

SCOTTISH GROCER FEATURE SYNOPSIS

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Confectionery

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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.*

Shoppers with a lingering sweet tooth from Easter will be flocking to the confectionery section once their eggs have been cracked, providing retailers with plenty of opportunities to drive up some extra sales as the spring settles in. In this feature, we will look at how retailers can help create a perfect opportunity to drive up some confectionery sales, whether this be for a big night in opportunity or as a pick-me-up during the spring. We would welcome comments on the following:

- How would you assess the performance of confectionery in Scottish c-stores at the moment? Where are the areas for growth here? What are the key trends that c-store retailers should be aware of for the rest of the year?
- What ranging and merchandising advice do you have for c-store retailers? How important is POS to creating an engaging display? What support can you offer in this regard?
- With the financial crisis in mind, how can retailers ensure their confectionery range remains attractive as well as affordable for customers? What formats work well here? How important are promotions in the confectionery category to help create further sales across the Scottish convenience channel?
- How are healthier options performing in the confectionery category at the moment? How have these demands evolved as Scotland prepares to introduce its own HFSS rules? Has there been much of an impact here? What about free-from options (vegan, halal, gluten-free)?
- What are the key shopper missions driving sales in the confectionery category? How can retailers ensure they're effectively catering to these missions?
- Do you have any NPD or campaigns you would like to shout about?