## Statutory guidance: Waste (Miscellaneous) Charging Scheme

This charging scheme covers:

- Waste electrical and electronic equipment
- Waste batteries and accumulators
- Waste carriers, brokers and dealers
- International waste shipments
- Transfrontier shipment of radioactive waste and spent fuel

See the <u>Environmental Permitting Charging Scheme</u> and the <u>Environmental permitting charges guidance</u> for waste permit charges.

### <u>Statutory guidance: European Union</u> <u>Emissions Trading Charging Scheme</u>

This detailed legal document is the Environment Agency's charging scheme for the EU ETS. It covers charges for installation and aircraft operators, registry users and for applications in respect of the Kyoto Protocol project activities (Joint Implementation and Clean Development Mechanism).

## <u>Statutory guidance: Environmental</u> <u>Permitting Charging Scheme</u>

*Updated:* This page has been updated by the Environment Agency as a result of the strategic review of charges. The review was consulted on between November 2017 and January 2018. The changes commence from April 2018.

This document covers charges for activities that require a permit or registered exemption from the Environment Agency under Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

The charging scheme covers these activities:

flood risk activities

- installations
- waste operations
- mining waste operations
- mobile plant
- land spreading
- water discharge activities
- groundwater activities
- radioactive substances activities
- exempt waste operations

See the <u>Environmental permitting charges guidance</u> for more information about these charges.

#### Help

For billing queries contact the address on the back of your invoice.

For queries regarding the interpretation of charges email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.

# News story: CMA clears GVC / Ladbrokes merger

GVC Holdings plc (GVC) and Ladbrokes Coral Group plc (Ladbrokes) both supply online betting and gaming services.

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has been carrying out an investigation into the proposed merger. This has found that the merger does not give rise to competition concerns.

GVC has a small presence in the UK and only offers services online. The CMA has found that GVC and Ladbrokes are not close rivals and there are many other providers of betting and gaming services online.

The CMA looked closely at betting services for individual sports and individual games but found that, in all cases, there will be enough rivals to the merged entity to prevent price increases or a reduced quality of service as a result of the merger.

The merger will therefore not be referred for an in-depth investigation.

Information relating to this investigation can be found on the <u>case page</u>.

# Press release: Government unveils mental health action plan to improve support for elite sportspeople

Tracey Crouch, Minister for Sport and Civil Society, today unveiled the first Mental Health Action Plan for Elite Sport, which has been developed with mental health and sports organisations to improve awareness and training in top-level sport.

A new mental health strategy will be implemented across all elite sports to promote good mental wellbeing and give athletes and National Governing Bodies better information about accessing sports and clinical psychologists.

By 2024, elite sport must have mental health procedures embedded in their performance plans, and provide clear pathways for athletes to help them access professional mental health support.

National Lottery Funded athletes will also be encouraged to visit mental health units to improve discussions and help break down the stigma around mental health.

Good mental health practise will also be embedded at a grassroots level as part of the plan.

Sport England will ingrain mental wellbeing into its Talent Strategy and teach holistic athlete development, and mental health welfare alongside physical training.

The Action Plan was developed after the Minister hosted two roundtables last year one with elite athletes from across British sport to hear firsthand the pressures they face and the other for sports and mental health organisations to discuss how the sector can improve support, and share best practice.

Tracey Crouch, Minister for Sport and Civil Society, said:

We know that sport has a very positive impact on people's mental health and can help in their recovery. But when sport is your job, the immense pressure to succeed can become too much.

This Action Plan sets out how Government, sports and mental health organisations can work together to give athletes the right support before they reach crisis point.

Progress has been made to break down the stigma around mental health and this plan underlines our commitment to tackling this important issue in sport. It will help create a stronger industry where our elite sports men and women can continue to thrive and inspire future generations.

Emma Boggis, chief executive of the Sport Recreation Alliance, added:

I am very pleased to have worked together with the Sports Minister and Mind to develop this Action Plan which is committed to making a real change for elite sportspeople.

We know that there is good practice in the sector through our work on the Mental Health Charter for Sport and Recreation and working closely with our wider membership. But we also recognise that this needs to become common practice so that athletes and their support teams feel that their mental wellbeing is a priority.

We believe that by working together we can collectively help to create a positive environment, with greater understanding and knowledge, that helps our athletes and the wider population to engage in sport and physical activity.

The government will now establish a small group to oversee progress in delivering the plan and will report on progress as part of the Sporting Future annual report to Parliament.

#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Read the full Mental Health Action Plan for Elite Sport