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As the leading independent catering equipment distributor in the UK we work on behalf of a number of the leading brands in the industry and the majority if not all of these companies now manufacture products that have sustainable and environmentally friendly technology in their designs and in their practices, from sourcing the raw materials, through to manufacture and delivery.

Equipment is evolving all the time and manufacturers have invested heavily into the development of ranges that offer energy saving features and a build quality which allows for extended warranties which in turn helps with less equipment going into waste/recycle. Built in regular maintenance intervals also help the cause of sustainability. The area to watch however is the cheap import route which continues to diminish the work of reputable manufacturers and the cause of green equipment procurement.

Equipment is becoming more intelligent, with programmable models aiding efficiency and ensuring consistent results, leading to less wastage. In addition, features such as rapid pre-heat functions on ovens save on power and aid unit recovery after loading/unloading; self-diagnostic facilities are built-in to some equipment which can detect any operational problems, again helping to keep them running at optimum performance and efficiency and auto power cut out is a great feature which saves energy when the equipment is not in use.

One such manufacturer that is leading the way in terms of new technologies is a long established supply partner of ours for 12 years, which is Smeg. Commercial Business Manager, Phil Coulstock, has been working on the company's warewashing range –

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Phil explains more, “The Smeg range, we believe has something fresh and different to offer the industry. Since joining Smeg earlier this year, I’ve streamlined the warewashing range for the UK market - down to 16 models from the original 33, with high levels of specification and energy saving features being very much to the fore in the remaining models, which are suitable for all applications.”

The team at RH Hall can also advise on the savings available through manufacturers registered with the ECA (Enhanced Capital Allowance) Scheme which provides tax relief for businesses that invest in energy efficient equipment and with The Carbon Trust where there is an Energy Technology List which details products that offer better energy efficiency and reduced running costs.

RH Hall is also a member of the B2B Compliance in line with the Government’s WEEE directive since 2008. All our exclusive/key brands are 100% WEEE compliant. The Directive aims to both reduce the amount of electrical and electronic equipment being produced and to minimise the impact on the environment by encouraging the re-use, recycling and recovery of it.

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