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Dear NetRegs,

A warm welcome to all new and current subscribers to the NetRegs email update. NetRegs is your free guide on how to comply with environmental law. These two-monthly updates keep you informed about important environmental regulations that affect your business and the practical steps you need to take to comply.

REACH: Remember to pre-register your chemicals

If you import or manufacture more than one tonne of a **chemical substance** in a year, you must **register** or **pre-register** the substance by **1 December**. This includes chemicals contained in finished goods. Pre-registration is free and may mean you won't need to apply for full registration for up to 10 years. You can pre-register online with the European Chemicals Agency.

European Chemicals Agency: Pre-registration REACH-IT

See our guidance on using, manufacturing and importing chemicals for more information.

Using, manufacturing and importing chemicals

Waste recycling and REACH

If you recover a chemical from waste you may need to comply with the REACH Regulation. See our new guidance for **recycling and reprocessing businesses** to check whether you need to pre-register.

Waste recovery and REACH

New guidance on NetRegs

Healthcare businesses

Find out how your healthcare business affects the environment and what you need to do to comply with the law. This includes guidance for care homes and day care centres, health practitioners, health centres, pharmacies and medical laboratories.

Biofuel for transport

See our new guidance on using and producing biofuel. Find out where you can buy biofuel and what permits you need if you want to start producing your own biofuel.

Food and drink manufacturing waste training tool

This new training tool is for food and drink manufacturing businesses in England. The **six modules** will help you understand how to **manage your waste**. Each module should take less than 15 minutes to complete and has a quiz at the end so that you can test your knowledge.

Using, importing and manufacturing chemicals

Check that you are complying with the relevant regulations if you use, import or manufacture chemicals. If any of the chemicals you use are **restricted** you cannot use them or sell them above certain concentrations or use them for certain purposes.

Proposals for revised exemptions from environmental permitting in England and Wales

We've published a summary of proposals to change the system of waste exemptions from environmental permitting. These will make it simpler to register exemptions with the Environment Agency. You will only have to register every three years, and you will need to keep fewer records. If you want to comment on the proposals, you must do so by 23 October.

Updated guidance

In addition to the more significant changes to the site listed above, we have reviewed and updated the following guidance.

Business types

Recorded media

Printing and publishing

Rubber and plastic products

Environmental topics

Packaging

Reduce, reuse and recycle your business waste

Coming soon to NetRegs

We will soon be publishing updated guidance for:

- using sustainable drainage systems (SUDS) on your premises
- preventing water pollution and diffuse water pollution
- food and drink businesses.

We are currently updating the look and feel of NetRegs. Initial technical changes will improve the speed of the website. We will keep you informed about further changes over the next few months.

Recommend a friend

If you know someone who would benefit from having free, up-to-date guidance from NetRegs, please pass on this link: www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs/1226009/

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