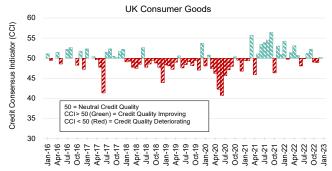


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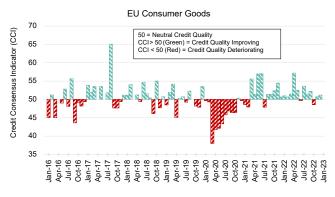


## **UK Consumer Goods: Net Improvement Returns**

**UK Consumer Goods firms** have experienced recent instability in their collective credit balance.

**UK Consumer Goods CCI score is 50.2** this month, an improvement from last month's CCI of **48.9** and a return to net improvement.

The UK Competition and Markets Authority will examine the accuracy of 'green' claims made about household essential goods to make sure shoppers are not being misled.

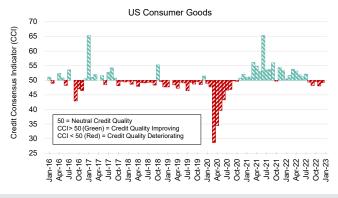


## **EU Consumer Goods: Net Improvement Continues**

**EU Consumer Goods firms** have maintained a positive CCI score for the second consecutive month.

**EU Consumer Goods CCI score this month is 51.2**, a slight improvement from last month's CCI of **50.7**.

In 2023, many EU sectors, including Household Goods and Food, will likely see <u>diminishing growth</u> due to a weak economy.



## US Consumer Goods: Net Deterioration Trend Continues

**US Consumer Goods firms** register a fifth consecutive instance of a negative CCI this month.

**US Consumer Goods CCI score this month is 49.2**, an improvement from last month's CCI of **48.0**.

US consumer spending <u>fell for a second straight month</u> in Dec-22, putting the economy on a lower growth path heading into 2023.

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