

## UKCPI meetings

### Council meeting

Wednesday 23 February

By video conference

### EU Exit Workability

#### Forum

Tuesday 29 March

By video conference

### Advocacy, Regulatory

#### & Communications

#### Committee

Wednesday 27 April

By video conference

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## Events calendar

29-30 March 2022

Cleaning Products

Europe, Prague

8-10 May 2022

Global Hygiene Summit

Singapore,

Organised by Reckitt

Global Hygiene Institute

## Plastic Packaging Tax: steps to take

The Plastic Packaging Tax (PPT) will come into force on 1 April 2022 and will be charged at a rate of £200 per tonne.

If you manufacture or import 10 or more tonnes of plastic packaging within a 12 month period, you may need to register for the tax. [More details.](#)

Plastic Packaging Tax guidance is subject to change until all the legislation is approved by Parliament. It will continue to be updated.

## HMRC Plastic Packaging Tax webinars

Register for the next live webinar about the [introduction of Plastic Packaging Tax](#) to learn about:

- the new Plastic Packaging Tax being introduced in April 2022
- what you need to do now if you produce or import plastic packaging

Register for the next live webinar about [Plastic Packaging Tax — admin and technical aspects](#) to learn about the administrative and technical aspects of the new Plastic Packaging Tax.

## Step-by step guides on what plastic packaging is in scope and who is liable to account for it

HMRC has updated the 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.](#)

This aligns the guides with [The Plastic Packaging Tax \(Descriptions of Products\) Regulations 2021](#).

## Defra call for evidence on commonly littered single-use plastic items including wet wipes

The [UKCPI response](#) will be submitted to Defra's [call for evidence](#) on proposals to introduce regulatory options to address wet wipe litter, which closes on 12th February. Thanks to the members who have provided input.

## Plastics (Wet Wipes) Bill

The [second reading](#) of this Private Members' Bill has been re-scheduled for Friday 4th February. This is a separate initiative sponsored by Fleur Anderson MP, under the Ten Minute Rule, and not part of the Defra call for evidence.

The text of the [Plastics \(Wet Wipes\) Bill](#) has been published, which

aims to “Prohibit the manufacture and sale of wet wipes containing plastic; and for connected purposes”.

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## Final draft statutory guidance on the Offensive Weapons Act 2019

The Home Office has published the final **guidance** on the Offensive Weapons Act 2019. Part of the legislation makes it an offence to supply or deliver a corrosive substance or mixture to someone aged below 18.

The **guidance** is primarily intended for use by the police, retailers, delivery companies and Trading Standards. It will also be of interest to the Crown Prosecution Service, courts, manufacturers and suppliers of bladed articles and corrosives.

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## UKCPI discount for Cleaning Products Europe

UKCPI has secured a discount for its members to attend **Cleaning Products Europe 2022**, taking place from 29 to 30 March in Prague. Registering with the code CP22UKCPI will give UKCPI members a 10% discount.



## 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.](#)

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## Conference on the future for the chemical industry and chemical regulation

The Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference will take place online on Wednesday, 20 April 2022. It will cover UK REACH, the UK Chemicals Strategy, certainty and transition, international regulation and competitiveness, and net-zero. [More details.](#)

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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



### HENKEL CONSUMER BRANDS

#### Henkel to merge Laundry & Home Care and Beauty Care

Henkel plans to merge its Laundry & Home Care and Beauty Care units into a single organization known as Henkel Consumer Brands. Wolfgang König, executive VP of Henkel's Beauty Care business, will lead new €10 billion multi-category business unit.

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



#### Reckitt and Diversey join forces

The collaboration will see Reckitt's leading brands, including Dettol, Lysol, Harpic, Vanish, Airwick and Pine O Clean, being distributed by Diversey in the B2B channel in the Middle East, Asia Pacific, Turkey and Russia starting in March 2022.

[Read more](#)  
[www.prnewswire.co.uk](http://www.prnewswire.co.uk)



## Primark are now selling cleaning products

Not only can you buy bags, shoes, underwear and homeware from Primark, you can now buy cleaning and laundry products too. With prices starting from £2.50, this range has proved very popular - with many TikTok users raving about the products on offer.

[Read more  
www.thesun.co.uk](http://www.thesun.co.uk)



## P&G lifts sales forecast

Procter & Gamble has bumped up its annual sales forecast, as the consumer goods giant benefits from higher prices and resurgent cleaning products demand amid a spike in COVID-19 infections.

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



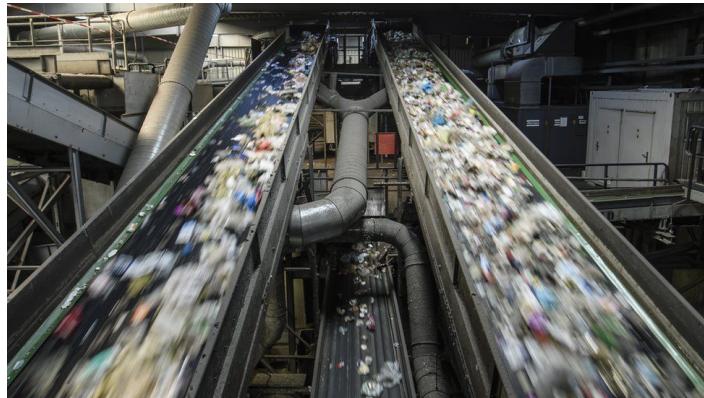
## SC Johnson stops 1bn plastic bottles entering the ocean

Plastic Bank®, a social enterprise revolutionizing the global supply chain for recycled ocean-bound plastic, announced it has stopped 2 billion plastic bottles from entering the ocean, in partnership with SC Johnson.

