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EU Exit

Your duties to protect the environment will not change with EU Exit.

During the transition period, EU environmental laws, as transposed into domestic legislation will continue to apply. The Scottish Government has been clear in its commitment to maintain or enhance Scotland's environmental commitments.

All businesses must continue to comply with Scotland's environmental laws.

If you have any concerns regarding your authorisations after EU Exit we would encourage you to [contact SEPA](#) as early as possible.

New on NetRegs



FREE Agriculture eLearning courses

NetRegs recently launched a suite of eLearning for agricultural businesses, looking at the Diffuse Pollution General Binding Rules (GBR's).

The tools currently available include:

Diffuse pollution

The aim of this course is to give you an understanding of the causes, solutions and legal background relating to diffuse pollution from rural land use activities.

Mind the Gap

This course looks at the key minimum distances you must keep from the water environment when carrying out certain on farm activities.

Fertiliser storage and application

This course looks at the rules for the storage and application of fertiliser on farms.

Cultivation

This short course looks at the rules you must follow when cultivating land.

Keeping Livestock

This course looks at the rules relating to Livestock and identifies your responsibilities.

Also available is a NEW septic tanks eLearning course – ‘**All you need to know about your septic tank**’

This course looks at how to check if you have a septic tank, the importance of maintaining your tank and what you can and can't put in your septic tank.

All of our eLearning courses are FREE to use.

[Login or Register to the e-learning here >>>](#)

New Legislation



Transport Scotland Act 2019

The Transport Scotland Act 2019 makes a number of provisions that aim to help make Scotland's Transport network cleaner, smarter and more accessible.

The provisions include:

- provision for low emission zones;

- to prohibit the parking of vehicles on pavements, prohibit double parking and prohibit parking adjacent to dropped footways;
- provision for and in connection with the powers of local transport authorities in connection with the operation of local bus services in their areas
- provision about arrangements under which persons may be entitled to travel on local bus and other transport services;
- provision enabling local authorities to make schemes under which a charge may be levied for providing workplace parking places;
- provision in connection with charges arising from parking on private land.

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The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007

Recycling targets for businesses who handle more than 50 tonnes of packaging in a calendar year and have a turnover of more than £2 million have been updated.

The 2020 targets are:

Material or process	2020 (%)
General recovery	82
General recycling	92
Paper and board	75
Glass	80
Aluminium	64
Steel	85
Plastic	57
Wood	48

The glass recycling by remelt target has remained at 67% of the glass obligation

The recycling factor which is multiplied by turnover to calculate the obligation for small producers has stayed the same at 30%.

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Consultations



SEPA Consultations:

As part of SEPA's work to deliver One Planet Prosperity SEPA have committed to simplifying permits across all sectors.

Non-hazardous landfill permit consultation

The landfill sector plan published in November, 2018 further commits to developing landfill permits with clearer obligations. The first of the landfill permits has now been completed.

This consultation, introduces you to the principles of the permit reform process, outlines the key changes to the non-hazardous landfill permit and SEPA's regulatory approach, and finally, provide you with an opportunity to provide feedback on key areas.

The consultation closes on 28 February 2020

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Waste management (waste motor vehicle) permit consultation

The Metals sector plan, published in December 2018, further commits to reforming metal sector permits. The first of these permits has now been revised.

This consultation, introduces you to the permit reform process, outline the key changes to the permit and provide you with an opportunity to give feedback on key areas.

The consultation closes on 21 February 2020

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Scottish Government Consultations: Marine Scotland – Offshore renewables decommissioning guidance

The decommissioning responsibilities and powers for Offshore Renewables Energy Installations in Scottish Waters transferred to Scottish Ministers in April 2017.

Marine Scotland is seeking to establish robust policies and procedures to cover decommissioning securities for offshore wind and other marine renewables projects.

This consultation is intended to gather views from industry, regulators and other stakeholders on Scotland's first industry guidance for the eventual decommissioning of offshore renewable energy infrastructure.

