

# Statement From EDANA's UK Working Group on the UK Government's Proposals to Ban Plastic in Certain Wet Wipes

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Today the UK Government has published a consultation on a proposal to ban plastic in certain wet wipes in the UK. In response, Gloria Jaconelli Communications & PR Director at EDANA, the leading global trade association for the nonwovens industry which includes wet wipes, shared the following statement:



“Wet wipes perform vital hygiene, and cleanliness functions for many parents, families, carers, the NHS, and businesses; notably wipes played a crucial role in sanitising surfaces during the pandemic to protect citizens from COVID-19.

The industry supports government and stakeholder efforts to reduce pollution and sewer blockages, while ensuring that consumers, the NHS, social care, and businesses can continue to benefit from the fundamental uses and advantages that wet wipes provide.

It is extremely important to debunk some of the myths regarding wet wipes and our sewage systems.

- Contrary to some previous reports, our industry figures show that over 70% of consumer wet wipes on sale in

