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Italian supplier Sacmi, meanwhile, notes that both converters and bottlers are well aware of the importance of the EU deadline, but acknowledges not everyone has taken the steps in time to meet the requirements of this major transition. The company, which offers a wide range of tethered caps, believes businesses should prioritise three key considerations when making the switch: preserving the profitability of the solutions to be adopted in compliance with quality standards; ensuring a high level of flexibility with minimal impact on existing lines; and remaining open to new regulatory and market developments.

“We’ve seen how much this can impact the organisation of our customers’ work,” says Riccardo Rubini, post-processing business director at Sacmi. “For this reason, we reiterate the importance of planning such changes carefully and in good time.”

For businesses that still haven’t taken the necessary measures ahead of the July 2024 deadline, Retal R&D director Anton Sugoniaev suggests there is still time – but not much! Retal, he claims, can work quickly with brand-owner and bottler customers to implement tethered closures without complicated modifications to their production lines.

“With the deadline fast approaching, there is some pressure on equipment producers, so it makes sense to see what can be done without modification and with standard tethered closures from a reliable partner to reduce the potential stress as much as possible,” explains Sugoniaev.

It’s also a tactic advocated by other suppliers. Berry Global makes the point that the production process is essentially the same for tethered caps – for example, no new resins are required. However, it does acknowledge that the filling line needs fine-tuning, with adjustments to feeding lines, capping chucks and camera systems. Closure systems supplier Arol suggests that if the switch doesn’t involve a change to the neck finishing, the line modification from a screw-on cap to a screw-on tethered cap can be limited to a few capper and cap



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