

AVA NEWSLETTER



LEGISLATION & GUIDANCE UPDATE

Latest News from the Automatic Vending Association

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Rishi Listened!



HM Treasury

On 21st October we sent a letter to The Chancellor asking that vending shouldn't be forgotten during the awarding of grants and employment support whilst enforcing the new Tiers ([ava-letter-to-the-chancellor](#)). The letter was echoed and publicised by our two industry publications, Planet Vending and Vending International, exhorting members to

'cut and paste' the letter and send their own version. And you did!

Now—he may have listened—or it may still be in his in-tray, but on 22nd October Rishi Sunak and the Prime Minister announced an extended package of measures to help businesses: Expansion of the Job Support Scheme (JSS); Extension of Business Grants and the repayment period; plus additional help for the self-employed. See the summary below:

	Tier 1 (Medium)	Tier 2 (High)	Tier 3 (Very High)
Job Support Scheme	Where employees work 20% of their normal hours, then the Government will meet 61.67% of the non-working hours gross pay, employees give up 1/3rd of their gross pay and the employer pays the balance.		
			Where a business is required to close due to local restrictions then the Government will pay 66.67% of the employees' gross pay.
Job Retention Bonus	Where furloughed employees are retained until at least 31st January 2021, being paid a minimum of £1,560 over the 3 months ended 5th February 2021 then a bonus of £1,000 per employee can be claimed by the employer.		
Self Employed Income Support	Where a self-employed business is adversely affected by COVID then it can claim for a grant equal for the 3 months ended 31st January 2021 of 40% of their previous profits, capped at £3,750.		
Grants (where adversely affected)	For businesses in hospitality, accommodation and leisure, that are not required to close, grants of up to £2,100 per month are available.		
			For all businesses that are required to close, grants of up to £3,000 per month are available.

Loans	Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme, Bounce Back Loan Scheme are available for all businesses to apply for up to 30th November 2020 and funding must be in place by 31st December 2020.
Tax payment deferral	<p>Those who deferred their VAT liabilities in March to June this year are due to pay this by 31st March 2021 but they can defer this by opting into a deferral agreement and spread the cost of the deferred VAT up to 31st March 2022.</p> <p>Taxpayers can arrange with HMRC to spread their income tax liabilities due on 31st January 2021, including those deferred from 31st July 2020, over the 12 months ended 31st January 2022.</p>

More detail on each of these can be found on the Gov.uk website here: [support-for-businesses-and-workers](#)

VAT Reduction for Hospitality and Foodservice extended



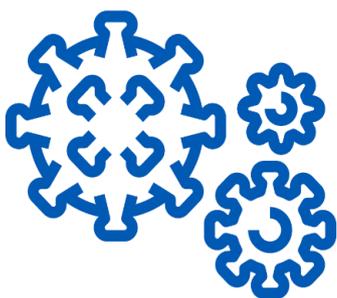
The Chancellor and HMRC confirmed the extension of the VAT reduction from January to the end of March 2021.

After an appeal by the AVA and some of its members, this means that all Food products sold through vending: hot and cold beverages, soft drinks, confectionery and snacks benefit from the reduction of VAT from 20% to 5%.

Details of how this can be applied can be found here: [ava-vat-reduction-notice](#)

As always, check with your Accountant or Financial Advisor on how this can be applied to your business.

AVA TECHNICAL NEWSLETTER No10



The latest Technical Newsletter, put together by Mike Saltmarsh and the AVA Technical Committee can now be found in the Advice Hub section in the members area of the AVA Website here: [Technical-Newsletter-No-10-Oct-20](#)

It contains more detail and confirmation that ‘**Vending is Safe!**’, after a recent report in The Lancet on the “exaggerated risk of transmission of Covid-19 by fomites [various surfaces] “. Emanuel Goldman, Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at Rutgers University, NJ, USA, says: “the chance of transmission through inanimate surfaces is very small, and only in instances where an infected person coughs or sneezes on the surface, and some else touches that surface soon after the cough or sneeze”

Single Use Plastics Consultation



The Welsh Government began this consultation: *“We are making the transition to a circular economy to ensure we do not use more than our fair share of the world’s resources. Reducing our consumption of single use items is an integral part of this move. We also aim to have a litter free Wales. To support this, we need to phase out the use of unnecessary, highly littered, single use plastic. We welcome your views on our plans to help achieve this through banning a number of commonly littered single use plastic products found in our seas and on our beaches.”*

In addition to the impact on a number of AVA member businesses who manufacture and operate in Wales, there is the continued implicit threat within these proposals for a levy and all ‘single use beverage cups’.

The consultation document and our response last week is on the AVA website here: [welsh-government-consultation-reducing-single-use-plastics/](https://www.the-ava.com/welsh-government-consultation-reducing-single-use-plastics/)

Brexit: UK Transition



We will no doubt be inundated with news headlines and Government advice to “Be Prepared”. With a great deal of uncertainty in some areas of what that means for us.

The AVA will pass on guidance, legislation and advice as we receive it. Keep a regular watch on our Brexit / UK Transition page on the AVA website: [brexit-uk-transition](https://www.the-ava.com/brexit-uk-transition)

You can also follow the link to the Government website and sign up for regular updated emails direct!

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