

NetRegs

Your guide to environmental law affecting your business

In this issue, check you know how to comply with new battery recycling laws, see if you could get £2,000 for scrapping your old vehicle, and find out what qualifications are needed by anyone repairing air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment.

Power up for battery recycling



Battery producers and retailers are to become responsible for battery recycling as new rules came into force yesterday. If you produce more than one tonne of portable batteries per year you have to join an approved 'compliance scheme' that will manage collection and recycling. If your

business wants to offer a compliance scheme you must apply on or before 31 May 2009. For more key dates, and details on what to do if you produce vehicle or industrial batteries, [see our new batteries legislation guidance](#).

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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](#)

Do you work with asbestos?

Or do you have asbestos in your workplace and don't know what you should do with it? Email your questions to news@netregs.gov.uk and we'll do our best to answer them when we update our asbestos guidance soon.

Dates for your diary

Meet the NetRegs team at:

Bangers and cash



You could receive £2,000 towards a new car or small van for your business if you scrap your old vehicle, under plans unveiled in the recent budget. The scrappage scheme, which starts later this month, should see more cars sent to legitimate dismantlers for recycling, and cut vehicle emissions. [Read more on the](#)

[scheme and end-of-life vehicles on NetRegs.](#)

Make the grade in ODS and F-gases



You now need a minimum qualification to carry out maintenance on refrigeration, air-conditioning or fire-protection equipment in England, Scotland and Wales, to prove that you are skilled to handle substances that damage the ozone layer and greenhouse gases. Find out more on the substances affected and the rules for

working with them in our [guidance on ozone depleting substances and F-gases.](#)

Improving Scotland's water environment: your views wanted



The Scottish Government is asking for feedback on proposed legislation to prevent pollution of groundwater and control discharges of toxic 'priority substances'. If your business in Scotland discharges effluent or your activities have the potential to cause water pollution, you will be affected. You can [comment on](#)

[the proposals until 19 June 2009.](#)

The **Business Startup show 2009** at Excel on 28 and 29 May

The Chartered Institute of Wastes Management **Futuresource Conference** at Excel on 9,10,11 June

In **Northern Ireland**, meet the team at:

The **Balmoral Show** in the Government Hall, at King's Hall, Belfast on 13, 14 and 15 May

The **NISP Business Synergy Workshop** Seagoe Hotel, Portadown on 27 May. Email elaine.Kerr@nisp.org.uk or Tel 028 3839 6540

Water NI 2009 - Meeting the Challenges at the Hilton Hotel Belfast on 4 June.

Antrim Council **Environmental Business Breakfast** Civic Centre, Antrim on 5 June. Email marie.henry@antrim.gov.uk or Tel 028 9446 3113

Word of the month

Accumulator *noun* A rechargeable battery that stores electric charge - for example a lead-acid battery used in vehicles because of its ability to supply high-surge currents.

Coming soon to NetRegs



Updated radioactive substances guidance

If you keep, use, or dispose of radioactive substances, including high-activity sealed sources, look out for our fully updated guidance for a reminder of what you need to do, coming soon.



Want to win more contracts?



95% of building contractors with turnovers of more than £10m said they would be more likely to use your services if you can show you're green. Find out how to tick the right boxes and get your free poster to help you win contracts.

What do you want from NetRegs?



Look out for our online survey **coming soon** to the NetRegs website. If you see it, please complete it. You'll be helping us to understand your needs, so that we can make sure our information is tailored for you. It's also your opportunity to tell us about any improvements you'd like to see on NetRegs. We welcome all ideas, no matter how big or small. And you'll be

entered into our free prize draw to win £50 M&S vouchers.

Has NetRegs helped you?

If you have saved money, saved time or reduced the amount of waste you produce as a result of using NetRegs, we'd like to hear about it. Email news@netregs.gov.uk to share your story.



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John Patch, Director, Roger Bullivant Ltd,
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