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News from around the giftware industry.

Britons support ban on free plastic bags

Four in five Britons support ban on free plastic bags

A recent survey of 2,000 UK adults found that 83% of people believe retailers should stop giving away free plastic bags.

The poll, conducted by eco-friendly bag wholesaler Reusabags, also found that 82% of people said a 10-15p charge for plastic bags would encourage them to switch to reusable bags with proceeds going to good causes. A massive 91.9% are concerned about the impact plastic bags from retailers have on our environment and a hefty 69% believe the current promise by retailers to reduce the number of bags given away by 50% by the end of spring 2010 is not enough.

The Irish Republic introduced a levy on plastic bags in 2002, which resulted in a 90% drop in the use of them across the country while China and Israel also have a charging system in place. Bhutan and Bangladesh have completely outlawed bags with France due to bring in its own national plastic bag ban in January 2010. Chris Amos from Reusabags said: "Support for a ban on



giving away plastic bags is now greater than ever. Twelve-months ago Gordon Brown demanded a reduction of plastic bags, so for our future and the sake of our planet, the use of reusable bags should be embraced and encouraged now."

Full survey results can be found at: www.ecobagswholesaler.co.uk/survey

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Another new page is being written in the history of Spring Fair International with the

Greetings & Stationery, where the work of new artists will also be seen in the Artists' Quarter



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