

Policy paper: Ivory Bill 2018

Updated: Added factsheets for Illegal Wildlife Trade, Ivory Seizures, Existing Regulations and Compliance.

The number of elephants has declined by almost a third in the last decade and around 20,000 a year are still being slaughtered due to the global demand for ivory.

The UK's ivory ban will be one of the toughest in the world and builds on government work at home and overseas to deal with poaching and the illegal ivory trade.

The [measures in the Bill](#) will:

- introduce a ban on commercial activities concerning ivory (it will ban buying and selling ivory)
- set out five categories of items exempted from the ban
- detail what actions those wishing to sell exempt items will need to take to be compliant with the ban
- introduce new offences that could be applied to breaches of the ban
- include necessary power for enforcement, such as powers of entry, search and seizure

The Bill follows a [consultation](#) that attracted more than 70,000 responses from the public – with 88 per cent backing the ban.

Press release: Coal Authority announces new Chief Executive

The Coal Authority – the public body that resolves the impacts of mining – has appointed Lisa Pinney MBE as its new Chief Executive following a competitive process. Lisa takes over on 1 June 2018 from Philip Lawrence, who has been Chief Executive of the non-departmental public body for the past 11 years.

Stephen Dingle, Chair of the Coal Authority, thanked Philip for all his hard work and wished him well in his new role as Non-Executive Chair of Headlam Group plc.

He added:

“Philip has led the Coal Authority with great distinction for 11 years and I'd like to thank him for all his hard work, support, enthusiasm and

dedication. I am delighted to welcome Lisa Pinney and look forward to working with her as she leads the implementation of our new 5 year plan.”

On taking up her new role, Lisa said being Chief Executive of the Coal Authority fits with her commitment to improve the environment for the benefit of communities.

She added:

“I grew up in Cornwall and was fascinated by the mined landscape and history around me, so I’m delighted to be joining the Coal Authority to lead its work in managing the impacts of mining in the UK.

“I am looking forward to leading such a passionate group of people who are wholly committed to safeguarding the public and restoring the environment in mining areas. Together we will work to provide peace of mind, enhance value and stimulate economic growth.”

Lisa joins the Coal Authority from the Environment Agency where she was most recently Director of the West Midlands Area and was involved in the management of national incidents, including the 2016/17 winter floods and the 2017 East Coast surge. During her 21 year career at the Environment Agency she also led their sponsor relationship with Defra and other government departments, including the 2013 Triennial Review.

Lisa is passionate about diversity and inclusion and was awarded an MBE in 2014. She served on the board of Stonewall UK from 2012 to 2018, including a term as Treasurer.

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Notice: S021 3BB, Hampshire County Council: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Hampshire County Council
- Installation name: Micheldever Recycling Facility
- Permit number: EPR/BP3732WB/A001

Guidance: Sewage sludge in agriculture: code of practice

Read this code of practice if you produce sewage sludge, or if you farm, own or manage agricultural land where it's used.

The code tells you:

- the benefits and hazards of using sludge in agriculture
- when and where you're allowed to use sludge
- the treatments you can use
- what tests you must carry out
- how to protect the environment and avoid public nuisance

Consultation outcome: Environmental impact assessment: Nuclear Decommissioning Regulations

Updated: Government response published.

The Nuclear Reactors (Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning) Regulations require all civil nuclear reactor dismantling and decommissioning projects to obtain consent before being allowed to commence. This ensures

that projects likely to have significant effect on the environment take due measures to protect and reduce their environmental impact.

This consultation invites comments on proposals for implementing amendments of the European Union Directive on environmental impact assessments in so far as the Directive applies to consent for nuclear reactor decommissioning projects in the UK under the Nuclear Reactors (Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning) Regulations.