SCOTTISH GROCER FEATURE SYNOPSIS December 2020 Christmas Top Up

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We're keen to have opinions, thoughts and predictions on the following topical issues as well as general market information such as market share, market trends and details of brand activity.
It's always very useful to receive images - 300 dpi if possible. Good images include product shots, pictures of people quoted in the copy, and pictures of advertising and marketing activity
And please feel free to provide anything else you think is relevant.

The festive period can be a frantic one and just about every shopper will have a moment when they need something in a hurry. In this feature we'll look at how convenience retailers can ensure their store is equipped to cater to the Christmas Top Up. We would welcome comments on the following:

• What categories benefit most from top-up shopping over the festive period? What SKUs are key for convenience retailers to stock up on as the festive season approaches?

• What distress purchases drive sales in convenience over the festive period? Christmas cards/gift bags/wrapping paper/stationery etc.? Other gifting SKUs? How can retailers ensure they've got the right range for the Christmas rush?

• What plans do you have for your brand over the festive period?

• How can retailers build their store's reputation as a good place to stop for last-minute Christmas essentials? How can retailers use social media/loyalty/promotional activity to drive footfall over the lucrative festive period?

• What merchandising/ranging advice can you offer retailers looking to introduce seasonal/festive lines in their store?