

# NetRegs

Your guide to environmental law affecting your business

Happy New Year! Why not start 2010 with a resolution to stay up to date with environmental regulations and build your green business reputation, with a little help from NetRegs.

## Have you tested your air-con for leaks?



If you have refrigeration or air-conditioning equipment you now have to **test it for leaks of ozone depleting substances** (ODS) at least every year, and every three months if it contains more than 300kg of ODS. The recast EC ozone regulation also requires you to label all containers of reclaimed ODS.

**Find out more about handling these harmful greenhouse gases.**

## Industrial and vehicle batteries landfill ban



costs.

Industrial and vehicle batteries were banned from landfill on 1 January. **Find out what to do with waste batteries.** Also this month, portable battery manufacturers who produce more than one tonne a year must **now pay a fee to a compliance scheme** to cover recycling

## Spread the word

Do you know a business that would benefit from staying informed, saving money and going green with NetRegs updates?

**Recommend us to a friend**

## Not your NetRegs Update?

If you have been sent this newsletter by a friend and would like your own free update on environmental regulations and NetRegs guidance every month, you can **subscribe here.**

## Meet the NetRegs team at:

**Make money, not waste,** an event for food and drink producers at **Exeter Racecourse** on 21 January

Defra and BIS **Product Regulations Roadshows** for electrical product importers, manufacturers and retailers in:

- **Leeds**, on 14 January (2-4.30) at Electronics Yorkshire,
- **Bristol**, 19 January (2-4.30) at the Create Centre South West

## Have your say on phosphates in detergents ban



You have until 21 January to **comment on new draft regulations to ban inorganic phosphates** from domestic laundry cleaning products. The proposals aim to reduce the harmful levels of phosphorus in many rivers and streams.

## New guidance for chemical businesses



Our updated chemicals manufacturing guidance covers environmental regulations and responsibilities for businesses producing speciality and commodity chemicals, and products such as pesticides, paints or detergents. **Find out how chemical businesses can reduce their**

**environmental impact and comply with the law.**

## New targets for WEEE recyclers



Approved treatment facilities for waste electronics and electrical equipment (WEEE) must now meet new targets for the amount of WEEE that they recycle or recover. **Read more about recycling and recovering WEEE on NetRegs .**

## New regulations this month



Get more details on the recast EC regulation on ozone depleting substances and new WEEE regulations, plus more new legislation now in force in **England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.**

- **Aston**, 21 January (2-4.30)  
at Birmingham Science Park

**Meet the team in Northern Ireland at:**

**Marine licensing seminar**, on Monday 18 January at the Harbour Commissioners Office, **Belfast**

**Email Keelin Hamill** or Tel 028 9046 0606

**Meet the team in Scotland at:**

Demystifying environmental legislation - what SMEs need to know to ensure compliance, a workshop at **Edinburgh** City Chambers on 26 January from 9am - 12pm. **Email Amy Burnett** or Tel 0131 5626262

## **Word of the month**

**Lade** *noun* An engineered water body which diverts water to a mill or other industrial use of water, eg for cooling.



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## Has NetRegs helped you?

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