

UKCPI meetings

Advocacy, Regulatory & Communications Committee meeting
Wednesday 29 April,
By conference call

Council meeting
Wednesday 3 June,
By conference call

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Events calendar

1-7 June
Child Safety Week, run by CAPT

1-2 July
Chemical Watch Expo, Amsterdam

16-17 September
ChemUK, Manchester

8 October
Clean Air Day, run by Global Action Plan

Quick Links

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UKCPI update

UKCPI COVID-19 update - message from UKCPI

Dear member, we are acutely aware of the pressures on your business at this time and the UKCPI team will continue to support you through:

- Timely communications to you on COVID-related issues and UK government business support. This is by email - UKCPI COVID UPDATE and also our regular newsletter.
- Weekly contact with government officials responsible for our sector. Our usual Brexit contacts are now redeployed onto COVID issues and new government teams emerge with which we are in contact.
- Lobbying government departments to provide specific assistance for your sector (c.f. recent HSE announcement on Art 55).
- On-going technical and regulatory advice with our members businesses.
- Liaison with other UK downstream users as well as AISE on COVID related matters.

We are well connected, both within the UKCPI team and with our committee members and external stakeholders. Our schedule of meetings continue via conference call.

Please **let us know** if we can provide additional help through the above means to support your business.

With best wishes, the UKCPI team.

Manufacture and supply of biocidal hand sanitiser products during the outbreak: coronavirus (COVID-19)

Some of the UK's existing manufacturers of biocidal hand sanitiser products have reported that they are facing significant challenges to their normal supply chains from increasing demand for the raw ingredients needed to meet unprecedented and urgent demand during the Covid-19 outbreak.

In response **HSE has taken the following steps**.

Producing hand sanitiser and gel for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Temporary changes to the use and supply of denatured alcohol and duty-free spirits, to help businesses who produce hand sanitiser and gel. [Gov.uk](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - businesses and employers bulletin from BEIS

The latest guidance, information and announcements can be found at [GOV.UK](#). Organisations should pay particular attention to the **guidance for employees, employers and businesses** which is being updated regularly with the latest advice.

The UK Government is supporting businesses and their employees through a package of measures during this period of unprecedented disruption. The **Business Support website** helps businesses find the right support, advice and information to help with the impact of

Technical support for UKCPI members

For advice on technical and regulatory issues, UKCPI members can contact Technical Manager Steve Stewart on 07715 491464 or [sstewart@ukcpi.org](mailto:ss Stewart@ukcpi.org)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the [support measures that are available](#). This website will continue to be updated as information becomes available. Some aspects of business support are devolved. Specific information for businesses and employers in [Northern Ireland](#), [Scotland](#), and [Wales](#) is available.

BEIS coronavirus (COVID-19) businesses and employers bulletin 31 March

The latest bulletin includes information on:

- [Offering coronavirus \(COVID-19\) support from your business](#)
 - [Temporary changes to Right to Work \(RTW\) checks during the coronavirus outbreak](#)
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UKCPI meetings to be held by conference call

The next UKCPI committee meetings - ARC on 29th April and Council on 3rd June - will be held by conference call. Joining details will be circulated with the agendas in due course.

Requests for business intelligence and assistance

- Call for rapid sanitising technology for ambulances -
Do you have an innovative or novel approach to get ambulances cleaner quicker to help combat Coronavirus? The Defence and Security Accelerator has launched a new Innovation Focus Area as part of its [Open Call for Innovation](#) seeking industry's help to identify rapid sanitising technology solutions that can be demonstrated in a live trial on an ambulance. More information is available [here](#).

IFH: Coronavirus - revised hygiene advice for home & everyday life situation

The March issue of the IFH newsheet includes:

- [IFH hygiene advice sheet](#): What you can do to protect yourself against infection - and how to make sure you don't spread infection to others revised 26th March 2020
 - ["Wash your hands frequently or use a hand sanitizer" - what does this actually mean for you?](#)
 - [COVID-19 Coronavirus: hygiene tips from the hygiene doctor](#)
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ECHA's Covid-19 web page

To alleviate the difficulties companies and Member State authorities may be facing during the global coronavirus pandemic, ECHA is supporting EU/EEA countries and companies to ensure that disinfectants can quickly enter the market. Together with the Commission, the Agency is also exploring the possibility of allowing more flexibility for companies in meeting the deadlines set in ECHA's decisions.

Disinfectant use amidst the COVID-19 pandemic: assisting parents' risk-benefit analysis

Research published in the [Canadian Medical Association Journal](#) on 18 February claimed that early exposure of babies to household cleaning products is associated with the development of childhood asthma.

The authors have since [commented](#): "Disinfectants still carry risks to a child's health, but these risks will be outweighed by the benefit of preventing members in the household from contracting the virus and

by hampering of COVID-19's expansion within the home and community. When the risk of community infection is high, increased use of disinfectants is warranted. Avoid cleaning products that contain fragrances or are sprayed. We remind parents that disinfectants can be used in an appropriate context and applied in a responsible manner."

Government launches Coronavirus Information Service on WhatsApp

The UK Government has launched a GOV.UK Coronavirus Information service on WhatsApp.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): list of guidance

The current government advice for anyone in any setting includes the following **guidance** on cleaning and hygiene:

"Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces using your regular cleaning products to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people."

New dates for Interclean Amsterdam 2020

Interclean Amsterdam has been rescheduled due to the effects of the Corona virus (COVID-19), and will now take place 3 - 6 November 2020.

