

January | 2022

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UKCPI meetings

EU Exit Workability Forum

Tuesday 18 January
By video conference

Advocacy, Regulatory & Communications Committee,

Wednesday 26 January
By video conference

Council meeting

Wednesday 23 February
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

Deadline for UK REACH to be extended

Defra says it has committed to exploring alternative arrangements for UK REACH transitional registrations. [More details.](#)

In February 2021, UKCPI signed a joint letter to Government calling for a more practical application of the UK REACH regime. Our concerns were recognised in last month's [letter from George Eustice MP to the chemicals industry.](#)

Changes to rules of origin requirements between EU and UK - supplier declarations

January 2022 brought about some changes with regards to the requirements for rules of origin, for goods going between the UK and the EU. Previously, to prove origin, businesses have been allowed to get supplier declarations on origin after exporting goods, but now supplier declarations will be required at the time of export.

The Department for International Trade has issued [guidance](#), [FAQs](#) and the [recorded webinar](#) below for more detail.

Product	Rule	Explanation
Sulphuric acid, ex-cum (HS 28.07.00)	Non-originating inputs used in production of a product must be obtained in a different subheading of the Harmonised System (6-digit HS code) and undergo a special processing procedure (i.e. a chemical reaction or make-up) that results in a value added to the final ex-works value of the product.	If you choose to use the specific processing rule and your product complies with this rule, you would not need a supplier declaration. However, if you choose to use a maximum non-originating materials rule, you may need a supplier declaration to prove the origin of the inputs.

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

UKCPI will be responding 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.

The options include a ban on wet wipes containing plastic, a mandatory 'flushability' standard, mandatory labelling on packaging, and an extended producer responsibility scheme for wipes containing plastic.

Scottish government marine litter consultation

The Scottish government opened a [consultation on marine litter](#) on 29 December, which closes on 22 March 2022. The plans include two references to wet wipes:

- Develop, launch and run an awareness raising campaign to promote behaviour change and highlight inappropriate flushing of wet wipes and sanitary items containing plastics down the toilet.
- Investigate the potential for legislation to ban the manufacture and sale of wet wipes containing plastic, with a requirement that any alternatives meet the 'Fine to Flush' standard.

UKCPI presentation to Chemical Hazards Communication Society

UKCPI's Technical Manager Steven Stewart gave a presentation on [Detergents and Biocidal Regulations for Cleaning Products and the Industry Labelling](#) to the Chemical Hazards Communication Society ([CHCS](#)) during their 10th Annual Industry Lecture Series and AGM in November. You can find a copy of the presentation [here](#).

HMRC updates on Plastic Packaging Tax (PPT)

The Plastic Packaging Tax (PPT) will be introduced from April 2022.

HMRC has published further updates to the main [PPT guidance](#).

Earlier this year, HMRC ran a technical consultation on a draft version of [The Plastic Packaging Tax \(Descriptions of Products\) Regulations 2021](#). This updated legislation was laid in parliament on Monday 13 December. The updated legislation and Explanatory Memorandum are [available online](#).

Webinar recordings

Recordings of both the 'Introduction to Plastic Packaging Tax' and 'Plastic Packaging Tax – Administration and technical aspects' sessions are available on [GOV.UK](#).

BEIS webinars on using the UKCA mark



The new UKCA marking rules – replacing the CE mark – will come into force from 1 January 2023, and BEIS is running a series of webinars to help businesses understand the process of adopting UKCA safety markings.

The [next webinar](#) is on 18 January and focuses on businesses who have a role or involvement in the manufacturing or supply of CE / UKCA marked goods on the GB market. The webinar will explain the roles and responsibilities of businesses involved in the supply of goods requiring the UKCA marking and how roles may have changed following the UK's exit from the European Union.

To sign up or to find out more information about the full programme of webinars, visit [GOV.UK](#).

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”.

UKCPI discount for Cleaning Products Europe

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



A.I.S.E. 2021 Forum and Charter Symposium

At the 2021 edition of its annual Cleaning & Hygiene Forum, A.I.S.E. reiterated its commitment to contribute constructively to the European Commission’s Green Deal’s and the Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP).

[Read more here](#), including key takeaways from each speaker. You can watch the forum video [here](#) and download all the speaker presentations [here](#).

A.I.S.E. 2021 FORUM & CHARTER SYMPOSIUM
CLEANING AND CIRCULARITY:
WORKING TOGETHER TO MEET
THE GREEN DEAL'S OBJECTIVES
8 DECEMBER 2021 | 14:00 ▶ 16:15 CET

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



Morrisons launches sustainable household range 'eco'

The range includes anti-bacterial spray, floor cleaner, toilet cleaner, laundry liquid, fabric conditioner, washing up liquid, toilet paper, kitchen roll, sponges and cloths – all the products are made from plant-based and vegan ingredients.

[Read more](#)

www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk



WRAP to research supermarket refill and reuse stations

Partnering with UK plastic pact members Asda and Unilever, the research project will analyse how to change "ingrained shopping habits" which might be preventing customers from using refill stations and reusable packaging regularly.

