



Bracken Control Newsletter

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Emergency Authorisation

The Emergency Authorisation (EA) for the 2015 bracken control season has been issued and it can be downloaded from the [asulam page](#) of the website.

Although there have been very few changes from the arrangements that have been in place for the last two years, anyone planning to apply asulam this season should check the restrictions on use that are contained in the EA. These restrictions will be repeated on the pesticide label that will be attached to the containers.

Key Dates for 2015

18 May 2015	Notice of Authorisation issued by CRD Start of the Emergency Authorisation period of 120 days. Storage, promotion, sales, and transfer authorised.
1 July 2015	Application of Asulam can commence.
14 September 2015	First expiry date: for sale & distribution of stocks. Storage and use of stocks can continue.

31 October 2015	Final expiry date: for disposal, storage and use of stocks. It will be illegal to apply or store Asulam after this date.
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Other Information

Arrangements for the supply of asulam

Asulam will be available to purchase through distributors in three different sized containers: 5, 20 or 1,000 litres

It will be possible to return unused stock during the use-up period, providing it is in sealed, unopened containers.

Registration of asulam

The application to register asulam under the current EU regulation is being processed but the outcome of the application is not expected until December 2016, at the earliest.

The Bracken Control Group will submit an application for a further Emergency Authorisation to cover the 2016 season in September / October this year.

Hand held equipment to apply asulam

A review of the options for the use of hand-held equipment to apply Asulam is in progress. A variety of alternative approaches are being considered to include the use of different equipment or alternative chemicals.

Northern Ireland: Aerial Spraying Workshop

The College of Agriculture Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) organised a well-attended Aerial Spraying Workshop on 29 April. Andrew McGillivray from PDG Helicopters attended to promote the aerial control of bracken using asulam and it is hoped that this will lead to more bracken control being carried out in Northern Ireland, this year.

Brackenburn Ltd.

This company has been set up to harvest bracken in the south-west of England to produce 'brackettes' for burning on open fires and in wood burning stoves.

The product will be launched at the Bath & West Show, 27-30 May 2015, and there will be more detail on the website after the Show: www.brackenburn.co.uk

The company is looking for a supply of bracken within 75 miles of Weston-super-Mare with access for machinery to cut and bale the bracken. For those with suitable land, this offers a good way of

getting your bracken problem reduced.