

April | 2022

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UKCPI meetings

Advocacy, Regulatory & Communications Committee

Wednesday 27 April
By video conference

EU Exit Workability Forum

Provisional date:
Tuesday 24 May
By video conference

Council meeting

Wednesday 8 June
By video conference

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Events calendar

6-7 April

**The Manchester
Cleaning Show**
Manchester Central

8-10 May

Global Hygiene Summit
Singapore,
Organised by Reckitt
Global Hygiene Institute

11-12 May

Biocides Symposium,
Chemical Watch, virtual

Plastic Packaging Tax comes into force today

The **Plastic Packaging Tax** (PPT) comes into force on 1 April 2022. HMRC has two 'decision tree' documents on:

- **Determining if plastic packaging is in scope of the tax**
- **Who is required to account and potentially pay tax on the plastic packaging.**

Start of packaging EPR reform delayed

Defra has published the **outcome of its consultation** on packaging and packaging waste: introducing Extended Producer Responsibility. Following stakeholder feedback, EPR will be implemented in a phased manner from 2024, rather than 2023. **More details.**

Chemicals & pesticides: provisional framework

Defra has published a **command paper** which sets out how the UK government and devolved governments propose to work together on regulating chemicals and pesticides. This includes BPR, CLP, detergents, UK REACH and UNGHS.

Stakeholders are invited to provide any further views on the revised provisional Framework as it progresses to parliamentary scrutiny, where it will be considered by relevant committees across the four legislatures of the United Kingdom over the coming months.

Free Chemical Watch Global Outlook webinar

The one hour **webinar** covering Europe, Middle East and Africa on Monday 4 April at 14:00 will include:

- present activities, including updates on cosmetic, biocidal products and detergents;
- future activities, including updates on key regulatory initiatives spanning general chemicals, packaging, electronics and waste

The Grocer hygiene category report

The Grocer has published its hygiene category report 2022, entitled Green and Clean, available to subscribers. It observes that as the urgency of the pandemic has subsided, hygiene sales have taken a tumble, but a stronger sustainability focus has emerged. **Read more.**

Biocides: industry BPR assessment report and recommendations published

A.I.S.E. and Biocides for Europe have published their joint report: **Analysis of the Biocidal Products Regulation and its**

implementation, together with a series of [factsheets](#) highlighting the key findings of the industry survey, as well as recommendations on how to improve the implementation of the BPR. [More details.](#)

UKCPI to support the International Convention and Exhibition on Home and Personal Care Products and Ingredients

UKCPI will be a supporting association at the International Convention and Exhibition on Home and Personal Care Products and Ingredients, 10-12 July in Goa, organized by the Indian Home & Personal Care Industry Association.

UKCPI members can join the event virtually and get a copy of the proceedings for a charge of \$150, or attend the event in person and meet the Invest India team. [More details.](#)

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



Over three quarters of British businesses unaware of PPT

One day ahead of its implementation, Veolia reports that 77% of British retail and manufacturing businesses are still unaware of the impending Plastic Packaging Tax.

[Read more](#)

www.themanufacturer.com



RGHI: BA.2 subvariant reminds us of importance of hygiene

As cases of what the World Health Organization calls the "Omicron variant of concern" - BA.2 - increase the world must reinvigorate its hygiene efforts or else risk a springtime COVID-19 surge, according to the Reckitt Global Hygiene Institute.

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www.prnewswire.com



Stomach bugs dropped by half in first six months of lockdown

Researchers suggested that if people maintained good hygiene habits from the pandemic, then gastrointestinal illnesses could also be cut going forward too.

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news.sky.com



Refillable groceries to be made available to all UK shoppers

Waitrose, Morrisons and M&S among firms to install refill stations in attempt to reduce plastic waste.

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www.theguardian.com



Homethings secures first retail listing with Waitrose

Homethings, a start-up firm creating eco-cleaning products after winning investment in last year's series of Dragon's Den, has landed its first major retail listing with Waitrose. The products are available in up to 232 of its stores nationwide now.

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www.kamcity.com



Defra publishes response to EPR consultation

On Saturday 26 March, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) published its response to the consultation on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging. The EPR system will be implemented from 2024, rather than 2023.

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resource.co



The plastic tax is just the beginning: steps to take now

On 1st April 2022, the way manufacturers handle their plastics is set to radically change with the introduction of a Plastic Packaging Tax. If the UK is to meet its recycling targets, measures like this will continue and manufacturers need to prepare

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www.themanufacturer.com



Plastic packaging innovations receive £30 million boost

The Smart Sustainable Plastic Packaging (SSPP) Challenge has announced £30 million in funding for 18 groundbreaking collaborative projects.

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www.ukri.org



Why 'bio' and 'green' don't mean what you think

The language brands use to promote their environmental sustainability can be misleading and unverifiable. How do you spot a buzzword from a real claim?

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ONS adds cleaning wipes to 2022 virtual basket of goods

Demand for antibacterial products is still high, and the convenience and ease of use of the surface wipe sees it sweeping into the basket.

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www.ons.gov.uk



Post pandemic recovery sparks demand for workplace cleaning

UK businesses appear to be placing a higher priority on employees' health and wellness in the wake of Covid-19, according to research by facilities management provider Samsic. And new data reveals a spike in demand for office cleaners.

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www.europeancleaningjournal...



UK backs ambitious global action to tackle plastic pollution

The UK provided support to kick start negotiations on a legally binding treaty on plastic pollution at the United Nations Environment Assembly, according to Defra.

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www.gov.uk



Wearing shoes in the house is just plain gross...

...The verdict from scientists who study indoor contaminants. People spend up to 90% of their time indoors, so the question of whether or not to wear shoes in the house is not a trivial one.

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