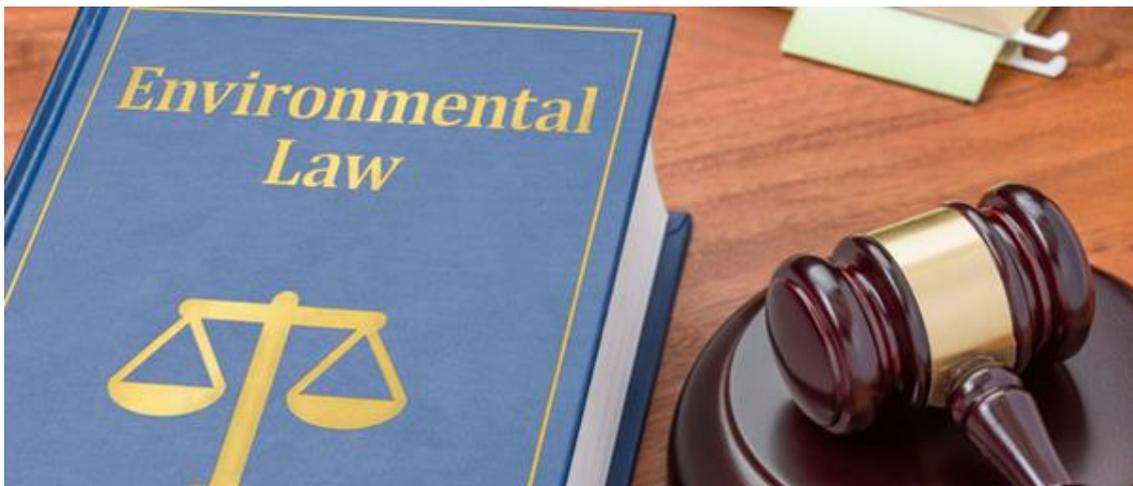
NetRegs Environmental Checklist for Smallholders

NetRegs has produced a checklist for smallholders in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

You can complete it online, or print it out and fill it in as a hard copy.

[Smallholder's Environmental Checklist](#)

New Legislation



Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

This Act makes provisions across a range of areas concerning transport in Scotland which aim to reduce emissions and tackle climate change, and include the requirement for a national transport strategy,

provision for low emission zones, prohibiting parking of vehicles on pavements, charging for workplace parking places.

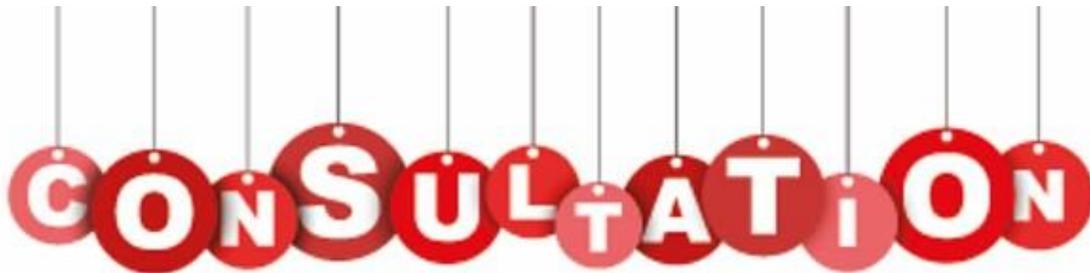
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Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

This Act amends the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 to set targets for the reduction of greenhouse gases emissions and to make provision about advice, plans and reports in relation to those targets, with the objective of Scotland contributing appropriately to the world's efforts to deliver on the Paris Agreement reached at the 21st Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Consultations



Scottish Government Consultations: The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020: accompanying statement and proposed regulations

The Scottish Government recognises that fresh interventions are needed to bring about the systemic and behavioural change necessary to fulfil the aspiration of creating a more circular economy.

Scottish Ministers have announced legislation to establish a Deposit Return Scheme which would enable consumers to take single-use containers back and redeem a 20p deposit from any retailer selling drinks covered by the scheme, including plastic bottles made from PET plastic, aluminium and steel cans and glass bottles.

Closes 10 December 2019

[Read more here >>>](#)

Circular Economy: Proposals for Legislation

This consultation seeks views on the Scottish Government's proposals for legislation to develop Scotland's circular economy. A circular economy is one in which resources are kept in use for as long as possible. It can benefit the environment, by cutting waste and carbon emissions; the economy, by improving productivity and opening up new markets; and communities, by providing local employment opportunities.