Clean Air Day 2020 postponed to 8th October

The new date will build on Car Free Day on 22 September and work in tandem with Walk to School Month in October. The campaign will be extended to new areas such as domestic burning and indoor air quality as well as continuing to build on the core campaign theme around leaving the car at home. [Global Action Plan](#).

In the news

UK chemicals firm plans to build two hand sanitiser factories in 10 days

The Guardian

Ineos aims to produce a million bottles of hand sanitiser a month when the plant is in operation, with talks under way with the NHS on supplying the products to hospitals for free.

Unilever outlines extensive Coronavirus response programme

The Drum

Unilever has committed €100m to curtail the spread of coronavirus through the donation of soap, sanitizer, bleach and food to help protect the lives and livelihoods of consumers, suppliers and its workforce.

Coronavirus: household cleaning products can kill the virus - an expert on which ones to use

The Conversation

COVID-19 has only been around for a few months, so at this point scientists don't know that much about it. But more is being learned every day. We now know, for example, it can live on surfaces for up to nine days and survives in the air for a few hours. We also now know that the virus particles are shed through saliva and fluids coughed up from the lungs. And that the virus can also be shed from our faeces.

P&G joins forces with the Red Cross and Red Crescent network to provide emergency relief

Business Wire

Company will make available an initial 10 million USD in everyday household products, health care services and sanitizers for frontline workers and impacted families.

RB Fight for Access Fund targets Coronavirus

Happi

Adds \$37 million, donates masks and more to fight the spread of COVID-19.

SC Johnson's COVID-19 support

Happi

SC Johnson announced an initial donation of \$200,000 to help support urgent public needs in the Racine area. This preliminary round of support in the company's hometown will aid local first responders and the most vulnerable in the community. As the situation evolves, SC Johnson will look at further ways to provide support to the community and to those in need.

Cleaning product makers race to labs to bolster coronavirus claims

Reuters

As global makers of household cleaners race to pitch their products as coronavirus killers, one major company, Reckitt Benckiser, may have a leg up on the competition.

Henkel's COVID-19 plan

Happi

Henkel has announced a "comprehensive global solidarity program" to support employees, customers and communities facing the global COVID-19 pandemic. The program consists of five components ranging from monetary and product donations to changes in production to increase disinfectant availability to supporting hairdressers and employees.

UK aid and Unilever to target a billion people in global handwashing campaign

Press release

New £100 million campaign to reach up to a billion people globally will help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Coronavirus: how to clean your home effectively

Which?

Which? reveals how to keep your home hygienic and protect against COVID-19, plus the extra steps to take while self-isolating. With many of us now spending more time at home, it's important to keep up good home hygiene habits to stay healthy, especially if someone in your household is self-isolating.

UK postpones Environment Bill proceedings due to Covid-19

Chemical Watch

The UK government has postponed its proceedings on the Environment Bill until 28 April at the earliest, due to the coronavirus Covid-19 outbreak.

SC Johnson names Alan VanderMolen comms head

PR Week

SC Johnson has named Alan VanderMolen, former international president of WE Communications, as chief communications officer

and SVP. VanderMolen will be based in the company's U.S. headquarters in Racine, Wisconsin, but started in the job Monday remotely from his current location in London, he told PRWeek.

How brands are keeping vital products on the shelves now

Wake Up Call

P&G's Global Disaster Relief team opens up about their efforts to Katie Couric.

How to clean your home while self-isolating

The Independent

This is how often should you should be doing it and the products to use.

NAD recommends SCJ discontinue "Non-Toxic" claim on Windex Vinegar Glass Cleaner; advertiser to appeal

National Advertising Division press release

The US National Advertising Division (NAD) has recommended that S.C. Johnson discontinue the claim "non-toxic" on package labelling for its Windex Vinegar Glass Cleaner, following a challenge by P&G. The advertiser has said it will appeal NAD's findings to the National Advertising Review Board.

BCC appeals that cleaning staff must be considered as 'critical or key workers'

This Week in FM

The Government published a list of 'key workers' on Friday 20 March 2020 whose children will continue to be cared for at school amid the coronavirus pandemic - but the British Cleaning Council raises concerns that cleaners are not included.

Smol launches plastic free child-safe laundry capsule pack

Packaging News

Smol has launched what it believes to be the world's first plastic free, child-safe pack for its eco-friendly laundry capsules and dishwasher tablets.

Brexit update

Digital tool for exporters of goods from the UK

The Department for International Trade has launched 'Check How to Export Goods', a new digital tool to help UK businesses trade with over 160 markets around the world. The free tool aims to help you easily find and understand what is needed to export goods internationally. It provides product-specific and country-specific information on tariffs, regulations, the UK border and other topics all in one place. It will be updated regularly to reflect any changes to trading arrangements.

Brexit: UK unable to prevent dangerous chemicals in everyday goods because of Boris Johnson's plans, campaigners warn

Exclusive: Fears that pulling out EU watchdog will make country 'a dumping ground' for products linked to cancer, thyroid disease and hormone and developmental problems.

In its aims for an EU trade deal, the UK is now arguing for "separate regulatory requirements" - which would rule out access to the database or the exchange of confidential business information. [The Independent](#)

Actions you can take now that do not depend on negotiations

We are now in a transition period until the end of 2020, while the UK and EU negotiate a Canada-style free trade agreement. The government has provided a [list of actions](#) of what you can do now and transition period information.

Government confirms plans to introduce import controls

The government has confirmed plans to introduce import controls on EU goods at the border after the transition period ends on 31 December 2020.

New immigration system: what you need to know

The UK is introducing a points-based immigration system from 2021, government guidance is available [here](#).

Sincerely,
Charlotte Salter,
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