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UKCPI meetings

EU Exit Workability Forum

Tuesday 9th February

[By video conference](#)

Council meeting

Wednesday 24 February

By video conference

Advocacy, Regulatory & Communications Committee,

Wednesday 28 April

By video conference

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Events calendar

28-29 April
Cleaning Products Europe, online

15-16 September
ChemUK
NEC, Birmingham

Updated detergents guidance from HSE

Updated guidance for detergents was published on the HSE website on 1st January. The Detergents Regulation, which first came into force on 8 October 2005 in the EU, is the retained EU law on detergents applying in Great Britain following the UK's exit from the EU on 31 March 2020 and the end of the transitional period on 31 December 2020.

Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 on detergents - The EU Detergents Regulation - will continue to apply in Northern Ireland after the end of the transitional period by virtue of the Withdrawal Agreement and the provisions of the Northern Ireland Protocol.

All enquiries regarding detergents will be handled by the Defra helpline. [Contact details.](#)

Disinfecting using fog, mist and other systems during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

HSE has updated its [page](#), to explain the legal requirements and latest information, including joint advice from public health bodies on risks to health that can be created by using walk-through spraying or misting systems.

UKCPI EU Exit Workability Forum

The first UKCPI EU exit Workability Forum was held on 13th January with significant attendance from members. The forum provides an opportunity to resolve concerns with member experts or seek official advice, in particular with regard to UK (GB and NI) regulatory regimes for CLP, BPR, Detergents and REACH.

The next forum will be at 11.00am on Tuesday 9th February by Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86155842391?pwd=YWxrZm11Z0JqYm9KUGV0M1RaQmE1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 861 5584 2391

Passcode: 864334

UKCPI participates in Brexit Business Taskforce on Chemicals

UKCPI's DG Philip Malpass joined the government's **Brexit Business Taskforce** on Chemicals meeting on 15 January, which was chaired by the Business Secretary, Kwasi Kwarteng, with Michael Gove joining for the last part of the session. Philip raised questions about Northern Ireland and also about the mechanism by which government intends to review future changes to regulations.

Transfer of UK registrations to the EU to be completed by end of March 2021

Around 20% of REACH registrations in the United Kingdom have not been transferred to the EU and will be revoked, according to [ECHA](#). To complete the ongoing transfers, it advises that EU companies receiving the UK registrations should accept the transfers as soon as possible.

UKCPI and RoSPA home safety virtual campaign comes to Northamptonshire

Families in Northamptonshire are receiving safety information virtually from UKCPI and the Royal Society for the Prevention Accidents (RoSPA), to help them take action to protect their children from accidents with household cleaning products.



Briefing on the UKCA Mark

The [presentation on the UKCA Mark](#), from the BEIS Office of Product Safety & Standards covers the changes from the CE mark and Reversed Epsilon on products after the UK exits the EU and is replaced by the UKCA or UKNI mark.

Further [guidance on using the UKCA marking](#) was published on 31 December. Find out if you need to use the UKCA marking and how to use it.

HSE guidance for the chemical industry

The most up to date guidance on how businesses based in Great Britain and Northern Ireland can prepare for the end of the transition period is available on the following HSE webpages:

- [Biocides](#) - Authorisation of biocidal substances and products
- [CLP](#) - Classification, labelling and packaging of substances and chemicals
- [PIC](#) - Prior informed consent
- [PPP](#) - Pesticides or Plant Protection Products
- [REACH](#) - Registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals

HSE chemicals podcasts available

HSE's Working with Chemicals podcast series provides information on how chemicals will be regulated.

[Introduction to the series - After UK Transition: Working with Chemicals](#)

[Episode 1 - PPP](#)

[Episode 2 - BPR](#)

[Episode 3 - CLP, REACH and PIC](#)

[Episode 4: BPR, PPP and industry voices](#)



The Telegraph

'Operation Bleach' to scrub EU from the statute book

Boris Johnson has secretly ordered civil servants to strip references to the European Union from tens of thousands of laws to stop Labour reversing Brexit after the next general election in a plan known by some in Whitehall as "Operation Bleach".

