

AVA NEWSLETTER

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Mandatory Cup Takeback & Extended Producer Responsibility

As part of DEFRA's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) consultations, it has outlined a Mandatory Cup Takeback scheme in which *all* sellers of filled, fibre-based composite cups, that employ 10 or more employees (FTE's), will be required to have arrangements in place to collect and recycle used cups, report to the regulators the tonnage they have placed on the market, plus the tonnage they have collected and sent for recycling. This includes vending.

The National Cup Recycling Scheme ([NCRS](#)) is the UK's largest paper cup recycling scheme. The scheme brings together major retailers, waste management companies and UK paper mills all with the shared aim of growing the infrastructure needed to increase the number of paper cups being collected and recycled in the UK. After discussions with NCRS, AVA Operators will be able to 'plug in' to this scheme.

To find out more - book your place at:

AVA Live: On-the-Road @ James Cropper – 5th April, 2023



With increased pressure on the vending industry, proposals for cup levies in Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland; Legislation in place for a 20c 'single use disposable cup' levy in Ireland, plus Defra's Mandatory Cup Takeback scheme – come and see how all paper cups can be collected and recycled.

The AVA has arranged special access to one of the most advanced production and reprocessing sites in the UK – in the picturesque setting of the Lake District – come along to [James Cropper](#) and find out more about what YOUR business can do to address these legislation changes and reduce the cost of implementation.

Email Penny.Rowell@the-ava.com now to book one of the limited places.

More details [HERE](#)

Deposit Return Scheme: reaction & next steps

Defra has also launched its consultation response for a [Deposit Return Scheme \(DRS\)](#) for drinks containers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

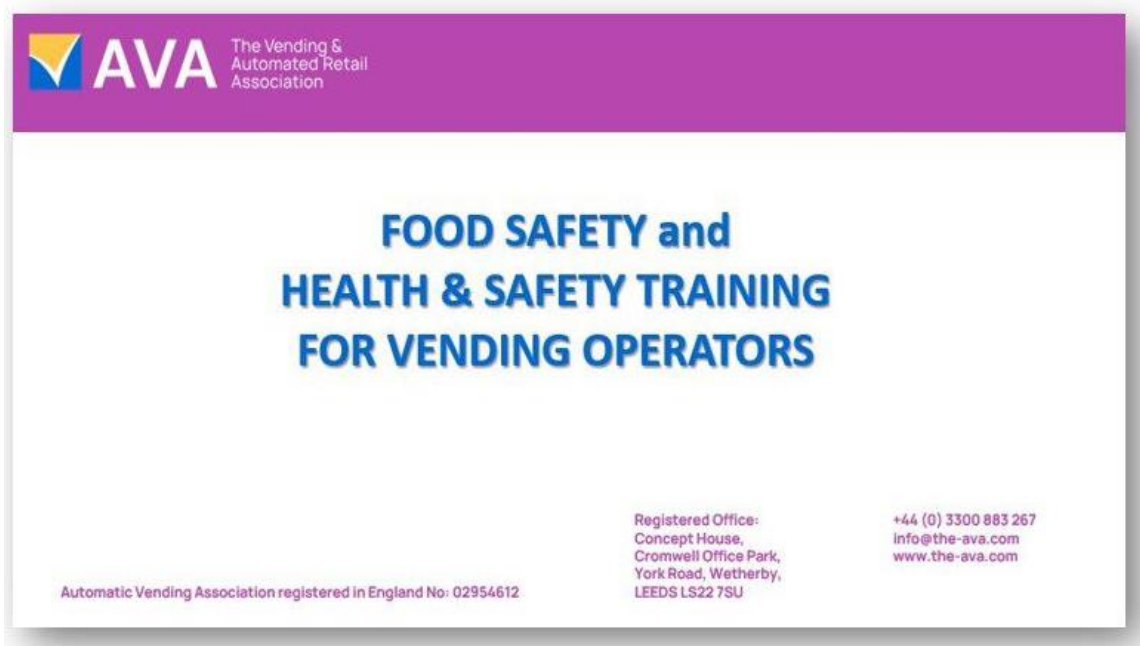
The AVA broadly supports the government's proposals. The industry is committed to promoting recycling and the AVA has actively promoted recovery, recycling and re-use over the years. However, the AVA has concerns about the schemes' functionality across the



nations and the labelling requirements for companies operating across national borders. As always - a consistent approach across the whole of the UK would be the most practical and cost effective. And the simplest to communicate to consumers, rather than the current fragmented approach.

In terms of next steps, Defra will not put out the consultation on the legislative framework for the DRS sometime this 'autumn'. In the meantime, the AVA will keep up the lobbying and pressure to ensure our industry voice is heard and reflected in the proposals.

AVA launches updated Health & Safety and Hygiene course



To become an AVA member, companies are required to hold accreditation to the AVA Quality System or through prior accreditation of ISO 9000:2015. Since 2007, it has been a requirement of the AVA Quality Accreditation that all route operators receive basic health and hygiene training (in accordance with the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations), as should engineers.

To support members meeting these requirements, the AVA has relaunched its training course, as a cost-effective solution. Essentially, the course has been designed to provide basic Hygiene and Health & Safety training with certificates (valid for 3 years) to those who have completed the training and passed the test papers.

There is a modest charge for the course, test papers, marking and certificate and it is recommended that all personnel repeat the course at three-year intervals to renew their knowledge.

To find out more about this training course, head to the [AVA members area](#)

Special Discounted access to The NAMA Show



We have arranged discounted access with NAMA for AVA members, to the upcoming NAMA show, with a special registration rate of \$249 per person.

This is the lowest discount available to any attendee and can be obtained by using the

registration code **AVA23**. We invite you to take advantage of this exclusive discount to attend in Atlanta in May.

For more information, visit: <https://thenamashow.org/>

Welcome to new AVA members: NIX & KIX

NIX & KIX began trading in 2017 when co-founders, Julia Kessler and Kerstin Robinson, spotted a gap in the market for healthier soft drinks with a twist. Nix & Kix started blending flavourful fruits and spices to create healthy and delicious combinations that add excitement and bring differentiation to the soft drinks industry.

The drinks are lightly sparkling, 100% natural with no added sugar or sweeteners, naturally low in calories and vegan friendly. Every drink has 45% fruit juice content in all of our core lines which offers a healthy and flavourful option to the consumer.



Nix & Kix has massively grown the business since 2017, opening up distribution in the major retailers, convenience outlets, travel sites, food service, international, on trade customers and most importantly vending! Vending is relatively new to the business, however they do currently have listings with some key Operators and are looking to invest and expand its reach into vending machine across the UK.



AVA Chief Executive, David Llewellyn, recently caught up with *Facilities Management Journal* to explain why the vending and automated retail sector has not only survived the disruption of the pandemic, but now looks set to thrive. To read the full article, head to page 28 [HERE](#)

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