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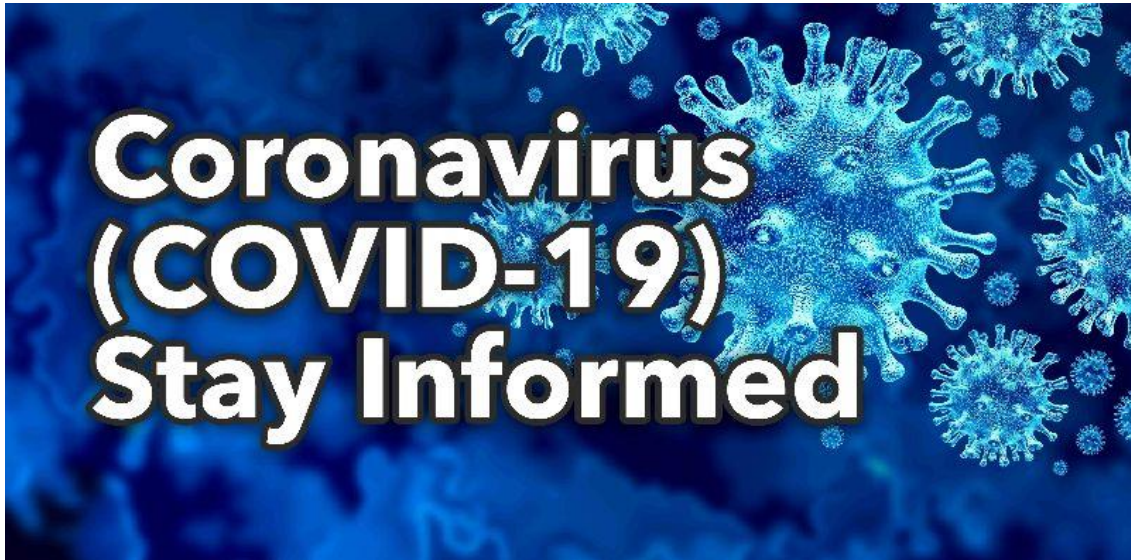


September 2020

In this month's update...

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance and support



Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) - Coronavirus (COVID-19) – hub for SPICe material

A useful central hub for all SPICe work on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and some links to other useful sources of parliamentary information.

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New on NetRegs



New blog

Thank You for Recycling by Adrian Bond, Recycling Manager at Zero Waste Scotland.

Even a pandemic hasn't stopped Scots recycling. Coronavirus has disrupted many aspects of our lives and recycling is no exception. At the height of lockdown, local authority services were severely disrupted and demand for commercial services fell as businesses closed. But many people continued to recycle...

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New Legislation



The Offshore Chemicals and Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

These regulations modify existing legislation to remove the requirement for offshore oil and gas operators to make relevant documents available for public inspection at a specified address within the United Kingdom, where the effects of coronavirus, including any restrictions on movement, mean that it is not reasonably practicable for the public to be able inspect documents in this way.

The regulations came into force on 05 September 2020.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Consultations



SEPA Consultations:

Consultation on the marine fish farm charges

This consultation document outlines the proposed changes in the SEPA charges for regulating marine pen fish farms.

The consultation closes on 20 November 2020.

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

Proposed Revision of Radioactive Substances Activities Standard Condition C.4.1.

This consultation looks at SEPA's proposal to revise condition C.4.1 of the standard conditions for radioactive substances activities (transfer of radioactive waste outside of the United Kingdom) made under the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (EASR) regarding the authorisation to transfer radioactive waste to a person out with the United Kingdom.

The consultation closes on 18 December 2020.

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

DEFRA Consultation:

