

# CHALLENGES IN THE CONSUMER SECTOR: MOVING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE PLASTIC USE

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In the final article in a three-part series, Susan Black and Julie Vaughan of Herbert Smith Freehills LLP examine how the use of plastic is regulated in the UK and the EU, and the responsibilities of businesses in the retail and consumer sectors.

These are complex and fast-changing times for retail and consumer sector businesses. The regulation of plastics is currently evolving at a blistering pace, both within the UK and the EU. The focus on plastics also comes at a time when there is increased scrutiny of companies' wider environmental and sustainability performance from the likes of institutional investors and shareholders.

This article, the final one in a three-part series, examines the regulation of, and responsibility for, plastics, including:

- Single-use plastics
- Microplastics
- Producer responsibility
- Tax measures

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