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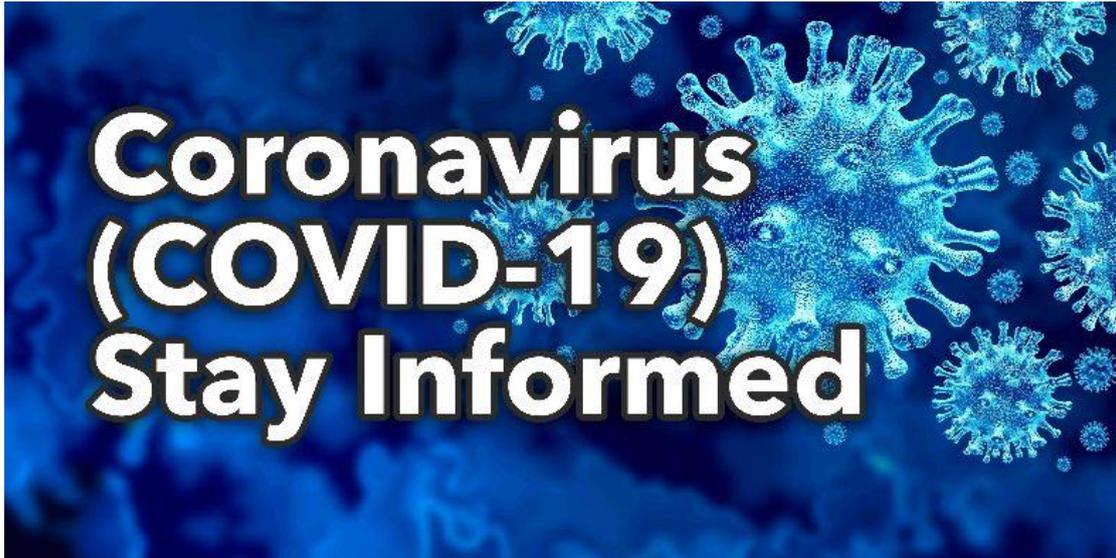


March 2020

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance and support



Covid-19 guidance and sources of support

In the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, the NetRegs team wishes you and yours all the best of health. Please stay safe and follow government's advice in this difficult time.

There are a number of sources of guidance for the current situation, please see some below:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance from the UK government: what you need to do

See the UK government instructions and guidance related to the COVID-19 outbreak, here:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) information from the Scottish government:

See information and guidance from the Scottish Government related to the COVID-19 outbreak, here:

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

NetRegs Blog entry on the COVID-19 situation

Please see our blog entry with useful links to current information and business support:

<https://www.netregs.org.uk/blog/stay-informed-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Business Gateway's virtual & local business support regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Business Gateway is being responsive and reactive to the needs and challenges Scottish businesses face due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. See a list of free business resources that may be useful to you at this time, here: [Business support - Coronavirus](#)

Changes in response to the COVID-19 outbreak

Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme delayed by more than a year

The Scottish Government has delayed the introduction of its deposit return scheme until 1 July 2022. This gives businesses more time to prepare their premises for the scheme and provides flexibility in the immediate term to deal with COVID-19.

ECHA extends some chemical companies' deadlines

In the wake of the COVID-19 developments, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) will be flexible regarding some processes, including the payment of invoices, some registration procedures which had deadlines by May 2020, and deadlines for comments on some ECHA decisions. See more information on <https://echa.europa.eu/-/echa-to-support-eu-wide-action-against-covid-19>

EU green deal measures delayed

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, the EU executive have postponed publishing their Biodiversity Strategy to 2030 and their 'Farm-to-Fork Strategy for Sustainable Food Production - until at least 29 April. Those two components of the European Commission's flagship green deal had been due to be published by the end of March. Read more about Farm to Fork strategy here: https://ec.europa.eu/food/farm2fork_en

New on NetRegs



New guidance for householders

NetRegs has produced guidance for householders on how to deal with a number of issues at home, from disposal of hazardous materials to dealing with disputes between neighbours.

Check it out at <https://www.netregs.org.uk/households/>

New Legislation



Classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures as regards information relating to emergency health response - Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/11

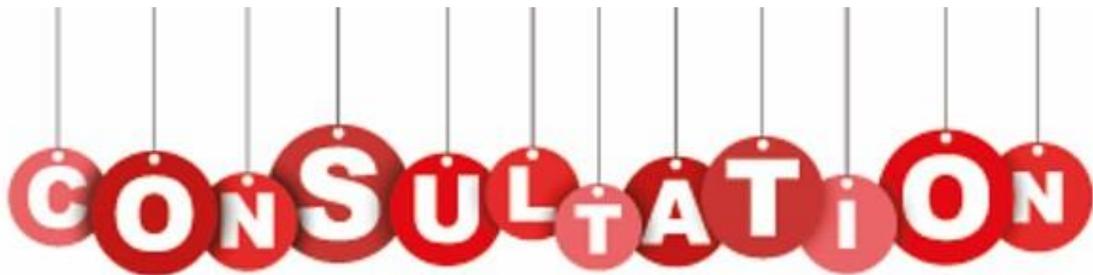
The regulations amends Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of

substances and mixtures, giving additional clarification on where unique formula identifiers* ('UFIs') are to be placed on products.