[Read more](#)

www.telegraph.co.uk



RB Partners With Airbnb

A cool space is one thing, but with COVID-19, a clean space has become a traveler's priority. To that end, Airbnb has announced a partnership with RB to give hosts the opportunity to purchase RB product bundles in more than 20 countries.

[Read more](#)

www.happi.com

Chemical Watch Podcast



Chemical Watch podcast covers lobbying over data sharing

The Chemical Industries Association (CIA) has questioned whether the door really is "fully shut" on the question of access for UK companies to data in the EU REACH system – especially when, the CIA says, businesses on both sides are in favour of it.

[Read more](#)
[soundcloud.com](https://www.soundcloud.com)



Pandemic-driven cleaning routines boost P&G sales forecast

P&G said Americans were cleaning and sanitizing 30% more than before the pandemic. Dishwasher cycles were run 15% more and air fresheners sprayed 20% more often while in-home paper towel usage was up 15%.

[Read more](#)
www.reuters.com



9 best refillable household products to reduce plastic waste

In 2016, fewer than half of the plastic bottles sold were collected for recycling, and only seven per cent of those found further life as new bottles, according to Euromonitor data for The Guardian.

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www.independent.co.uk](http://www.independent.co.uk)



Procter & Gamble wants to reinvent how you clean your home

Soap tablets and foaming sprays. The world of cleaning products is changing.

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www.fastcompany.com](http://www.fastcompany.com)



Government postpones Environment Bill again

The government has decided to postpone the Environment Bill after it is debated in the House of Commons. It says ministers are still committed to the legislation, but the pandemic has left too little time to scrutinise it properly.

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www.bbc.co.uk



Interim CEO appointed at Office for Environmental Protection

Natalie Prosser has been appointed by Defra as the Interim Chief Executive Officer Designate of the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP).

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www.gov.uk



'You can make big changes in your laundry': green cleaning

Both consumers and cleaning brands are increasingly moving towards eco-friendly products.

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www.theguardian.com



BPF Roadmap shows way to reduce plastic waste exports

The British Plastics Federation (BPF) has released a roadmap showing how the UK recycling industry could expand over the next ten years, more than tripling the amount of plastic waste recycled in UK facilities, if the right drivers are in place.

[Read more](#)

www.bpf.co.uk



BICSc to launch NHS compliant cleaning skills

BICSc has announced the imminent launch of a selection of NHS compliant cleaning skills which have been adapted from the Institute's long-established Cleaning Professional's Skills Suite.

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cleaningmag.com](https://www.cleaningmag.com)



Unilever workers will never return to desks full-time...

The boss of Unilever, one of the UK's biggest companies, has said his office workers will never return to their desks five days a week, in the latest indication that coronavirus will transform modern working life.

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www.theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com)



Dr Gary Fuller appointed as Clean Air Champion

UKRI and the Met Office have appointed Dr Gary Fuller as the new Clean Air Champion for the Strategic Priorities Fund Clean Air Programme.

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www.ukri.org

Research news



EU model overestimates environmental exposure of surfactant

A European Union model used to predict the environmental exposure of a major detergent ingredient is overly conservative and “significantly overestimates” effluent concentrations, new research shows.

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www.newswise.com



Increased disinfectant use among adults with asthma in...

Health care providers should recognize the potential impact of cleaning/disinfecting practices on people with asthma, particularly the use of disinfectants with strong odors.

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www.sciencedirect.com



Sweat, bleach and gym air quality: Chemical reactions...

Human emissions, including amino acids from sweat or acetone from breath, chemically combine with bleach cleaners to form new airborne chemicals with unknown impacts to indoor air quality.

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www.sciencedaily.com

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