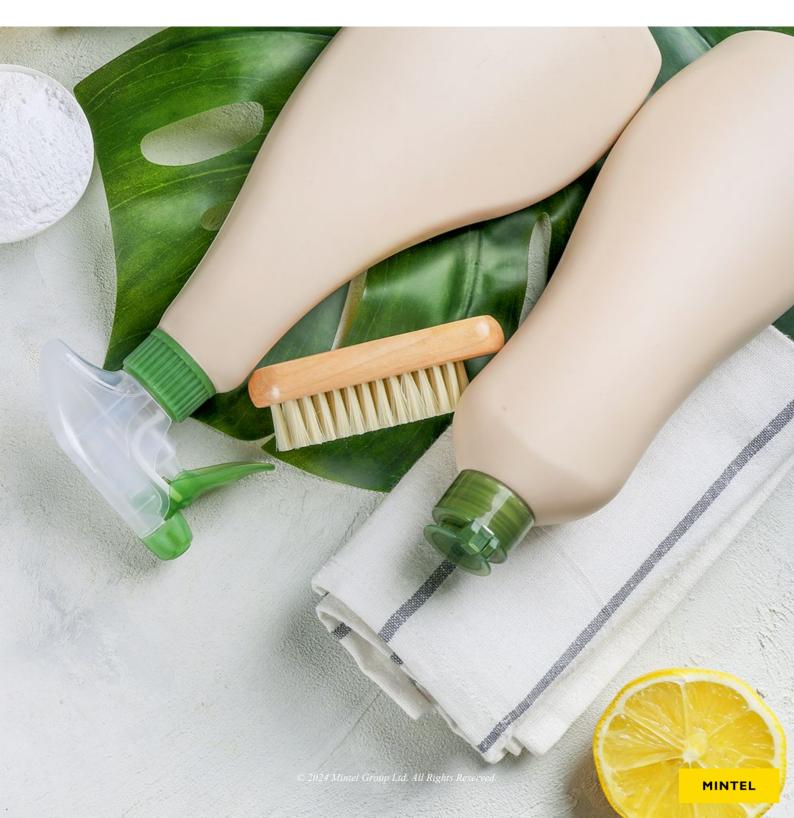
# THE GREEN HOUSEHOLD CARE CONSUMER – GERMANY – 2021

As COVID-19 heightened environmental concerns, green household brands can thrive by addressing sceptic consumer attitudes around eco products with relatable proof of and transparency on claims.



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- COVID-19's impact on the green household care consumer and German consumer behaviour

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- · Eco-certified household care products taking over

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