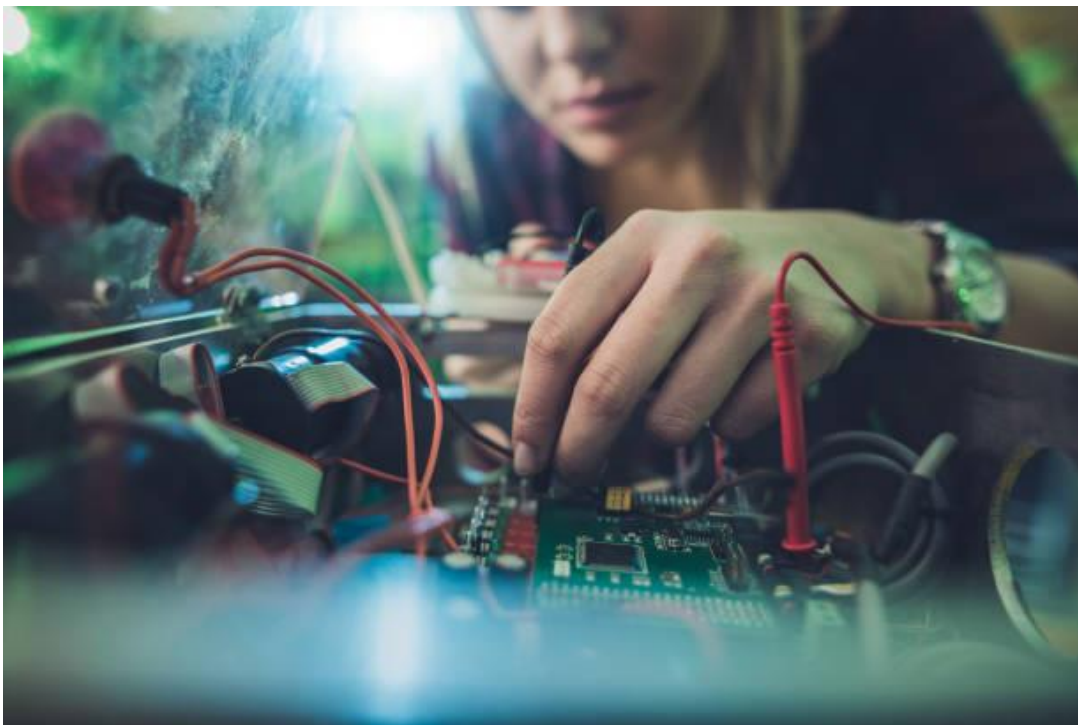


# AVA NEWSLETTER

JULY 2022

## AVA TECHNICAL DAY, 14th SEPTEMBER 2022



This is a must-attend for AVA Operator members – Senior managers, operations and technical teams. With a roster of specialist speakers at Campden BRI, you can find out all you need to manage costs and impacts on your business. On the day, sessions will cover:

- Day-to-day operations such as water quality, pest infestations and Portable Appliance Testing
- Progress and developments in payments systems and the impact on equipment
- Ways to future-proof your business for changing legislation, client and consumer demands

For the full schedule of the day, head [HERE](#)

To book your discounted AVA member place call **03300 883 267** or email [Penny.Rowell@the-ava.com](mailto:Penny.Rowell@the-ava.com)

# HOT TOPICS!

## Measuring your carbon footprint



In June last year (2021), the UK government published a policy note which requires companies bidding for projects over £5 million to provide a carbon reduction plan as part of the bid. Increasingly, AVA members are being asked about their environmental credentials within tenders, as the government and businesses become more aware and conscious of their environmental impact. It is important that you

can provide information about your company carbon footprint, so the AVA has collated some advice on how to do this. If you would like further assistance, please do get in touch or read our [member guidance](#)

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## Plastic Packaging Tax

Plastic packaging tax (PPT) is an environmental tax designed to provide a financial incentive for businesses to use recycled plastic in the manufacture of plastic packaging. The plastics tax of £200 a tonne on any single use plastic items not containing 30% recycled materials came into force on April 1st this year and applies to any single use item in which the majority weight is plastic – meaning it does not apply to paper cups, but obviously does to plastic cups.