[Read more](#)

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

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## Plastic crisis needs binding treaty, report says

Pollution from plastics is a global emergency in need of a robust UN treaty, according to a report. The Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) says there's a cascade of evidence of harm from plastics.

[Read more](#)

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

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## Unilever simplifies organisation

The company will move away from its current matrix structure and will be organised around five distinct Business Groups: Beauty & Wellbeing, Personal Care, Home Care, Nutrition, and Ice Cream.

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

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### Yorkshire Water calls for ban on plastics in wet wipes

The company wants manufacturers to be banned from labelling their products 'Fine to Flush' and made to use 'Do Not Flush' on single use sanitary items.

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

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### HG acquires sustainable household cleaning brand

Netherlands-based household cleaning brand HG has acquired Ecozone, a family-run business operating in London that specialises in cleaning products made using a combination of plant-based and natural ingredients.

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

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## Product of the Year announces 2022 UK winners

With the help of 10,000 consumers, Product of the Year has announced the UK's most innovative products. From collagen supplements to laundry detergent, find out the year's must-haves of one of the largest consumer surveys of product innovation.

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



## Waste reduction: 'Refill just one bottle and cut plastic use'

The UK-wide #justonebottle campaign is encouraging people to do their bit for the environment by refilling just one bottle they already have at refill shops, rather than buying a new one - reducing the use of plastic in the process.

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



## Irish ban on wet wipes and hotel toiletries urged

Hotel mini toiletries, single sachets of sugar and sauce, and wet wipes could be banned under recommendations from TDs and senators in Ireland. They also say one-fifth of the floor space of larger supermarkets should be given to refillable products.

[Read more](#)

[www.independent.ie](http://www.independent.ie)

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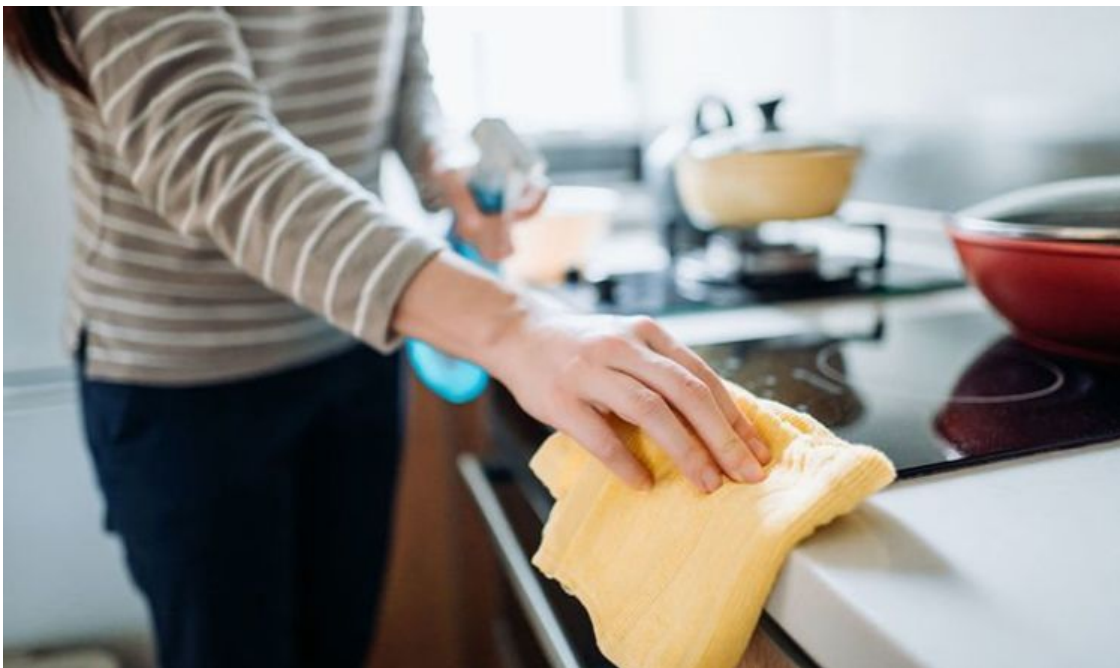
## Household cleaning products could be modified

Common household cleaning products could be modified to stop terrorists being able to turn them into explosives. The Home Office is investigating how to reduce the risk of chemicals such as bleach and disinfectant being used in home-made bombs.

[Read more](#)

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

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**30% of adults are more judgemental of others' home hygiene**



Hygiene-awareness sparked by the pandemic means we now take just 15 seconds to 'mark' friends' cleanliness - when visiting their homes.

[Read more](#)

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

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