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New on NetRegs



New blog - My Year at NetRegs

An insight into life as an intern with the NetRegs team at SEPA.

Read the blog [here](#).

F-Gas refrigeration ban 2020 - e-learning tool

NetRegs has launched their new learning course on The F-gas refrigeration ban. Learn about the 2020 F-gas ban and whether your equipment is affected.

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

Over the coming months we will be launching more elearning tools, so be sure to keep an eye on the website for further updates

New Legislation



The Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Amendment) Regulations 2019

These Regulations amend the Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products Regulations 2010 and the Energy Information Regulations 2011 in order to comply with and reflect changes that have been made to European Union law.

These changes relate specifically to:

- The introduction of eco-design requirements for servers and data storage products;
- The annulment of energy labelling requirements for vacuum cleaners.

Regulations 1 and 3 come into force on 03 October 2019 and Regulation 2 comes into force on 01 March 2020.

View the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019](#)

The Environmental Protection (Cotton Buds) (Scotland) Regulations 2019

The purpose of this instrument is to make it an offence to manufacture, supply, offer to supply or have in possession for supply plastic-stemmed cotton buds in Scotland.

These Regulations come into force on 12 October 2019.

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Environmental Protection \(Cotton Buds\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019](#)

Consultations



SEPA: Waste data consultation

Waste data returns from waste management operations regulated by SEPA include significantly more information than is currently made available to the public. In line with SEPA's direction in publishing and sharing more waste data in an open format, to align with [Scotland's waste data strategy](#) and the [Scottish Government's Open Data Strategy](#), SEPA propose to make more of the information from waste data returns available to the public via publication on SEPA's website and / or release on request.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek your view on this proposal. The consultation is targeted at waste management operators that provide data returns to SEPA, users of the data and interested members of the public.

Closes 14 Oct 2019

View the consultation documents here:

[SEPA: Waste data consultation](#)

The role of Public Sector Bodies in tackling climate change: A Consultation

This consultation is focussed on the role of public sector bodies in ending Scotland's contribution to climate change, how the Public Sector Climate Change Reporting Duties should be revised to support that, and how Scottish Government and the wider public sector can work together to make a step-change in delivery.

We want to hear from public bodies, but we also want to hear from other organisations and individuals about what you think public sector bodies should be doing to tackle climate change.

Closes 4 Dec 2019

View the consultation documents here:

[The role of Public Sector Bodies in tackling climate change: A Consultation](#)

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 Dec 2019

View the consultation documents here:

[The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020: accompanying statement and proposed regulations](#)

Updates

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](#).



BSI publishes first standard to help firms adapt to climate change

The British Standards Institution (BSI) has published its first standard on climate adaptation, help companies adapt to climate change.

It sets out how they can prioritise and develop effective, efficient, specific and deliverable adaptations which will increase resilience and demonstrate robust and credible risk management

[Read more here >>>](#)



Scottish Government News:

Scotland to become a net-zero society

New legislation will demonstrate global leadership. Scotland's contribution to climate change will end definitively within a generation under the Climate Change Bill to be voted on by the Scottish Parliament.

[Read more here >>>](#)



Climate change adaptation

Improving protection against climate extremes. A new five-year programme to help prepare for the impact of climate change has been launched.

The Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme 2019-24 will help the Scottish Government identify the actions Scotland needs to take to adapt to a changing climate.

[Read more here >>>](#)

£30 million for low carbon projects

Funding to encourage renewable heating.

A major fund to create low-carbon heating infrastructure is now

open for applications.

The Scottish Low Carbon Heat Funding Invitation has made £30 million available to businesses and organisations for innovative solutions to heat buildings.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Scottish food businesses can access up to £50,000 in funding to help send their surplus food to people in need



Food producers across Scotland are being urged to apply for new funding to help them redistribute their edible surplus food to frontline charities, instead of sending it to anaerobic digestion or animal feed.