There are two parts to the consultation: proposals for a circular economy bill, including measures to charge for items such as single-use disposable beverage cups; and proposals for two secondary regulations, relating to public bodies' procurement strategies and to increasing the minimum single-use carrier bag charge from 5p to 10p.

Closes 19 December 2019

[Read more here >>>](#)

Proposed programme for reviewing and extending permitted development rights (PDR) in Scotland

This consultation seeks views on the Scottish Government's Proposed Work Programme, and associated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report, for reviewing and extending permitted development rights (PDR) in Scotland.

Closes 28 January 2020

[Read more here >>>](#)

Updates

The 2020 refrigeration F-gas ban

From 01 January 2020 the refrigeration F-gas ban comes into force.

The ban will affect small to medium sized shop premises who use or own some commercial refrigeration units that contain F-gases.



F-gases are commonly used as the coolant in fridges and freezers.

[Read the guidance on NetRegs to check if you are affected >>>](#)

Scottish Businesses Celebrate Sustainability Success at 20th VIBES Awards

Scotland's commitment to tackling increasing environmental challenges has been celebrated with twelve companies being recognised for their commitment to sustainability at the 20th VIBES Scottish Environment Business Awards. Twelve awards were presented on the day recognising the focus and efforts of a range of companies including Diageo, Vegware and FINDRA in helping to meet Scotland's ambition to be a world leader on tackling climate change and inspiring others to follow their lead.

Read more: <https://www.vibes.org.uk/news/2019/scottish-businesses-celebrate-sustainability-success-at-20th-vibes-awards/>



£1million funding launched to accelerate waste-reduction innovation and research

Environmental compliance scheme Ecosurety will today launch a £1million innovation and research fund for projects that seek to reduce the impact of packaging, batteries or WEEE (electronic waste) on the environment. The fund will be spread across three years with individual grant applications of up to £150,000 being accepted.

Applications to the Ecosurety Exploration Fund can be made via the Ecosurety website from Thursday 28th November 2019 at www.ecosurety.com/impact/exploration-fund where more details on eligibility can be found. Deadline for submission is 11.59pm, Tuesday 10th March 2020. Winners will be announced at a special event in May 2020.



Business Support Organisations

For details of the organisations that support businesses through advice, training, networking events, online resources and support in the form of loans and grants, [Go to the NetRegs Business Support page](#).

NHS Highland video on 'Antibiotics and You'

To mark European Antibiotic Awareness Day (EAAD), on 18 November 2019, NHS highland launched a video '[Antibiotics and You](#)' released by Talking Medicines, in partnership with NHS Highland and the Pebble Trust.

The patient focused video explains important facts about adherence to antibiotic regimes, when to take antibiotics, antibiotic resistance, the safe use and disposal of medicines and protecting our environment.

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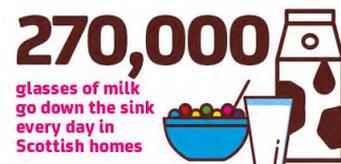
Free food waste workshops for your staff

Food waste contributes to the climate emergency. In Scotland, we waste £1 billion of food and drink every year.

Energy Saving Trust has again teamed up with Zero Waste Scotland to offer the popular and fun 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 £440 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, as well as the chance to enter a draw to win £100 in ticket vouchers.

To find out more, email Energy Saving Trust.

Free guide: 12 ways your office can help tackle the plastic problem



Plastic. It's a hot topic right now and your business has an important role to play in tackling the plastic problem – particularly single-use plastic.

It's never good to see resources being wasted – let alone something that can be widely recycled.

To help your business take action on plastic, Resource Efficient Scotland has produced a new guide: '12 ways your office can help tackle the plastic problem'.

The FREE guide shares a range of no and low-cost actions your business can take now to reduce plastic in your workplace.

Get started now by downloading your guide [here](#).

SEPA News:

Businesses asked to help shape new UK electronic waste tracking service



The four UK governments and environment agencies are working together to develop an electronic waste tracking service that will capture information on all movements of waste in the UK.

The project is progressing well and in October 2019 two companies received [GovTech](#) funding of up to £500,000 each to develop a prototype waste tracking service over a 12 month period. You can read the latest information about the project [here](#).

As the project moves into this next phase the project partners are keen for businesses to help shape waste tracking to ensure that it meets their needs by joining a user panel which will provide the opportunity to take part in user research and test software as it is developed. The majority of user panel activity will take place online, via email or in the workplace and signing up does not commit businesses to anything.

You can sign up to join the waste tracking user panel [here](#).

You can also sign up for a forthcoming newsletter [here](#) or via the user panel link.

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