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### **New EPR Regulations**

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/255) were laid in Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales on 11 February 2014. The SI amends the EP Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/675).

The main changes include the removal of the requirement on LAs to maintain duplicate public registers of environmental permits; a requirement on Material Recovery Facilities to sample the quality of their input and output material streams; the removal of the requirement for waste businesses to have to secure planning permission before an environmental permit can be issued; provision of a registration scheme for low risk discharges to groundwater from some Ground Source Heating and Cooling systems, and, introduction of further simplification measures applicable to SMEs. A fuller description can be found in the Explanatory Memorandum to the amending Regulations which can be found at

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2014/255/contents/made>

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