### Who needs to pay PPT?

- Any business that imports plastic packaging or products containing it into the UK, where the amount imported exceeds a threshold of 10 tonnes within a 12-month period, or
- Any business manufacturing plastic packaging where the amount manufactured exceeds 10 tonnes within a 12-month period.

It is clear that many companies are unaware of the implications of the tax, whether it applies to them and whether the tax can be identified separately on invoices. If you are unsure, you can find more detail [HERE](#)

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## Current legislation impacting the Vending & Automated Retail Industry

As the only representative trade body of the UK vending & automated retail industry, the AVA remains up-to-date with all new and existing rules and legislation that may impact the sector in the UK. At present, there are **59** pieces of legislation that are being 'processed' and the AVA will continue to remain vigilant and respond to proposals as needed. As an example, the most immediate pieces of legislation and consultations are:

- **Scotland:**
  - [Single Use Disposable Cups Charge Advisory Group](#) – meeting every 6 weeks to determine how this 20p - 25p levy should be introduced.

- ['Delivering Scotland's circular economy'](#): a consultation on proposals for a Circular Economy Bill' & 'Delivering Scotland's circular economy: A Route Map to 2025 and beyond' – both due 22<sup>nd</sup> August.
- [Single use plastic items ban](#) – subject to review of UK Internal Markets legislation - 12<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Wales**: Ban sales of Energy Drinks to Under 16's [consultation](#). It also contains a proposal to extend the ban to other 'high caffeine' drinks such as Coffee and Tea – deadline 1<sup>st</sup> September
- **England, Wales & Northern Ireland**: Defra next stage consultation on [Extended Producer Responsibility](#) (mandatory cup takeback schemes); [Waste consistency](#) and a [Deposit Return Scheme](#) – expected September 2022
- **Republic of Ireland**: Legislation now in place for 20c 'disposable cup' levy [implementation](#) – awaiting next stage for AVA input.

If you would like a chat about a piece of legislation that you think may impact you and your business, please do get in touch.

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## CALORIE LABELLING GUIDELINES



There are a number of regulations in the UK that have an impact on the sale of food and drink from vending machines including calorie labelling regulations, promotion of products high in salt, fat and sugar and the regulations on labelling of foods prepacked for direct sale (Natasha's law). It is important to note that the calorie labelling regulations that came into force on 6 April 2022, apply to 'service provider' companies with **more**

**than 250 employees**. At present, this does not apply to packaged confectionery, snacks or canned/bottled drinks because they already have the calorie content on the label. While meals sold in vending machines already have to carry calorie content on their label, this new regulation reinforces the need for consumers to read this before purchase.

If you would like further advice on whether this regulation applies to you, please read our [additional guidance](#) or get in touch today.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AVA SOUTHERN GOLF DAY:

**7th September 2022**

The AVA Southern Golf Day is due to be held at Aspley Guise & Woburn Sands Golf Club. Book or find out more detail [HERE](#).

### AVA LIVE: On the Road @ Britvic Retail Centre

**5th October, 2022**

The vending team at Britvic Soft Drinks have arranged special access to this unique venue at their Hemel Hempstead HQ. Usually restricted to national retailers such as Tesco or Boots, they

have arranged a tour as hosts of the AVA Regional Meeting. To book, email [penny.rowell@the-ava.com](mailto:penny.rowell@the-ava.com) or call 03300 883 267.

You can find out more about the event [here](#).

## Vendex North

10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Join us in November at Vendex, the one day exhibition for the vending industry, which will take place at the Leeds United Centenary Pavilion. If you would like to attend, you can [register now](#) and we will look forward to seeing you on the day!

## AVA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

8th December, 2022

Back in style at a fantastic Central London location. With limited seats and 60% sold - get your places booked soon!

You can find out more about the event [here](#).

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