The regulations came into force on the 30th of January 2020.

Read it here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2020/11/introduction>

Consultations and Future Legislation



New Consultations:

Draft offshore wind policy statement - consultation

There is still time to respond to this consultation, which will close in a few days.

The Scottish Government seeks your views and experiences to help shape a policy for offshore wind in Scotland, so that it can deliver the energy Scotland needs, in a responsible manner, and which can, through supply chain growth, generate new economic activity across Scotland.

The consultation closes on 8 Apr 2020.

Read and respond to the consultation here: <https://consult.gov.scot/energy-and-climate-change-directorate/draft-offshore-wind-policy-statement/>

Energy Efficient Scotland: Improving energy efficiency in owner occupied homes - consultation

There is still time to respond to this consultation, which will close in a few days.

With this consultation, the Scottish Government seeks views on the detail of setting the energy efficient standard for owner occupied homes in Scotland. This includes what the standard should be, when it should be introduced and how compliance with the standard could be checked and enforced.

The consultation closes on 9 Apr 2020.

Read and respond to the consultation here: <https://consult.gov.scot/housing-and-social-justice/energy-efficient-scotland-owner-occupier-proposals/>

Fees for Seed Testing, Seed Certification and Associated Seed Functions - consultation

With this consultation, the Scottish Government seeks views from individuals and companies including Professional Operators (seed merchants, seed processors, seed packers), Licensed Crop Inspectors, Licensed Seed Samplers, Licensed Seed Testing Stations (LSTS), farmers and interested members of the public on the Scottish Government's proposal to amend fees for seed certification, seed testing & associated seed functions to allow full cost recovery.

The consultation closes on 6 May 2020.

Read and respond to the consultation here: <https://consult.gov.scot/agriculture-and-rural-communities/fees-for-seed-testing-certification/>

Wild Wrasse Harvesting: Consultation on Proposed new Mandatory Fishing Measures

With this consultation, the Scottish Government seeks views about whether the Scottish Government should introduce mandatory measures to control the harvesting of live wrasse for the salmon farming industry.

The consultation closes on 10 May 2020.

Read and respond to the consultation here: <https://consult.gov.scot/marine-scotland/wild-wrasse-harvesting/> .

Climate Change: Just Transition Commission - call for evidence

The concept of just transition refers to the need for Governments to take action to reduce emissions in a way which is fair and leaves no-one behind. The Just Transition Commission has been established to provide Scottish Ministers with practical, realistic, and affordable recommendations for such action. It is inviting written submissions to inform the development of final recommendations.

The consultation closes on 28 May 2020.

Read and respond to the consultation here: <https://consult.gov.scot/just-transition-commission/just-transition-commission-call-for-evidence/>

Climate Change: Changing how we live

Part of Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan is about behavioural change. What changes would you make now to reduce emissions? What should the Government do to support these changes? Scottish Parliament is seeking your ideas.

Add them here:

https://engage.parliament.scot/group/2578/open/?utm_source=parlshorturl&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=climatechanges

Future Legislation - Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

This Bill, introduced on 2 March 2020, will introduce regulation and a licensing system for district and communal heating to accelerate use of the networks across Scotland. This would help Scotland access affordable, low carbon heating, meet climate change targets and potentially tackle fuel poverty.

See more information here: [Heat Networks \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

Updates

New Energy Efficiency Business Support Service



The Energy Efficiency Business Support Service is a new service for Scottish businesses, from Zero Waste Scotland. It provides specialist one-to-one support and advice, specialist training and access to interest-free loans, to help Scottish SMEs reduce their energy bills and carbon emissions, and grow greener businesses.

The Service can be reached by calling 0808 808 2268 or by [email](#).

Looking for some inspiration to improve your business's impact on the environment?



Have a look at VIBES 2019 winners' case studies and videos: <https://www.vibes.org.uk/case-studies/2019/> - you will be amazed by the winners and how they are benefiting by tackling environmental issues such as climate change.

Already a champion of good environmental practice with a story to tell? Thinking of applying to the VIBES Awards in the future?

Register your interest here - <http://eepurl.com/dvJHUL>.

New Home Energy Scotland e-learning tool

Home Energy Scotland has launched a new, 30 minutes, free energy efficiency e-learning tool for organisations and their employees, to help learn how to save energy, and therefore money, in the home. As know-how and practice transfers to the workplace, ultimately this will also save your business money and reduce carbon footprint, while contributing to corporate social responsibility, sustainability plans and helping your businesses work towards ethical accreditations and awards (such as VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards).



Find the [Home Energy e-learning tool here >>>](#)

susdrain 2020 SuDS Awards

Showcase your excellent SuDS project that delivers multiple benefits with the susdrain 2020 SuDS Awards and also celebrate a SuDS champion.



Its **free** to enter and the awards invite submissions from SuDS projects across the UK completed since 2016.

Read more about the 2020 awards, how to submit your project and nominate your SuDS champion [here](#)

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