

【UK】プラスチック入りウェットティッシュの英国全土での使用禁止が法制化へ

2025年2月7日、ウェールズ（Wales）はプラスチックを含むウェットティッシュを禁止する意向を世界貿易機関（WTO）に通知した。



- Government announces next steps to ban the supply and sale of wet wipes containing plastic following overwhelming support during the consultation process
- World-leading legislation will be introduced this year to help tackle plastic pollution and clean up waterways
- Transition period set out for businesses to help them adapt

The UK Government will introduce new world-leading legislation to ban wet

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-wide-ban-on-wet-wipes-containing-plastic-to-be-put-into-law>

以下、2024年11月5日のWTO（2024年）における環境保護（プラスチック入りウェットティッシュ）規則案（北アイルランド）である。

<p>[DRAFT] STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND</p> <p>2025 No. 000</p> <p>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</p> <p>The Environmental Protection (Wet Wipes Containing Plastic) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025</p> <p>Make - - - January 2025 Coming into operation June 2026</p> <p>The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 32(1)(b), 32(1)(c) and (a) and (6) of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(a), makes the following Regulations.</p> <p>In accordance with Article 32(3) of that Order, the Department has published a notice indicating the effect of these Regulations and has taken into consideration the representations made to it in accordance with the notice.</p> <p>Citation and commencement</p> <p>1. These Regulations may be cited as the Environmental Protection (Wet Wipes Containing Plastic) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025 and shall come into operation on June 2026.</p> <p>Interpretation</p> <p>2. In these Regulations—</p> <p>“authorised person” means a person authorised by the Department in accordance with Article 22 of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997;</p> <p>“business” includes—</p> <p>(a) any trade or profession;</p> <p>(b) any activity carried on by a charity;</p> <p>(c) any activity carried on by a body of persons whether corporate or unincorporated;</p> <p>(d) the provision of services by or on behalf of the Department of Health in Northern Ireland under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b);</p> <p>“charity” means—</p> <p>(a) anything which is a charity—</p> <p>(i) within the meaning of section 1(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c);</p> <p>(ii) within the meaning of section 1(1) of the Charities Act 2011(b);</p> <p>(a) S.I. 1997/2778 (S.I. 19)</p> <p>(b) 2011 c. 25</p>	<p>(iii) within the meaning of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005(a); or</p> <p>(iv) for the purposes of section 202 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010(b);</p> <p>“end-user” means any person to whom wet wipes containing plastic are supplied, other than a person to whom they are supplied for the purposes of—</p> <p>(a) supplying it, in the course of a business, to another person; or</p> <p>(b) a manufacturing process;</p> <p>“plastic” means a material consisting of polymer as defined in Article 3(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (c), to which additives or other substances may have been added, and which can function as a main structural component of final products, with the exception of natural polymers that have not been chemically modified;</p> <p>“supply” means supply, by way of sale or not;</p> <p>“wet wipe” means a non-woven piece of fabric which has been pre-wetted and which is not designed or intended to be re-used.</p> <p>Offences and Penalties</p> <p>3.—(1) A person who, in the course of a business, supplies or offers to supply to an end user wet wipes containing plastic, is guilty of an offence.</p> <p>(2) Paragraph (1) is subject to the exemptions in regulations 4 to 6.</p> <p>(3) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine, limited to the statutory maximum.</p> <p>(4) A person who fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with a requirement to provide information imposed under regulation 8(3) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine, limited to the statutory maximum.</p> <p>Exemption: registered pharmacies</p> <p>4.—(1) Regulation 3 (1) does not apply to a retail pharmacy business that supplies wet wipes containing plastic in the cases in paragraph (2), provided that the conditions in paragraph (3) are complied with.</p> <p>(2) The cases referred to in paragraph (1) are where the wet wipes containing plastic are supplied to an end user—</p> <p>(a) at a registered pharmacy; or</p> <p>(b) by means of online or other distance selling arrangements.</p> <p>(3) The conditions are that wet wipes containing plastic—</p> <p>(a) must not be advertised to customers in Northern Ireland by the retail pharmacy business; and</p> <p>(b) if supplied at a registered pharmacy—</p> <p>(i) must not be kept in a place where they are visible to customers, or where customers can access them; and</p> <p>(ii) must not be offered or provided to a customer unless the customer has requested them.</p> <p>(a) 2005 asp 10</p> <p>(b) 2010 c. 4. Section 202 has been amended by paragraph 27(2) of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2010 (c. 13), section 35(5) of the Finance Act 2014 (c. 26) and S.I. 2012/264</p> <p>(c) E.U. 2006/1907</p> <p>2</p>
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