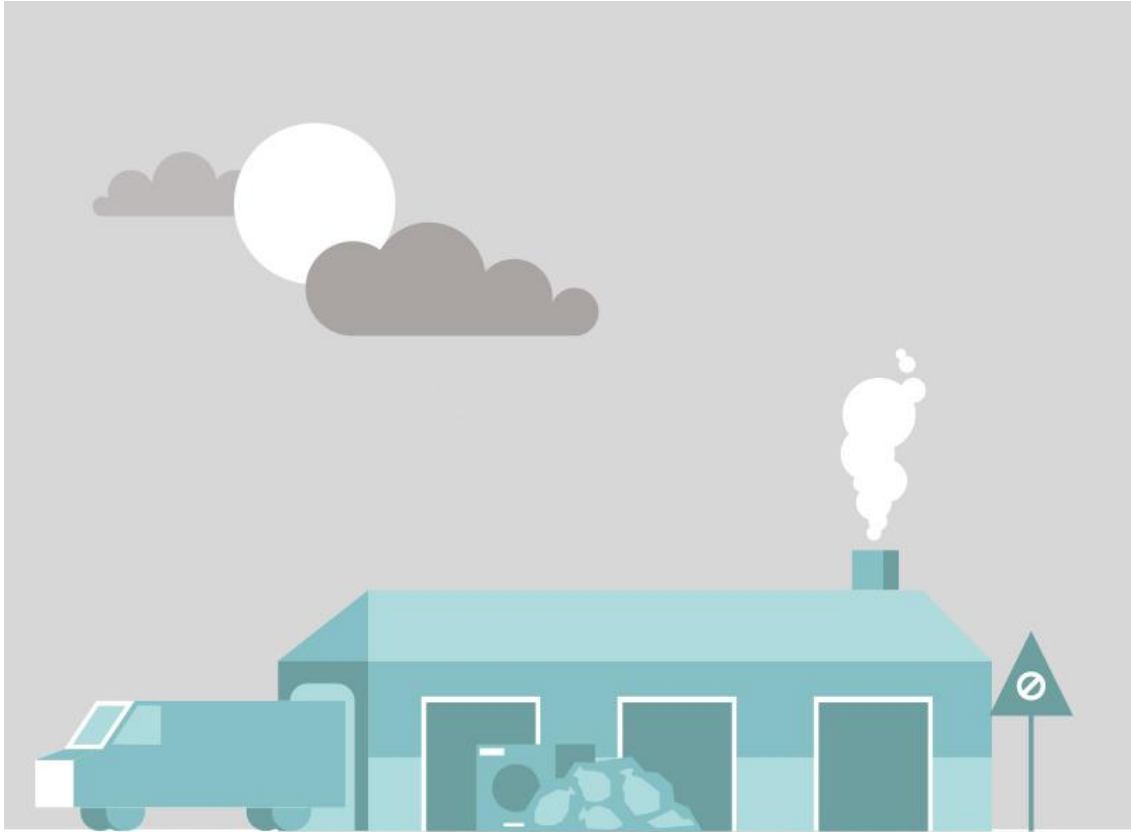
DEFRA: Due diligence on forest risk commodities

DEFRA are seeking your view on whether the UK Government should introduce a new law designed to prevent forests and other important natural areas from being converted illegally into agricultural land.

The consultation closes on 5 October 2020.

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

Updates



Stay compliant. Protect the environment.

Waste disposal: compliance is non-negotiable

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is reminding businesses to only engage the services of authorised waste collectors as they clamp down on businesses using social media to promote their services.

SEPA officers are monitoring Scottish social media for illegal waste collectors or operators and are acting where appropriate, with our enforcement team targeting criminals and chancers using social channels.

If your business is being offered cut price waste clearance services in a deal that sounds too good to be true, it probably is and could lead to a fine if your waste is then subsequently illegally dumped. Fly tipping is not only unsightly but, depending on the nature of the waste, it can also be hazardous to health and cause environmental damage. Fly tipping is a serious offence with significant consequences and those caught risk a fine of up to £40,000.

If you produce, transport or store waste you have a legal responsibility to make sure it's recycled or managed properly. Your responsibility doesn't stop when you contract another supplier in the supply chain, you remain responsible.

Businesses and the public can check if a carrier is registered by visiting SEPAs [registered waste carriers and brokers website](#). If your business is experiencing pressures on commercial operations due to the impacts of COVID-19 visit coronavirus.sepa.org.uk/waste

Zero waste Scotland: Carbon impact of Scotland's waste reaches record low but 'more needs to be done'



The carbon emissions associated with Scotland's waste in 2018 dropped 11% on the previous year to reach the lowest level since official recording began.

[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 opened 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

New GOV.UK Guidance

Exporting active substances manufactured in Great Britain for use in EEA and Northern Ireland from 1 January 2021

This guidance explains how to obtain a Written Confirmation for each shipment of Active Substances manufactured in Great Britain that is exported to the EEA or Northern Ireland from 1 January 2021.

[Read more here >>>](#)

How to comply with REACH chemical regulations

How to comply with the EU's REACH chemical regulations when using, making, selling or importing chemicals in the EU, and how to prepare for 1 January 2021.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Help and support if your business trades with the EU

From 1 January the way we trade with the EU will change. To buy or sell from the EU you will need to follow new customs rules or you will not be able to continue to trade. These important actions are required regardless of the outcome of negotiations with the EU and whether or not the government secures a Free Trade Agreement.



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