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## UKCPI meetings

### EU Exit Workability Forum

Tuesday 8 June

By video conference

### Advocacy, Regulatory & Communications Committee,

Wednesday 14 July

By video conference

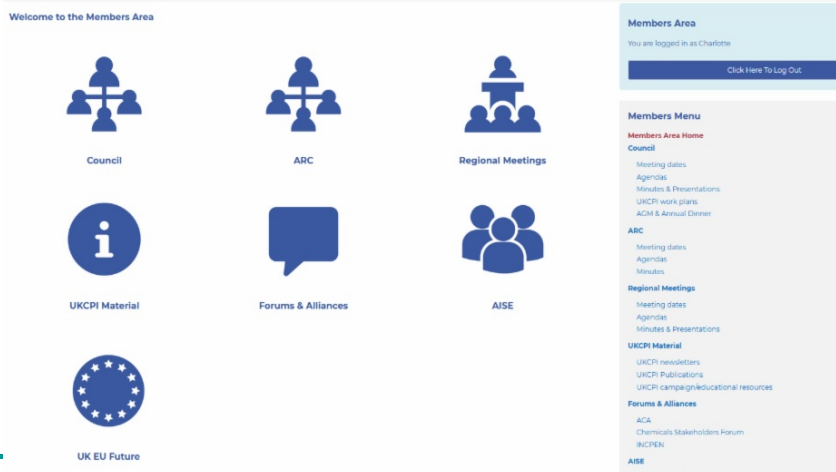
### Council meeting

Wednesday 8 September

By video conference

## Register now for access to new UKCPI extranet

The **members area** on the UKCPI website is now live. Please follow the simple registration process by clicking the blue register button on the **welcome page**. Here, you can create your own log in which gives you access to all current and archived material. If you would like any support with this, please **contact us**.



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## Events calendar

7-13 June

**Child Safety Week**  
CAPT

16 June

**World Refill Day**

17 June

**Clean Air Day**  
Global Action Plan

15-16 September

**ChemUK**

## Last call: UKCPI response to EPR consultation

Defra has published its second **consultation on EPR reform**. As per our approach to the first consultation, we have reviewed the response to it planned by INCPEN and will add any specifics that you raise for our own submission.

Please review the proposed **response from UKCPI** and advise if you are happy with it. The deadline for the consultation is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Also a reminder for you to encourage as many of your company business units to reply to the consultation, as numbers of responses will count for this particular format that Defra are using.

## 'Green' claims: CMA sets out the dos and don'ts for businesses

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has set out its views on the types of misleading environmental claims made about products that could break the law.

UKCPI has previously responded to the CMA's earlier consultation on misleading environmental claims, and we are reviewing the **draft guidance** before we respond again.

## Update on submitting chemicals information to NPIS

## Get your business ready for the Plastic Packaging Tax

Initial guidance to help businesses prepare for the new Plastic Packaging Tax is now available on [GOV.UK](#).

[Get ready for the Plastic Packaging Tax](#) provides a high-level overview of the tax and is designed to help manufacturers and importers of plastic packaging understand:

- If they will need to register for the tax
- What records they will need to keep
- What steps they will need to take to begin preparing for the introduction of the tax in April 2022.

[Further information about the Plastic Packaging Tax](#) contains additional detail around key definitions, registration, record-keeping, exemptions and reliefs.

You should read the above linked guidance if your business:

- manufactures or imports plastic packaging, including packaging made of bio-based plastics and plastic packaging around imported goods, such as plastic bottles full of drinks;
- buys plastic packaging (or goods that are supplied in plastic packaging);
- expect your plastic packaging to already contain 30% or more recycled plastic, or be exempt from the tax;
- exports plastic packaging or goods in plastic packaging from the UK.

More detailed guidance will be published later this year in advance of the introduction of the tax in April 2022.

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## 29 June deadline for resubmitting biocides applications to HSE

If you made an application under EU BPR before 1 January 2021 and have not yet had a decision for the UK market you need to resubmit your application to HSE by the deadline if you want to access the market in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales).

This applies to applications for:

- product authorisation including renewal or change
- active substance approval including renewal

If you were included on the GB Article 95 List on 1 January 2021, you must resubmit your data or letter of access to HSE by the deadline to remain on the list.

