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UK cartonboard commentary: FBB, WLC prices stable but pressure rise on spot market

By Andrea Venturini - Thursday 09 October

Prices for folding boxboard (FBB) and white-lined chipboard (WLC) were mostly carried over into October in the UK, although pressure on prices, particularly on the top end of the range, started to mount.

Market participants mentioned cheap prices coming from Asia and also that interesting offers from some European producers are driving spot prices down a bit, although they believe the general market price is flat.

Demand continued to be on the low side during the month, with no real signs of a seasonal pick-up.

Fastmarkets assessed both [folding boxboard \(GC2\)](#) 270-280 g, UK and [white-lined chipboard \(GD2\)](#), 300 g, UK as flat in October.

UK P&B production down 4.1% y-o-y to 1.9 mln tonnes in January-July

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UK production of paper and board (P&B) declined by 4.1% year on year to 1.9 million tonnes between January to July, according to the latest figures from the Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI).

UK P&B production, imports, exports Jan-Jul 25						
	Production		Imports		Exports	
	Jan - Jul 25	% change y-o-y	Jan - Jul 25	% change y-o-y	Jan - Jul 25	% change y-o-y
Corrugated case material	817,258	▼ 2.1	661,758	▲ 0.9	75,042	▼ 16.0
Parent reels of tissue	408,911	▼ 5.3	243,105	▲ 2.2	N/A	N/A
Other papers and boards	642,994	▼ 5.8	1,450,900	▼ 3.5	352,715	▲ 0.6
Total P&B	1,869,163	▼ 4.1	2,355,763	▼ 1.8	427,757	▼ 2.8
Source: CPI						

UK P&B apparent consumption Jan - Jul 25		
(1,000 tonnes)		
	Apparent consumption	
	Jan - Jul 25	% change
Corrugated case materials	1,403,974	▲ 0.2
Kraftliner and semi-chemical fluting	216,431	▼ 4.8
Recycled fluting	489,693	▼ 2.4
Testliners	697,850	▲ 3.8
Cartonboard and other board for packaging	551,058	▼ 1.1
Packaging papers	135,241	▲ 17.3
Tissue	648,989	▼ 3.1
Printing & Writing	707,981	▼ 13.0
Uncoated mechanical	101,206	▼ 14.3
Uncoated woodfree	286,185	▼ 17.6
Coated mechanical	180,127	▲ 1.9
Coated woodfree	140,463	▼ 17.9
Other P&B	349,926	▼ 0.2
Total P&B	1,893,667	▼ 2.8
Source: CPI		

Production of corrugated case material dropped by 2.1% to 817,258 tonnes, while that of parent reels of tissue fell by 5.3% to 408,911 tonnes and other papers fell 5.8% to 642,994 tonnes respectively.

Apparent consumption of P&B fell by 2.8% on a year-on-year basis to 1.9 million tonnes during the first seven months of 2025. Apparent consumption of corrugated case materials fell by 0.2% to 1.4 million tonnes, while that of cartonboard declined by 1.1% to 551,058 tonnes. Apparent consumption of packaging papers increased by 17.3% to 135,241 tonnes during the period under review.

Apparent consumption of parent tissue rolls dropped by 3.1% to 648,989 tonnes during the period, while that of printing and writing paper declined by 13% to 707,981 tonnes. Consumption of other paper and boards fell by 0.2% to 349,926 tonnes.

SIG backs SodaStream with SIG Dome carton bottle for new Apple Schorlen-Mix and Grape Schorlen-Mix syrups

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SodaStream, a leading global brand in sparkling water makers, has chosen the SIG Dome 500ml carton bottle for its new Apple Schorlen-Mix and Grape Schorlen-Mix syrups. This marks SodaStream’s entry into the fruit Schorlen segment and its first use of aseptic carton packs as part of SodaStream’s continued commitment to sustainability.

The SIG Dome carton bottle stands out for uniquely combining the best of two worlds. It offers all the protective, environmental, and logistical benefits of a carton pack and at the same time the convenience of a bottle thanks to its light weight and central closure position.

