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## In this month's update...

### NEW Legislation:

#### **The Groundwater (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

The Groundwater (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 amends the Groundwater Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 in order to transpose the provisions of the EU Groundwater Directive 2014/80/EU.

The Regulations make a small technical amendment to a threshold value to bring it in line with the rest of the UK and EU water quality standards.

The Regulations come into force on 20 June 2016



To view the full text of the Regulations click the link below:

[The Groundwater \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016](#)

## **The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2016**

The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2016 amend the existing instruments establishing the system of packaging waste producer responsibility in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The amendments include:

- removal of the requirement to provide operational plans
- transfer of the approvals process from the appropriate authority to the appropriate agency;
- allowing an “approved person” to delegate the responsibility for signing off reports; and
- providing operators of schemes based in both Great Britain and Northern Ireland with the right to apply for approval from one approving body rather than two.

The Regulations came into force on 14 February 2016

To view the full text of the Regulations click the link below:

[The Producer Responsibility Obligations \(Packaging Waste\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2016](#)

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## **Consultation:**

### **Consultation on the regulatory fitness of chemicals legislation (excluding REACH)**

This is a public consultation on the regulatory fitness of chemicals legislation (excluding REACH). Its objective is to obtain stakeholder views on the functioning of the legislative framework for chemicals. This includes legislation governing the hazard identification and classification of chemicals and legislation governing risk management measures for chemicals (excluding REACH), including chemical-related provisions in worker safety legislation, transport legislation, environmental protection legislation, product control legislation, as well as supporting legislation.



The closing date for responses to the consultation is 27 May 2016

To view the consultation documents visit the [European Commission Public consultation webpage](#)

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## **New Guidance:**

### **Best Practice Management Guidelines: Japanese Knotweed**

The 'Best Practice Management Guidelines: Japanese Knotweed' guidance document, produced by Invasive Species Ireland, provides best practice management guidance on the control of Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*).

To view the guidance document click the link below:

[Best Practice Management Guidelines: Japanese Knotweed](#)



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## Update:

### Watch New Good Practice Video Clips

NetRegs has recently added more videos to its collection of good practice video clips.

Our new videos include:

1. [Antrim Castle Gardens](#)
2. [Linden Foods](#)
3. [Broughgammon Farm](#)
4. [City Hotel](#)
5. [Paul McAlister Architects and Energy Consultants](#)



The NetRegs good practice videos showcase how real businesses comply with the regulations and what they do to reduce their impacts on the environment.

All businesses featured have experienced business benefits from their actions, demonstrating that what is good for the environment can also be good for business.

To view all of the video clips available visit the [NetRegs Video Clips](#) webpage.

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## From last month's update in case you missed it...

### Legislation:

#### The Environmental Better Regulation Bill

The Environment Better Regulation Bill was approved by the Northern Ireland assembly on 8 February 2016.

The Bill includes:

- quicker and clearer ways of communicating authorised fuels and exempted fireplaces for use in a smoke control area;
- measures that will allow district councils to prepare and implement air quality action plans more quickly;

- a faster, leaner and less confusing system for reporting on drinking water quality for public supplies;
- a requirement for DOE to conduct a review to identify opportunities to make “powers of entry” onto premises clearer and simpler;
- powers to make regulations to streamline the environmental permitting process for businesses

The Bill is expected to receive Royal Assent within the next six weeks. Once Royal Assent has been received, the Bill will become law and will be known as the Environmental Better Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.

For further details on the Environmental Better Regulation Bill visit the [NI Assembly website](#).

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## Updates:

### Local Coca-Cola Bottling Company Sustainable future 'in the can' as it signs Prosperity Agreement

Northern Ireland's Environment Minister, Mark H. Durkan has signed a significant environmental agreement with 'Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company (Coca-Cola HBC)' based in Lisburn.

The Agreement, which was signed on 8<sup>th</sup> February, is with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) and known as a 'Prosperity Agreement.' It includes significant commitments from both the company and the NIEA to ensure better environmental outcomes, for instance, Coca-Cola HBC have committed to reduce carbon emissions and energy consumption by 10-15% by 2019. Read more on this story on the [DOENI News pages](#).

Further information on this and the other Prosperity Agreements signed to date can be found here: <https://www.doeni.gov.uk/articles/prosperity-agreements> or contact [NIEAProsperityAgreements@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:NIEAProsperityAgreements@doeni.gov.uk)

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## NetRegs Website Links

Due to the launch of new websites for all main NI Government Departments we are currently experiencing a high number of broken links on the NetRegs website.

The NetRegs team are currently working to fix as many of these links as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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