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## Minor update to using the UKCA marking

The guidance was updated today to add more information on when you can self-declare. They have also updated the 'Relevant UK and EU legislation' section to remove inaccurate legislation.

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## New funding to reduce plastic packaging's environmental impact

UK Research and Innovation's Smart Sustainable Plastic Packaging (SSPP) challenge has announced the opening of a new competition. £7 million of funding will be available for business-led research and

development projects. [More details.](#)

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## First meeting of the High Level Roundtable on the Implementation of the CSS

The first meeting of the High Level Round Table on the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, at which A.I.S.E. is represented by its Vice President Heather Barker, took place on 5th May. A [joint statement](#) on the first meeting and [A.I.S.E.'s input](#) have been released.

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## European Green Deal: Commission aims for zero pollution in air, water and soil

The European Commission has adopted the [EU Action Plan: "Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil"](#) – a key deliverable of the [European Green Deal](#) and the main topic of this year's [EU Green Week](#). Reviews of relevant EU legislation are foreseen to identify remaining gaps in EU legislation and where better implementation is necessary to meet these legal obligations.

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## HSE guidance for the chemical industry

Guidance for businesses based in Great Britain and Northern Ireland 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

# In the news



## How Astonish is investing in a new Bradford factory

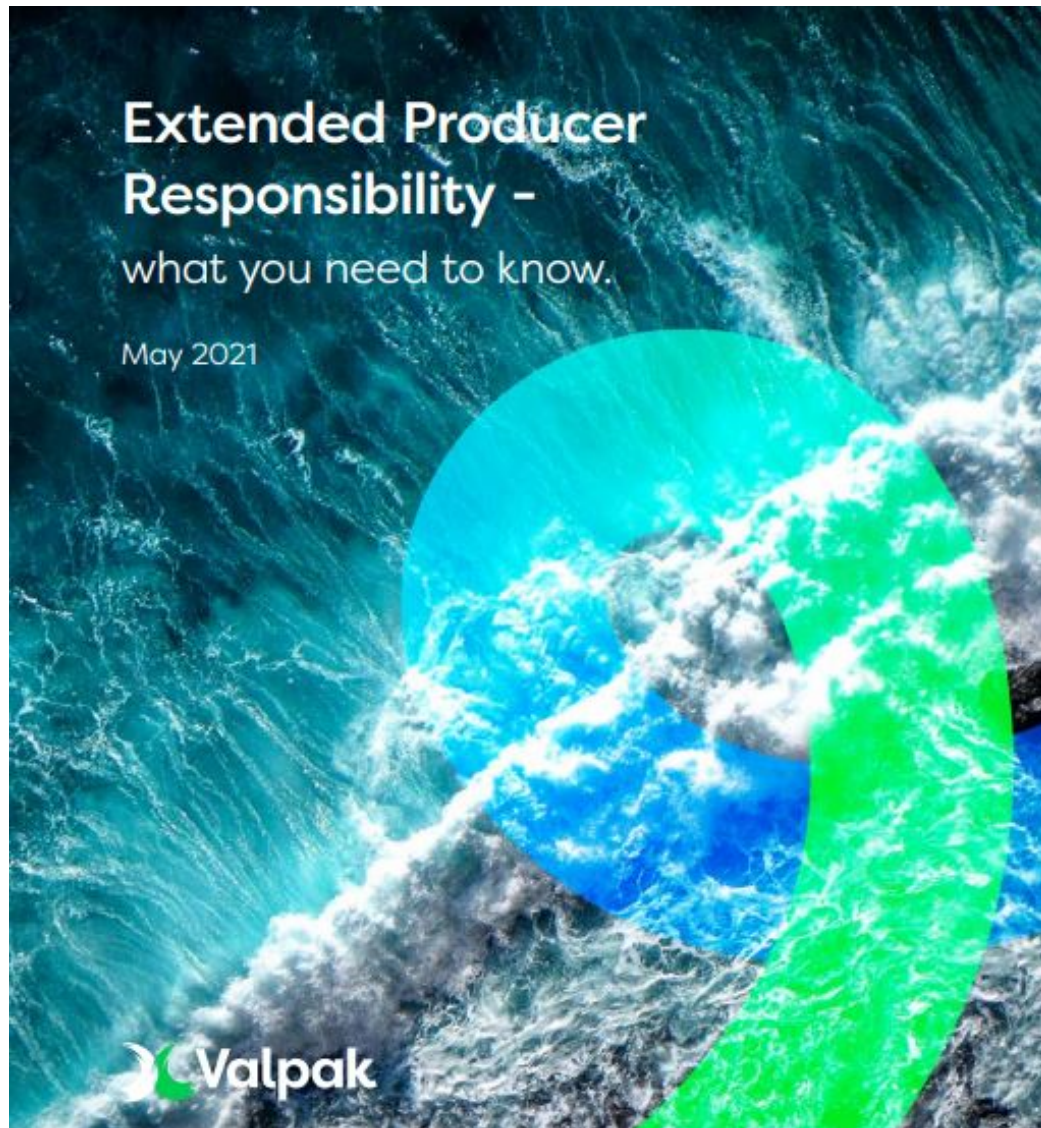
A manufacturer of cleaning products is set to more than double its capacity across several core product