[Read more](#)

www.letsrecycle.com



Astonish aims to impress with green cleaning credentials

Yorkshire household products brand Astonish is aiming to lead on green cleaning and has invested significantly in innovation, finding more sustainable ways to produce products, meet consumer demand and future-proof the business.

[Read more](#)

www.business-live.co.uk



Unilever launches plant-based dishwashing liquid

Unilever has launched a new hand dishwashing product made with naturally derived ingredients that are claimed to be kinder to the environment.

[Read more](#)

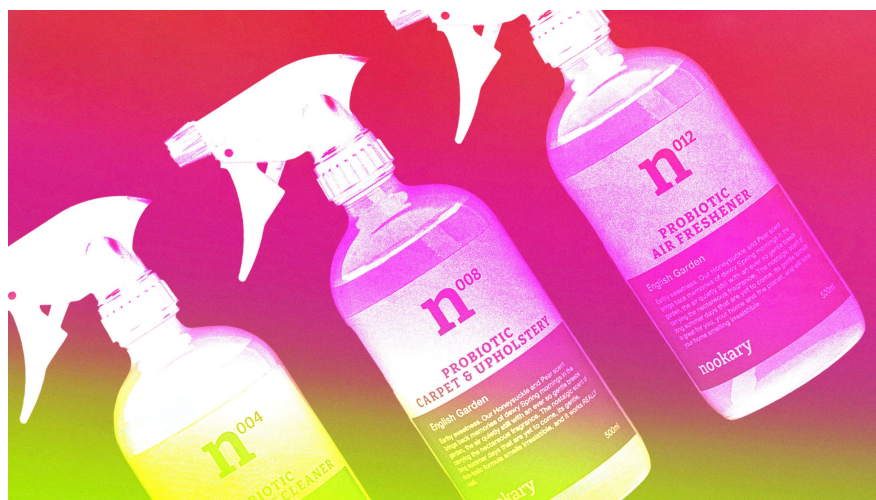
www.kamcity.com



P&G's intense focus on sustainability is taking off

Procter & Gamble has a major presence at the Consumer Electronics Show for the past four years. That's because technology is now a part of most products and services.

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



The best eco-cleaning products tried and tested

Cameron says that when it comes to telling cleaning products apart, the safest way is to check the label - many products that are actually green have an A.I.S.E. Charter for Sustainable Cleaning logo or an EU Ecolabel.

[Read more](#)
www.wired.co.uk



Experts warn over post-Brexit UK rule changes on chemicals

Proposals published on Defra website would change way 'substances of very high concern' are dealt with.

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



UK Border Controls set to hit EU trade from New Year

New Year's Day saw the UK introduce its Border Controls. Rules of Origin are also set to become a major issue, as the "one year grace period" for dealing with this complex issue also expires.

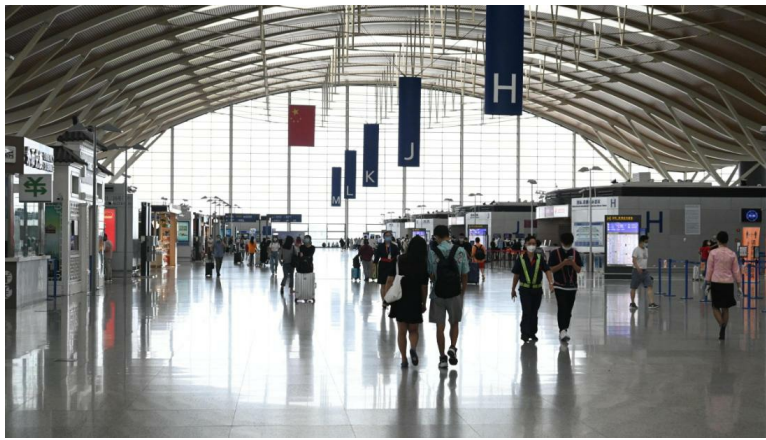
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readyforbrexit.co.uk



Cleaning changed from chore to act of care for loved ones

The industry is pushing this subtle yet significant shift in perception.

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www.adweek.com



Delta turned flight around mid-air - Covid cleaning rules

A Delta Air Lines flight originating in Seattle and heading to Shanghai turned around midair because of a change in cleaning rules at the China airport, the airline said.

[Read more](#)
edition.cnn.com



A 'glamorous' new cleaning show is coming to E4

A brand new cleaning series is coming to E4, following a glam cleaning agency as they transform homes and lives. Homes will be transformed from filthy to fabulous in just three days.

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



Expert shares when to throw out cleaning products

Cleaning products are equipped with expiration dates to tell whether a product has lost its effectiveness. One expert has warned people to check household cleaning items regularly as "they do expire".

[Read more](#)

www.express.co.uk



'Hygiene poverty is a real problem'

The colleagues started their campaign after realising the growing problem of kids not being able to wash their clothes and they have already raised enough to place 49 laundrettes in schools.

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www.mirror.co.uk



Should we be encouraging helpful bacteria into our homes?

Bacteria aren't always bad. Some, like the billions that live in our guts, are vital for our health. So should we make our homes and cities more hospitable to these beneficial microbes?

[Read more](#)

www.sciencefocus.com

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