The £3m FareShare Surplus with Purpose Fund will cover additional costs faced by companies who want to redistribute any surplus food that's still good to eat to charities and community groups. The fund is open to new companies as well as companies who already work with FareShare, and are looking to redistribute new surplus food items.

For more information contact 020 7064 8911 or email FareShare

SEPA News: Official Statistics Publication for Scotland - Household waste summary, waste landfilled, waste incinerated (Jan-Dec 2018)



Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) statisticians have published Official Statistics today (17 September 2019) which provide detail of Household Waste collected across all Local Authorities during 2018.

[Read more here >>>](#)

SEPA publishes strategic vision for environmental regulation of the finfish aquaculture sector

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has published its strategic vision for environmental regulation of the Finfish Aquaculture sector.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Safety Groups UK Awards



The SGUK Awards celebrate the efforts of individuals in individual Safety Groups who provide outstanding service to the Safety Groups movement.

The award categories are:

1. Innovation Awards – Any organisation who raises the standard of health & safety
2. Excellence Awards – For Safety Groups
3. Outstanding Service Award – For an individual nominated by a Safety Group
4. Development through Education – Any organisation, for any project that advances health & safety in the sphere of education

Entries can be submitted up to the deadline of **Friday 22nd November 2019**. The Awards Ceremony will be held in the Gladstone Library of the **Royal Horseguards**, Whitehall Palace, London on **Monday 24th February 2020**.

For more information, visit the [SGUK website](#).

Events



Scottish Resources Conference 2019

When: From 01/10/2019 - 09:00 to 02/10/2019 - 17:00

Where: Perth Concert Hall, Perth, PH1 5 PZ

The Scottish Resources Conference is Scotland's largest and most important event for anyone in Scotland with an interest in, and responsibility for delivering a circular economy. It's a must-attend event for sustainability, resource and waste management professionals.

[Sign up here >>>](#)

Green Arts Conference 2019

When: Tue, 8 Oct 2019 10:00 - 18:00 BST

Where: Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh EH3 9BP.

Key speakers, interactive workshops, a networked community of #GreenArts practice and sustainable event design: book your tickets for *the* conference for Scotland's sustainable cultural community.

Find out more about the [Green Arts Initiative](#) and take a look at the [2018 Conference Report](#).

The Scottish Smallholder Festival

When: Saturday 26th October 2019

Where: The Forfar Mart

The **Scottish Smallholder Festival** is Scotland's largest smallholder event, celebrating the best of Scottish smallholding, growing and craft.

Organised by smallholders, it is aimed at all those with an interest in the productive use of small land

holdings.

[Sign up here >>>](#)

StartUp Summit

When: 30 October 2019

Where: Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh

Startup Summit explores the ever-changing landscape of business, survival in the startup world and how to grow into a thriving business. With more than 30 speakers, Startup Summit offers unparalleled access to some of the world's leading entrepreneurs. Hear experiences and personal stories from top founders; learn how to build your marketing strategy from forward-thinking experts and unlock your potential to become a sustainable business.

[Sign up here >>>](#)

Scottish Chamber of Safety Conference

When: Wednesday 30th October

Where: The Lighthouse, Glasgow.

This conference focuses on improving the mental health within workplaces. Featuring a keynote address from Martin Temple, Chair of HSE and speakers from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust & SAMH.

Tickets are £85 and are available from <https://conference.scos.org.uk>

LIFE SMART Waste project final conference

When: 12-13 November 2019

Where: Brussels

LIFE SMART Waste is joining together with INTERPOL's Pollution Crime Working Group (PCWG) to deliver a conference entitled, '**Smarter waste regulation and pollution crime enforcement**'. The joint conference will bring together environmental regulators, law enforcement agencies, policymakers, legislators, waste management industry representatives and other key stakeholders, creating opportunities for knowledge exchange and collaboration on a truly global basis.

Registration is open until 12 October 2019.

[Sign up here >>>](#)

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.

30+ world-class speakers | 30+ inspiring exhibitors

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