Viktoria Uhl-Pochman, Head of Sales Austria & Switzerland at SIG: “We are delighted to have gained another strong partner for our packaging solutions: SodaStream. We are convinced that SodaStream spritzers in SIG Dome have the potential to offer consumers a unique and value-adding experience to create their SodaStream drinks even more responsible.”



SodaStream, standing for mindful consumption, has built its reputation on a circular eco-system of sparkling water makers, flavors and refillable CO₂ cylinders, enabling consumers to make sparkling beverages at home while replacing single-use plastic bottles. With the launch of fruit Schorlen-Mix, SodaStream is expanding its product range of flavors. By opting for aseptic carton packs for the first time, SodaStream is underscoring its commitment to more sustainable, resource-efficient consumption.

Dennis Griebing, Senior Product Manager at SodaStream: „According to a recent study we conducted together with YouGov and published in our Beverage Compass (“Getränkekompass”)¹, fruit Schorlen are the second most popular soft drink among Germans, right after Cola. We now serve this segment with Mix for fruit Schorlen in carton packs, which also score points for their good eco profile.”

Designed for recycling, SIG Dome is mainly made from FSC-certified paperboard and produced using 100% renewable electricity. With the high share of forest-based renewable material as well as a sophisticated resource-efficient and space-saving design, SIG Dome comes with a number of environmental benefits compared to alternative packaging options like plastic bottles. By choosing SIG Dome, SodaStream signals the entry into a new era demonstrating how a brand can successfully enter a new market segment while further prioritizing sustainability.

¹https://dps-news.de/fileadmin/Sodastream_Getraenke-Kompass_final_2025-06-23.pdf

About SIG

SIG (FSCTM trademark license code: FSCTM C020428) is a leading solutions provider of packaging for better – better for our customers, for consumers, and for the world. With our unique portfolio of aseptic carton, bag-in-box, and spouted pouch, we work in partnership with our customers to bring food and beverage products to consumers around the world in a safe, sustainable, and affordable way. Our technology and outstanding innovation capabilities enable us to provide our customers with end-to-end solutions for differentiated products, smarter factories, and connected packs, all to address the ever-changing needs of consumers. Sustainability is integral to our business, and we strive to create a regenerative food packaging system.

Founded in 1853, SIG is headquartered in Neuhausen, Switzerland, and listed at the SIX Swiss Exchange. The skills and experience of our approximately 9,600 employees worldwide enable us to respond quickly and effectively to the needs of our customers in over 100 countries. In 2024, SIG produced 57 billion packs and generated €3.3 billion in revenue. SIG also has an AAA ESG rating by MSCI, a Platinum CSR rating by EcoVadis, and is included in the FTSE4Good Index.

About SodaStream

SodaStream, a PepsiCo subsidiary, is a top global sparkling watermaker brand. SodaStream empowers consumers to create perfect personalized sparkling beverage experiences with just a push of a button. By allowing its users to make better choices for themselves and the planet – SodaStream is revolutionizing the beverage industry and changing the way the world drinks.

MM Group showcases colourful palette of fibre-based packaging solutions at FACHPACK 2025 in Nuremberg

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This September, Nuremberg “unboxed” Europe’s premier packaging tradeshow: FachPack. At this year’s show, MM Group, MM Board & Paper and MM Packaging greeted visitors with a colourful palette of fibre-based packaging solutions.

With commercial and sustainability experts in attendance, the booth provided attendees a space to think through their packaging purchase from ideation through prototyping to launch.

MM Group: Setting the Stage

FachPack gave MM Group the stage to showcase the power of integration. From cartonboard, liner and packaging kraft paper to final packaging solutions, the MM booth highlighted how performance, consumer appeal and sustainability can flow seamlessly from fibre to shelf. Visitors entered the ESG Experts Corner to learn more about how fibre-based packaging can position brands to navigate industry challenges ahead – such as the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR), and CO₂ reduction targets.

