

# B Banner

## Helping to eliminate consumer single-use plastic (CSUP) in your workplace

As one of the largest distributors of workplace products, we recognise we have a responsibility to operate responsibly. It's important for us to look ahead and design innovative answers to the challenges we face, as a business, within our communities and by our customers.

We're pleased to have a robust Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy in place. This operates across four key pillars, Our Environment, Our Supply Chain, Our Communities and Our People. These help us to deliver social value and impact for our customers, community, suppliers and employees.

Reducing single-use plastic is a significant part of our CSR strategy, both within our business and by supporting our customers. As a business we've set ourselves 11 CSR targets, these include reducing consumption of single use plastics by 30% by 2020, which we achieved, and to double the number of environment and ethically sourced product ranges by 2021. **We're currently on track to achieve this target.**

### What are CSUPs?



A key question that we're often asked by our customers is what constitutes CSUPs. CSUPs include anything made wholly or partly of plastic and is typically intended to be used just once and/or for a short period of time before being disposed of.



### How to identify products in scope of the forthcoming ban.

Examples of items commonly recognised as single-use plastics include:

- Takeaway boxes
- Disposable coffee cups
- Stirrers
- Plastic wrap
- Polystyrene packaging
- Cigarette filters



Equally, if a product is avoidable OR has a viable non-plastic available alternative then it should be sourced to be in scope with the ban.

### What type of products aren't considered CSUPs?

Products which aren't regularly used as a consumer item that relate to an applied or industrial process, for example:

- A toner cartridge
- PPE plastic gloves

Departments are encouraged to go further than this wherever they are able, which Banner can support with, for example we have a range of briefcases and laptop bags that are made entirely from recycled plastic bottles.

Sometimes using a SUP is unavoidable, despite your best efforts, so it's important to encourage staff to recycle materials appropriately using the correct bins.

## 3 simple steps to eliminating CSUPs in the workplace.

### 1. Make a list of all the CSUPs in your workplace and work your way through it to source alternative products.

Consider all areas of the workplace, such as:

- a. Catering
- b. Office supplies
- c. Facilities
- d. Packaging

### 2. Get staff involved

Raise awareness of the items that are CSUPs in the workplace and then provide alternatives. **Providing a water dispenser is an easy way to avoid SUP water bottles.**

### 3. Have a long-term plan

Introduce ideas to the workplace that will help to change the long-term culture of your workplace towards CSUPs – it's easy to slip back into old habits. Providing staff with reusable mug and bottle is a good alternative to disposable cups.



# How can Banner help to eliminate CSUPs in Government estate offices?

**We work closely with our customers to identify products that need to be replaced.** We then set regular review meetings to provide alternative options where necessary and discuss options for you to take that extra step.

Please speak to your Banner Account Manager to find out how Banner can help to eliminate CSUPs in your workplace.

To view the latest steps we've taken to achieve our CSR targets please visit:

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