

FAO:

Federation of Small Businesses

Foodservice packaging Association

AVA: The Vending & Automated Retail Association

British Plastics Federation

Association of Convenience Stores

UK Hospitality Wales

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Dear colleagues,

You will be aware that the Welsh Parliament's Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee scrutinised the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill, which has recently been enacted. During that scrutiny process, the Minister for Climate Change gave several commitments concerning steps the Welsh Government would be taking to raise awareness of the forthcoming bans and develop detailed guidance for businesses.

In response to a recent letter from the Committee, the Minister for Climate Change outlined the ongoing communications plan initiated by the Welsh Government, which includes the release of national communication materials, social media content, and an informational animation clip. We were told that the Welsh Government website has also been updated with information about the impact of the Act and the expected timetable for the proposed bans arising from the Act. We understand that guidance to support the implementation of the Act is being produced and is due to be published before the end of July. The Minister also confirmed that Regulations to introduce the first bans under the Act are being prepared and will be introduced in October.

It is vital that these measures are understood by the businesses you represent. We would appreciate it if you could share your insights on the following:

- How effective do you believe the awareness-raising campaign has been among the businesses you represent?
- Are the businesses you represent aware of the intention to introduce the first bans of certain single-use plastics in October?

- Is the information and guidance provided by the Welsh Government sufficient and clear enough to enable businesses to understand their obligations under the Act?

I would be grateful if you could respond by 6 September. Your responses will help us assess the effectiveness of the Welsh Government's efforts before the expected introduction of the subordinate legislation giving effect to the proposed bans in October.

Yours sincerely,



Llyr Gruffydd MS,
Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.