
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke and supersede the Crop Residues (Restrictions on Burning) (No.2) Regulations 1991 (S.I.1991/1590) (regulation 3).

These Regulations, which apply to England and Wales, prohibit the burning on agricultural land of the crop residues listed in Schedule 1, unless the burning is for a specified purpose (regulation 4). The Regulations also impose restrictions and requirements in relation to the burning of linseed residues and some exempted burning and these restrictions and requirements are set out in Schedule 2 (regulation 5).

Burning crop residues in contravention of the Regulations is an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000) (regulation 6).