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Green Achiever General Update - May 2014

Homeworking cuts carbon emissions

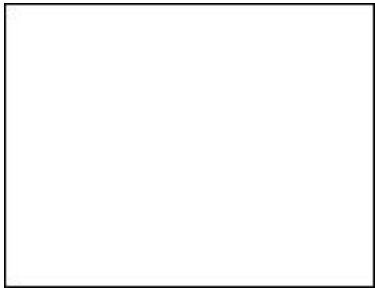
According to a study carried out by the Carbon Trust, businesses with more employees working from home can save up to 3 million tonnes of CO2 emissions and up to £3 billion in costs.

Due to new technology enabling better communication pathways, it is estimated that while 40% of jobs could be done from home, only 13% of the workforce actually do. Furthermore, only 35% of businesses have homeworking policies.

Does your business allow working from home? If so, let us know via info@greenachiever.co.uk as it could make a difference to your Self-Assessed star rating or Silver/Gold action plan.

For more information on this, please [read the full Carbon Trust report here](#)

New Guidance on REACH Legislation



Requests for clearer advice on the REACH authorisation process has been answered in the form of a 'reader friendly guide'.

As part of the government's red tape challenge, the UK Chemicals Industry Association called for a cut down in the length and complexity of current guidance.

The new guidance states how REACH is applicable to many business sectors including "chemical manufacturers, furniture makers and retailers to builders, food manufacturers and printers" and many more.

If your business activities fall under REACH, it may be prudent to print a copy of the guidance to keep on file for future reference.

To download a copy of the guidance, please [click here](#).

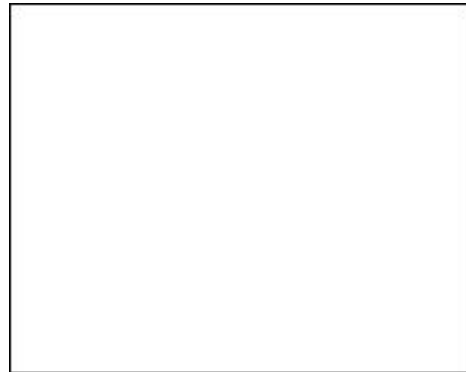
Tighter EU Water Regulations for 2015

There has been significant demand for changes to regulation effecting the rivers, lakes, groundwater and coastal beaches of the EU. As a response, rules have been tightened on what is acceptable in terms of activities such as chemical usage and water treatment.

When asked to list the five main environmental issues that Europeans are worried about, averaged results for the EU25 show that nearly half of the respondents are worried about "water pollution" (47%), with figures for individual countries going up as far as 71%.

Due to come into force in 2015, these new regulations could mean that more than 50 of Britain's beaches are blacklisted as unsafe for bathing including Blackpool in Lancashire and Penzance in Cornwall.

To read more on the regulations and how it might effect your activities, please visit [The](#)



[European Commission website.](#)

Dates for your Diary

Click the name of each event for more info.

24th May 2014 - [Europarc European Park Day](#)

5th June 2014 - [World Environment Day](#)

8th June 2014 - [World Oceans Day](#)

15th June 2014 - [Global Wind Day](#)

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