



Your Access To Water Is Changing!

Sorry to keep banging on about this but it is important

Water abstraction Policy reform and the need for Trickle Irrigation licensing.

A reminder to all businesses regarding the imminent requirement to apply for licensing of your trickle irrigation water sources. For further information go to:-

<https://www.gov.uk/search?q=previously+exempt+abstractions>

You may also be required to update information regarding discharge licenses when completing this application. We suggest you consult with your local EA offices to obtain guidance on this aspect.

The cut-off date is the end of THIS YEAR. If you are abstracting water for use in trickle irrigation on the basis that you did not need a license to do this – then APPLY NOW – because now you do!

The CGA chairman has just gone through the process – and it is a little daunting – but it needs to be done. If you apply early then at least you are early in the queue for available water – even if you have an existing valid licence you may still need to re-apply to maintain your supply into the future.

“If you do not apply in time you will automatically lose your right to abstract”

The EA are aiming to have more water available on nurseries in the form of lagoon storage – if your nursery does not have a lagoon – or will not accommodate a lagoon – make sure of your future water supply by getting your licence sorted out now.

Any application received after the 31st December 2019 cut-off date will be deemed to be a new application and may have to go to the end of the queue to see whether there is available capacity – remember – this is not about whether there is water down your borehole it is whether other people have been allocated that capacity.

Apply early to avoid disappointment.