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September 2016

In this month's update...

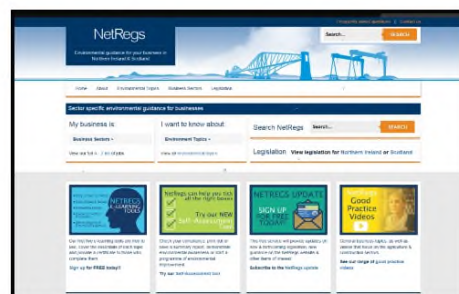
Please let us know your thoughts on our NEW website

This month (September 2016) saw the launch our new and improved website. Now we want your feedback on the new website.

This very short [online survey](#) contains only 8 questions and should take less than 5 minutes to complete. We would really appreciate your views on what you like about the website, what you don't like and ways we can continue to improve the website. We will be analysing the responses and using this to help shape future developments.

Follow the link to complete the survey:

[NetRegs website – User feedback](#)



Legislation Updates:

Environmental Better Regulation (2016 Act) (Commencement No.2)



Order (Northern Ireland) 2016



This Order brings sections 15, 16 and 26(2) of, and Schedule 3 to, the Environmental Better Regulation (NI) Act 2016 into operation on the 10th October 2016.

The purpose of this Order is to enable fireplaces and fuels which cause only limited amounts of smoke pollution to become officially designated for use in smoke control areas in Northern Ireland without the need for legislation to be compiled. Instead, the fuels and fireplaces are designated as being suitable for use in smoke control areas once added to lists kept by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, and published in a manner that it considers appropriate.

You can read the legislation in full here which also includes notes to earlier Commencement Orders

[Environmental Better Regulation \(2016 Act\) \(Commencement No.2\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2016](#)

Amendments to Waste Management Licensing Regulations in Northern Ireland – Treatment and Storage of Specified Waste as an Exempted Activity

On the 5th September 2016 the Waste Management Licensing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016/96 came into force. These Regulations amend Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (NI) 2003 to add paragraph 12. Paragraph 12 allows the treatment and storage of specified waste as an exempted activity with a view to recovery or reuse, according to specified conditions.

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency has published a short guidance document on the paragraph 12 exemption. You can read through this guidance here to help you decide if this exemption covers the type of activity that you wish to undertake.

[Paragraph 12 Exemption Guidance](#)

Additional information on the paragraph 12 exemption can found [here](#).

New NetRegs Guidance: Guidance on Environmental Management Systems

We have recently updated and improved our guidance on [Environmental Management Systems \(EMS\)](#).

The new guidance covers:

- Introduction to EMS
- Benefits of an EMS
- Different types of EMS
- How NetRegs can help implement an EMS
- Implementing an EMS
- Environmental Reports
- EMS Case studies



To view the guidance, visit the [Environmental Management System pages on the NetRegs website](#).

Guidance: Agricultural Waste Guidance 2016

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency has published new guidance on the registration of agricultural waste exemptions and includes the Agricultural Waste Exemption – Application form.

Individuals, companies or organisations that are operating an agricultural business are required to register activities that are exempt from the need to have a waste management licence.

You can read the full guidance documents here :

[Agricultural Waste Guidance 2016](#)



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

Legislation:

Petrol Vapour Recovery Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

These Regulations have been made by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. They make an amendment to the PPC(IE)Regulations (NI)2013 to take account of EU Directive 2014/99/EU, which sets two new standards for equipment used for Stage II petrol vapour recovery.

The first standard specifies the test methods for the approval of petrol vapour recovery systems for use in refuelling vehicles at service stations. The second standard states the test methods to be used at service stations to verify the effective operation of such vapour recovery systems. Service stations and manufacturers of equipment for petrol vapour recovery will be legally required to comply with these new standards on vapour recovery. The Regulations come into operation on 22 August 2016. You can read the Regulations in full here:

[Pollution Prevention and Control \(Industrial Emissions\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016](#)

Packaging Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has carried out a consultation regarding its intention to consolidate the Producer Responsibility Regulations (NI) 2007 and subsequent amending regulations.

The consolidation does not introduce any policy changes to the existing regime for packaging waste but aims to make the regulations more accessible by combining them into a single statutory rule. The draft regulations also include amendments to the plastic and glass packaging targets. The Department intends to make the consolidated regulations during the second half of 2016 with a view to them coming into operation before the end of 2016.

You can read the consultation document and draft regulations here:

[Packaging Waste Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016](#)

Guidance:

Regulatory Position Statement - Food Waste Guidance

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published new guidance on the Food Waste Regulations.

The Regulations came into operation on 14th February 2015 and place a responsibility on food businesses to separately collect their food waste. You can read the guidance here:

[Regulatory Position Statement - Food Waste Guidance](#)

Wildlife Law and You

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency has produced a booklet intended as a guide to the laws regarding wildlife. It gives a broad outline of the laws protecting wildlife, particularly, but not exclusively to the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order (As amended) 1985.

You can read the Booklet here:

[Wildlife Law and You](#)

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