The consultation closes on 16 March 2020

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Scottish Forestry corporate plan (January 2020)

Scottish Forestry is a new executive agency and this consultation discusses their first Corporate Plan.

This consultation will target those with an interest in the regulation, management and growth of forests and woodlands, and seek their views as to whether they agree or disagree with the content of the draft plan.

The consultation closes on 5 February 2020.

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GOV.UK Consultation: Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Business Plan 2020 to 2023

The Draft Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) Business Plan sets out key activities and expected progress for all 17 of the NDA's nuclear sites over the next 3 years.

This consultation closes at 4pm on 14 February 2020.

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Updates

The VIBES Scottish Environment Business Awards 2020



The VIBES Scottish Environment Business Awards recently celebrated the 2019 winners at an event at the Scottish Parliament – see all the posts on twitter.com/VIBES_Awards.

VIBES is currently uploading the inspirational case studies and videos for all the winners to their website - www.vibes.org.uk.

The applications process for VIBES 2020 will open in March 2020 with a deadline for applications of 1st June 2020. The awards ceremony will take place at the DoubleTree By Hilton hotel in Glasgow on 25th November 2020.

If you are considering applying or know someone who might be interested, please email VIBES at vibes@sepa.org.uk and they will let you know when the application process opens.

NVZ Deadline – 01 March 2020

If your farm is in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ), an area designated as being at risk from nitrate pollution, you must prepare a **fertiliser and manure management** plan before **1 March 2020**, which contains:

- Risk Assessment Plan (only applicable if you apply organic manures).
- A calculation and record of the capacity of storage facilities required for livestock manures.
- A calculation and record of 170 kg N/ha loading limit for livestock manure.



- An Nmax calculation for each crop type grown on the farm, including grassland.

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SPICe Briefing: UK Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Bill 2020

The Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Bill 2020 is a UK Government bill intended to incorporate the EU legislation governing the CAP Direct Payments Regulation into UK domestic law for the claim year 2020 and enable an increase in the total maximum amount of direct payments under that regulation for 2020.

This briefing provides a summary of the Bill and a discussion of what it means for Scotland.

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Sulphur 2020 – cutting sulphur oxide emissions from ships

From 1 January 2020, the limit for sulphur in fuel oil used on board ships operating outside designated emission control areas has reduced to 0.50% m/m (mass by mass).

This will significantly reduce the amount of sulphur oxides emanating from ships and should have major health and environmental benefits for the world, particularly for populations living close to ports and coasts.

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Waste crime webinar series launched



CIWM and the Environmental Services Association (ESA) will host a series of free webinars this month and next exploring the latest approaches to fighting waste crime in the UK.

The remaining webinars will run on 6 February, and 13 February, and are produced in collaboration with the Environment Agency, the charity Crimestoppers, and the Right Waste Right Place campaign.

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Home Energy e-Learning for your staff



Home Energy Scotland's free staff e-learning tool is now available. The fun online course helps staff to learn how to save money and energy at home.

It's great for employers as it's:

- Completely free of charge
- An innovative staff benefit
- Significantly contributes to corporate social responsibility (CSR) or sustainability plans
- It can help business work towards ethical accreditations and awards (such as VIBES –Scottish Environment Business Awards).
- Energy saving knowledge acquired by staff often transfers to the workplace, ultimately saving the business money and reducing its carbon footprint.

To find out more, [email Energy Saving Trust](mailto:Energy Saving Trust) or visit their website: energysavingtrust.org.uk/staff-e-learning.

Events



House building waste minimisation, management, Duty of Care & best practice



When: Thursday 20 February 2020, 10:00 – 15:00

Where: The Barracks, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ

A free information event relating to Duty of Care, Site Waste Management Planning, low carbon material choice, planning and house design.

This event is aimed at individuals representing any business or public sector organisation involved in the housing construction industry supply chain in Scotland.

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