Beyond the booth, MM shared how the company transforms strategy into reality. Our Innovationbox talk offered proof for how sustainability and innovation can complement each other when effectively aligned.

MM Board & Paper: Cartonboard with Character

The MM Board & Paper people shined the spotlight on the full range of fibre-based, sustainable packaging materials, each of the top brands personified through a tailored character. Taking a neutral perspective, the Board & Paper experts walked visitors through recycled- and virgin-fibre options that provided the best fit for a given application.

A special highlight was receiving the German Packaging Award for the Blue Star Kraft Aktiv solution that MM Board & Paper developed with Henkel. Using our TOPCOLOR BARRIER AROMA cartonboard, this solution replaced plastic blister packs with a recyclable packaging alternative that locks in aroma while reducing plastic.

MM Packaging: Innovation Meets Design

FACHPACK was also the perfect stage for MM Packaging to showcase smarter folding cartons, beverage carriers and moulded pulp alternatives. Visitors discovered firsthand how sustainable packaging design and dazzling shelf impact can go hand in hand. Our moulded pulp solutions, in particular, sparked lively conversations on how fibre can reduce or replace packaging’s plastic content without compromising on function or style. With progress in technology, today’s more eco-friendly packaging materials prove that sustainability can go hand in hand with strong branding. This is especially valuable for consumer packaged goods, where shelf appeal and protection are equally critical.

Conclusion: More Than a Booth

FACHPACK 2025 was more than an exhibition — it was a dialogue. The MM family shared, listened and celebrated. The many interactions that took place in and around the MM booth can be distilled into one clear and inspiring message: The future of the packaging industry is fibre-based, circular and brighter than ever.

Stora Enso expands premium packaging portfolio with uncoated SBS board for luxury applications

By Nola Valente - Tuesday 07 October

Stora Enso expanded its premium packaging portfolio with the launch of a new uncoated solid bleached sulfate (SBS) board designed for luxury applications such as cosmetics, perfumes, and other high-end consumer goods.

The board is produced at the company’s Imatra, Finland, site and will be commercially available from this month, a Stora Enso spokesperson told Fastmarkets on Wednesday October 7. No new production capabilities or machine conversions were required for the launch.

Demand from luxury brand owners is increasingly centered on sustainability and minimalism, with growing interest in uncoated materials that convey both quality and environmental responsibility. “Brand owners are seeking high-quality materials that can elevate the consumer experience and communicate sustainability values,” a Stora Enso spokesperson told Fastmarkets.

The company said the absence of coating reduces material use and manufacturing complexity, resulting in a lower environmental footprint compared with coated grades.

The new uncoated SBS board, known as Ensovelet, is available in 240–320 g/m² and complements the company’s flagship Ensocoat board to form a complete SBS range for both coated and uncoated luxury packaging applications. The product was first introduced at LuxePack Monaco, which was held from September 29–October 1.

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	1000 - 1260	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	1000 - 1260
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	1000 - 1250	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	1000 - 1250
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	685 - 770	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	685 - 770
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	665 - 765	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	665 - 765

Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

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FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	1000 - 1250	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	1000 - 1250
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	665 - 765	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	665 - 765

Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0104	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	990 - 1260	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	990 - 1260
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	690 - 750	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	690 - 750

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

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FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	1000 - 1260	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	1000 - 1260
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	685 - 770	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	685 - 770

Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price		+/-	Month	Monthly Average	
FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	1000	- 1260	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	1000	- 1260
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Sep 2025	670	- 745	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2025	670	- 745

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price		+/-	Month	Monthly Average	
FP-CBB-0094	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Oct 2025	990	- 1180	0 (0.00%)	Oct 2025	990	- 1180
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Oct 2025	1137	- 1356	-8.5 (-0.68%)	Oct 2025	1137	- 1356
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Oct 2025	685	- 765	0 (0.00%)	Oct 2025	685	- 765
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Oct 2025	787	- 879	-5.5 (-0.66%)	Oct 2025	787	- 879