

EPA Webinar on Industrial Emissions Directive (1) Newly Licensable Activities and (2) BAT

Dear invitee,

The Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Licensing Programme is presenting a webinar on the Industrial Emissions Directive aimed at providing information on two topics:

- (1) Background and practical information aimed at those who may be carrying out newly prescribed activities under the Directive and
- (2) the work of the European IPPC Bureau, BAT, BREF and BAT conclusion documents.

This webinar will be presented on **Tuesday March 25th at 11:00am**. This is a free webcast service provided by the EPA, and the duration will be a maximum of 1 hour.

The Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) was published in November 2010 and was transposed into Irish law in April 2013. A number of regulations were made to effect this transposition and these can be viewed on the Agency's website at the following link:

<http://www.epa.ie/licensing/industrialemissionslicensing/legislation/>.

One of the principal changes is the amendment of the First Schedule of the EPA Acts (1992 – 2013) to incorporate the activities listed in Annex 1 of the Directive. Annex 1 contains a list of activities subject to authorisation under the Directive. The First Schedule of the EPA Acts (1992 – 2013) is reproduced at this link:

<http://www.epa.ie/pubs/advice/process/firstscheduletotheepaact1992asamended.html>.

Note that the IED activities are shown in blue.

Newly prescribed IED activities are those which were not previously licensable by the Agency and include activities in various sectors including:

1. The production of, organic/ inorganic chemicals, of phosphorus-based, nitrogen-based or potassium-based fertilisers, of plant health products and of biocides, of pharmaceutical products including intermediates, of explosives, provided that the activity concerns production by biological processing.
2. The gasification and liquefaction of fuels other than coal, with a rated thermal input of 20MW or more.
3. An activity specified in paragraph 7.8 (food and drink sector) that did not previously require a licence.
4. The waste activities listed in paragraph 11, some of which are currently regulated by local authorities.
5. There may also be some newly prescribed activities in the preservation of wood (paragraph 8.3) and wood products sector and in the production of wood-based panels (paragraph 8.7);
6. associated with the production of cement clinker (paragraph 10.2), lime (paragraph 10.3) and magnesium oxide (paragraph 10.4) in kilns; and
7. associated with independently operated waste water treatment installations.

All IED activities are to be regulated by the Agency. Those which were not previously licensable by the Agency will require a licence by the 7th July 2015. This is a very tight deadline.

You are advised of the importance of carefully reviewing the First Schedule of the EPA Acts (1992 – 2013) in advance of attending this information session and we would ask that you do not contact the Agency with queries until you have done so. If, having done so you consider that you may be

carrying out a newly prescribed activity there is important work that you can do with immediate effect including the review of the following information sources:

The Agency's website contains frequently asked questions on the subject of the IED and this section of the website is regularly updated

<http://www.epa.ie/licensing/industrialemissionslicensing/faq/>;

an explanation of the licensing process

<http://www.epa.ie/licensing/industrialemissionslicensing/licensingprocessexplained/>;

an application form for an Industrial Emissions Licence, instructions for applicants when completing the application form and the schedule of fees for applicants

<http://www.epa.ie/pubs/forms/lic/industrial%20emissions/>.

You can email your queries on Industrial Emissions Licensing to the following email address:

Industrial_Emissions_Licensing_Queries@epa.ie.

For those already registered with BrightTalk (the webinar service provider), you can click on this link to register for attending this webinar: <https://www.brighttalk.com/webcast/9897/103577>

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There is no limit on the number of attendees so we would encourage as many of you as possible to register for this webcast.

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Regards,

Environmental Licensing Programme