

Publication of the Decree on the Triman Signage and Sorting Information



The implementing decree which sets the new rules for affixing the Triman signage along with sorting instructions for textile products marketed in France was published on June 30, 2021. It provides details on Article 17 of the law against wastage and for circular economy (French Governmental AGEC law) and on compliance deadlines.

According to article 17 of the AGEC law in force in France, the Triman signage which is compulsory on all textile household products that are placed on the market and that are subject to extended producer responsibility (EPR) must also mention "sorting info", from January 1, 2022.

Decree No. 2021-835 dated June 29th, 2021 (also called the "Triman decree") on consumer information on how to sort waste from products that fall under extended producer responsibility, was published in the official journal on June 30, 2021. The decree specifies the application and implementation conditions of this new requirement.

Display of the "sorting info"

The "sorting info" will consist of instructions for consumers on how to sort or dispose of the product's waste. According to Article 1, 1 °, this information will be prepared by the textile industry's household linen and footwear sector eco-organization: Re_fashion.

Display modalities for affixing the Triman and sorting info

According to article 17 of the AGEC law, the signage must be affixed to the product, its packaging or, failing that, in other documents which will be supplied with the product. Article 1 2 ° of the aforementioned decree adds that this signage and sorting information may be affixed under the shape of stickers.

However, the decree also provides for exceptions for which dematerialized communications will be possible:

- If the surface of the largest of the sides of a product or its packaging is less than 10 cm² and no other document is provided with the product, the Triman and the sorting information may be dematerialized.
- If the product or packaging has a surface area of between 10 cm² and 20 cm², the Triman must be affixed to the product but the sorting information may be dematerialized.

Consequently, for textile-clothing products, these two elements may appear on the composition label, on a non-permanent label, on the product packaging or, failing that, on the documents supplied with the product.

Entry into force and implementation period

According to article 130 of the AGEC law, this requirement will come into force on January 1, 2022. However, the decree also provides a more flexible timetable to help companies comply more smoothly:

- **The eco-organization** has 3 months (i.e. until September 30, 2021) to send its information proposal on sorting rules to the ministers in charge of environment and consumption.
- **The ministers** then have 2 months (i.e. until November 30, 2021), to validate the submitted sorting info. If it isn't approved, a period of 1 month will be granted to the eco-organization to take the ministers' observations into account.
- **Producers** will have 1 year (i.e. until November 30), 2022, to affix the Triman and the sorting-info.
- **Products that will have been manufactured or imported before November 30, 2022** will benefit from an additional 6-months period to be sold (i.e. until May 30, 2023).

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