



NetRegs updates straight to your mailbox

[View this email in your browser](#)

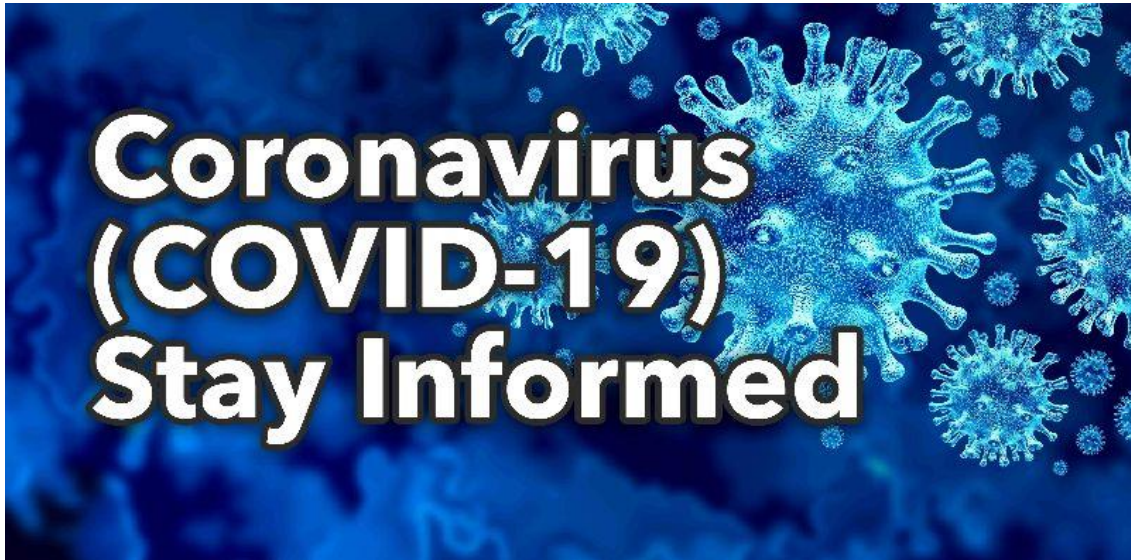


August 2020

In this month's update...

[Coronavirus updates](#), [New on NetRegs](#), [New Legislation](#), [Consultations](#) and [Updates](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance and support



FindBusinessSupport - Advice for restarting your business.

The FindBusinessSupport website includes a wide range of tools, support and advice for businesses of all size and sectors who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

The latest advice looks at how to reopen your business safely after lockdown.

[Read more here >>>](#)

New on NetRegs



Construction e-learning courses

NetRegs have created a selection of new e-learning modules aimed at the construction industry. Our new courses include:

- An introduction to Sustainable Drainage Systems
- Construction waste
- Soils on construction sites

[Read more and enrol here >>>](#)

New Legislation



Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

This bill will allow Scotland to keep the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). It creates powers that enable Scottish Ministers to retain the ability to make improvements to the CAP scheme following Brexit.

This bill was passed on 26 August 2020

[Read more here >>>](#)

The Road Vehicle (Approval) Regulations 2020

This instrument provides for enforcement in the United Kingdom of Regulation (EU) 2018/858 on road vehicle type approval.

The type approval regime ensures that new cars, buses and goods vehicles comply with high standards of safety and environmental protection. It was enhanced in 2018, with improved powers of oversight and new requirements to ensure more thorough testing.

The Regulations come into force on 01 September 2020

[Read more here >>>](#)

Consultations



SEPA Consultations:

Consultation on amendment of the conditions allowing the receipt of radioactive waste and contaminated items

The purpose of this consultation is to seek views on SEPA's proposal to vary a bespoke condition included in some permits granted under the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (EASR) on the receipt of radioactive waste and the holding of contaminated items.

The consultation closes on 09 September 2020.

[Read more and respond here >>>](#)

Consultation on the Emission Trading Scheme charges

This consultation document outlines the proposed changes for the fees SEPA charge for regulating installations regulated under the UK Emissions Trading System/Carbon Emissions Tax from 2021.

This scheme will replace the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Fees and Charges (Scotland) Scheme 2015 as amended, which covered charging under the EU Emissions Trading System.

The consultation closes on 18 September 2020.

[Read more and respond here >>>](#)

Updates

£300,000 for hydrogen innovation

The Scottish Government is investing £300,000 in a new hydrogen accelerator, which will be located at the University of St Andrews. This new initiative will propel innovations in hydrogen technology and encourage knowledge sharing to support transport applications and sustainable mobility.

The hydrogen accelerator will help maximise the economic opportunities from the shift to zero or ultra-low emission mobility solutions.

[Read more here >>>](#)



Get National recognition for Good Environmental Practice

VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards is looking for businesses going beyond compliance and doing their part to contribute to Scotland's Net Zero objective. The scheme will promote good environmental practices through case studies and media opportunities.

The submission process is free and opens on Monday 03 August 2020.

Anyone who submits their story will receive tailored feedback and details of free support available for further environmental improvement. The best stories will be promoted via media channels and at an event in the Scottish Parliament in January 2021 (subject to any COVID restrictions). Please send in your stories by 5pm on Friday 30th October 2020.

For submission forms and additional information visit



www.vibes.org.uk or email vibes@sepa.org.uk, from Monday 03 August 2020

Polyunits for production



Throughout the month of September, the Farm Advisory Service (FAS) is hosting a series of online meetings focusing on polyunits.

Advice will be given around all things polyunits – from preparing the soil, crop nutrition and rotation, to using polyunits as alternative livestock housing and what funding and grants are available to help you install a polyunit.

1. [Polyunits for Production – Preparation for Growing \(10/09/2020\)](#)
2. [Polyunits for Production – Livestock & Alternative Housing Methods \(17/09/2020\)](#)
3. [Polyunits for Production – Grants & Funding \(24/09/2020\)](#)

New UK Climate Risk Website



A new online hub that will showcase the wide range and vast quantity of important work that is currently underway to inform the Committee on Climate Change's (CCC) next assessment of UK climate risk has been launched and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.ukclimaterisk.org/>

The website will host the UK's Third Climate Change Risk Assessment Evidence Report, due to be published in the Summer 2021, as well as other Climate Change information. The Research Projects, which inform the Evidence Report, have been published and can be found under the 'CCRA Research' tab. You can visit the website which, over the coming months, will contain Climate Change evidence and information which may be relevant to your Business Area.

Missed last month's update?

Visit the [updates archive on NetRegs](#) to view any of the previous updates.

