



## What is the EU Single Use Plastics Directive and how does it affect the catering and hospitality industry?



### EU SINGLE USE PLASTICS (SUP) DIRECTIVE

#### What is it?

A European directive, that has now been adopted by member states, designed to reduce or eliminate single use plastic products and materials. It proposes a ban or significant reduction-in-use on nominated single use plastic products. The UK government has pledged to take on this legislation and in areas such as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is looking to exceed the EU targets.

#### What are the key areas?

- Bans or restrictions on single use plastic products and materials - for example, straws, stirrers, cutlery and expanded polystyrene (EPS)
- General reduction targets on plastic use
- Awareness raising measures
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
- Product design measures to combat waste and littering - for example, tethering bottle tops to bottles

#### When does it start?

Product bans and restrictions start June **2021**. Reduction-in-use targets start **2025**. The UK has elected to adopt a product ban on stirrers and a restriction on straws and cotton buds for **2020**.

#### How will it affect me?

Catering operatives need to evaluate how any product restrictions or bans might affect their business. Bunzl Catering Supplies is currently helping its customers to evaluate the potential impact of this EU directive.



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