



COLD CHAIN CLIMATE & ENERGY SUMMIT



EVENT PROGRAMME & AGENDA

Bringing together logistics, energy and policy leaders to tackle the biggest sustainability challenges facing the UK cold chain

KEYNOTE SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



JUSTIN ROWLATT
BBC
Climate Editor



PHILIP SHELLEY
National Lead for Net
Zero Food, NHS England



DR EMMA GUTHRIE
CEO, The Hydrogen
Energy Association



KATE BROOME
Sustainability and Social
Impact Director,
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9:00am	EXHIBITION OPENS
SESSION ONE: COLD CHAIN AND NET ZERO	
The transition to a net zero economy is at a pivotal moment. With a faltering economy and just 25 years to go, will the government remain fully committed to its pioneering 2050 target? In this session we look at the current landscape for net zero, and hear how one of the biggest customers of cold chain is approaching sustainability and resilience.	
10:00am	WELCOME – Justin Rowlatt, BBC Climate Editor: Net zero in 2026: is the government still committed?
10:10am	KEYNOTE: THE ROLE OF THE COLD CHAIN IN NHS RESILIENCE, FOOD SAFETY & NET ZERO Philip Shelley, National Lead for Net Zero Food, NHS England
10:35am	PANEL DISCUSSION: THE COLD CHAIN'S ROLE IN NET ZERO: ARE WE ON TRACK? Philip Shelley, National Lead for Net Zero Food, NHS England / Paul Bennell, Managing Director Samworth Brothers Supply Chain & President of the Cold Chain Federation / Phil Pluck, CEO, Cold Chain Federation / P&M Group (Hosted by Justin Rowlatt, BBC Climate Editor)
11:00am	Sustainable Business Awards sponsored by P&M Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold Storage Operator of the Year 2026 • Cold Chain Transport Operator of the Year 2026 • Sustainable Supplier of the Year 2026
11:10am	COFFEE BREAK
SESSION TWO: DECARBONISING TRANSPORT	
Progress in reducing emissions from transport refrigeration units is a major success story for UK decarbonisation efforts. Low emission and emission free alternatives are hitting the roads in increasing numbers. In this session we look at the journey so far and how government action could speed up the transition even further, whilst hearing from a major operator on their net zero distribution journey and examining how SME's can keep pace with rapid innovation.	
11:45pm	KEYNOTE: KUEHNE + NAGEL'S JOURNEY TO FLEET DECARBONISATION Kate Broome, Sustainability and Social Impact Director, Kuehne+Nagel
12:05pm	KEYNOTE: DECARBONISING TRANSPORT REFRIGERATION: WHAT THE COLD CHAIN NEEDS FROM GOVERNMENT Tom Southall, Deputy CEO, Cold Chain Federation
12:25pm	PANEL DISCUSSION: ADOPTING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS Maddy Coupe, Policy Manager, Cold Chain Federation / Kate Broome, Sustainability and Social Impact Director, Kuehne+Nagel / Nikki Redhead, Managing Director, Keep it Cool / Flexible Power Systems (Hosted by Justin Rowlatt, BBC Climate Editor)
12:50pm	Technological Breakthrough Awards sponsored by Flexible Power Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Cold Store of the Year 2026 • Sustainable Innovation: Cold Storage • Sustainable Innovation: Refrigerated Transport • Sustainable Partnership Project
1:00pm	LUNCH & NETWORKING
SESSION THREE: ENERGY SECURITY	
In our final session we and look at the security of UK energy supplies to critical cold chain infrastructure. We will also examine how the government can boost effort for cold chain operators to adopt novel energy generations and storage mechanisms.	
2:00pm	KEYNOTE: HOW SECURE IS THE UK'S ENERGY SUPPLY AND WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR BUSINESS AND UK RESILIENCE? Justin Rowlatt, BBC Climate Editor
2:25pm	KEYNOTE: HYDROGEN'S ROLE IN COLD CHAIN DECARBONISATION Dr Emma Guthrie, CEO, The Hydrogen Energy Association
2:50pm	PANEL DISCUSSION: DELIVERING THE COLD CHAIN MICROGRID OF 2050 Tom Southall, Deputy CEO, Cold Chain Federation / Dr Emma Guthrie, CEO, The Hydrogen Energy Association / CCF Member Company (Hosted by Justin Rowlatt, BBC Climate Editor)
3:20pm	Sustainability Champions Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Climate Initiative • Cold Chain Climate Champion (under 35) • Outstanding Leadership
3:30pm	FIRESIDE CHAT – Phil Pluck, CEO, Cold Chain Federation & Justin Rowlatt, BBC Climate Editor
3:45pm	END

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