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“The convenience retail sector has enjoyed a strong period of growth but for the first time in a number of years there are clouds on the horizon. Rising food inflation is likely to see greater scrutiny placed on the price premium often associated with convenience stores.”

– Nick Carroll, Senior Retail Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- What does rising inflation mean for the convenience sector?
- What does Booker and Tesco joining forces mean?
- Is online turning from friend to foe?

This Report combines both market and consumer data along with key retailer metrics to give an overview of the UK convenience market.

Broadly speaking a convenience store (c-store) is a small-store grocery-focused retail format which is in effect complementary to grocery formats more geared towards large weekly shops, such as supermarkets and online channels. Conventionally, it offers a convenience service for people needing to undertake top-up shopping or make distress purchases. With the entrance of major grocers into the sector in recent years, with higher standards of fresh and chilled foods and trusted own-brands, the sector has become increasingly prominent in consumers' last-minute meal shopping.

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