

# NIVO ASSIST

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### POLYSTYRENE – LEGISLATION – ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, WALES & N.I.

**We would like to bring to your attention some news that is likely to affect vending operators in the UK. We summarise the information below but would strongly advise you to contact your suppliers and your local advisor. If you are an AVA member they also have advisors that will be able to help. As we get more information we will share this with you.**

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#### **ENGLAND**

The recently published DEFRA consultation to ban commonly littered single use plastic items includes the same definition of expanded polystyrene, including extruded polystyrene (XPS) as a subset, which could have the effect of banning vending cups made with polystyrene.

And also published by DEFRA, the call for evidence on problematic single use plastic products is the proposal to mandate the takeback of disposable paper cup, and the introduction of a levy that would apply to all disposable cups. The target implementation date is **April 2023**.

More information can be found [here](#).

#### **SCOTLAND**

The Scotland consultation on reduction of Problematic Single Use Plastic is concluded, and laid before Scottish Parliament is a bill to ban straws, plastic cutlery, plastic plates, cotton buds etc. But also, to ban expanded polystyrene cups, and as a subset of expanded polystyrene a ban on extruded polystyrene (XPS). The wording used to include extruded polystyrene makes it entirely possible that vending cups made with extruded polystyrene may also be subject to ban. Clarification of the definition has been raised with Scottish Parliament. The target implementation date is June next year.

More information can be found [here](#).

#### **WALES**

The Welsh consultation of problematic single use plastic products concluded in October 2020, the feedback from the Welsh Assembly is awaited, the impact of the pandemic delaying this. At this time expanded polystyrene, and therefore vending cups, is not included under the definitions of materials to be restricted.

#### **NORTHERN IRELAND**

The interpretation in Northern Ireland of the Directive are the proposals under their Single Use Plastics Reductions to ban all single use cups regardless of material, and if not ban to introduce a 25p levy at the point of service. **The Consultation is due to close on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2022**, but there is no target date set for proposals to take effect.

Please contact the [AVA](#) for help completing your response to the consultation or contact [nivo@nivogroup.co.uk](mailto:nivo@nivogroup.co.uk) and we will send the template.

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