lines following a move to a new production facility in Bradford.

[Read more](#)

[www.yorkshirepost.co.uk](http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk)

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### **EPR 'could increase consumer costs by 0.6%'**

Compliance specialist Valpak has published a PackFlow study into Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) reforms, where it says the costs could push up the cost of an average shopping basket of goods by up to 0.6%.

[Read more](#)

[www.letsrecycle.com](http://www.letsrecycle.com)

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## UK Reach government decision expected in June

UK chemicals industry officials are expecting the government to reach a decision on the nation's post-Brexit regulations in June, the Chemical Business Association (CBA) said on Thursday.

[Read more](#)  
[www.icis.com](http://www.icis.com)

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## Mitie: Covid and hybrid work prompted makeover for cleaning

The pandemic has given society the breathing space to redesign what a workplace should offer and in the age of the invisible virus, the humble mop and bucket won't cut it.

[Read more](#)  
[www.cityam.com](http://www.cityam.com)

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## All Party Parliamentary Group meeting hailed 'great success'

Some of the most prominent figures from the sector briefed MPs and Peers in the session entitled 'Cleaning and hygiene's role in restoring the public's confidence post-COVID in using work and public spaces'.

[Read more](#)  
[cleaningmag.com](http://cleaningmag.com)

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## Dangerous TikTok cleaning hacks: 5 methods to never use

TikTok searches for videos on cleaning have increased by more than 400 percent in the last year, but the advice isn't always safe and harmless. Here are five common methods circulating the app to avoid.

[Read more](#)

[www.express.co.uk](http://www.express.co.uk)

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## Flexible Plastic Fund: Major brands launch £1m fund

Some of the UK's largest consumer goods companies and supermarkets have jointly launched a £1m fund that aims to invest in efforts to make plastic bags, wrappers, films, pouches, packets and sachets easier for consumers to recycle.

[Read more](#)

[www.businessgreen.com](http://www.businessgreen.com)

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## How Smol plans to clean up this year

This week's 30 Second Interview is with Smol, a direct-to-consumer cleaning which has just raised \$34m (£24m) in its latest funding round.

[Read more](#)  
[inews.co.uk](https://www.inews.co.uk)

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## Man jailed for throwing bleach at 'bully' youths in Plymouth

A man who was being bullied by a group of teenagers has been jailed for throwing a bottle of bleach at them.

[Read more](#)  
[www.bbc.co.uk](https://www.bbc.co.uk)

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### Mum's horror third degree burns from drop of oven cleaner

A woman was left with permanent nerve damage and a third degree burn after a single drop of oven cleaner fell into her trainers. Vicky Buck, 45, was wearing full protective gear while scrubbing the inside of a mucky oven with Vanquish Heavy Duty...

[Read more](#)

[www.birminghammail.co.uk](http://www.birminghammail.co.uk)

## Case study

### Rapid sanitising technology improves ambulance cleaning times & standards

A rapid call, launched in response to COVID-19, has trialled and installed a new method which cuts costs and cleaning times across the Welsh Ambulance Service. [Case study](#)



Sincerely, Charlotte Salter, UKCPI

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