

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) / Triman logo & Info-sorting

Article L.541-10 of the French Environmental Code provides for the principle of **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**. To fulfill their obligation, companies selling their products directly to end-consumers in France have an **obligation to contribute to waste management via two alternative approaches**.

- 1- To implement an individual waste collection and processing system,
- 2- To become a member of an approved eco-organization (Refashion) in France to which they transfer their obligation and pay a financial contribution in return based on sales declaration.

In practice however (when faced with cost, organizational issues, etc.), companies prefer to join and become members of the Refashion eco-organization to free themselves from their EPR obligation. Most – not to say all - companies choose that solution.

Foreign companies selling their products through French distributors/importers are not obliged to declare their sales to Refashion. It is the French distributor/importer who is obliged to declare its sales to Refashion.

The Unique Identification Number

Article 541-10 of the French Environmental Code provides that all producers that are concerned by EPR must register with the **administrative authority (ADEME)** and benefit from a unique identification number. This registration guarantees membership in the eco-organization, or the implementation of an individual waste management system. It provides relevant data to monitor and determine the quantitative and qualitative objectives of waste prevention and waste management for the sector.

<https://refashion.fr/pro/en/unique-identification-number-uid-how-get-it>

The TRIMAN logo & info-sorting

Law No. 2020105 on the circular economy and the fight against waste (**AGEC Law**) issued on February 10, 2020, and **imposes from January 1st 2022**, the affixing of TRIMAN signage and info-sorting on products such as clothing textiles, household linen and footwear.



The obligation to affix the TRIMAN signage (developed by Refashion) applies to all textile products and is therefore not dependent on a membership of the Refashion eco-organization.

Decree No. 2021-835 (June 29, 2021) on consumer information on waste sorting rules for products pertaining to the principle of extended producer responsibility specifies the terms of application of this AGECE law system.

Implementation of the info-sorting - The French Ministry validation on the info-sorting has been given on 31/01/2022 to Refashion. From that date, producers of clothing, household linen and footwear will have a period of 12 months to bring their products into compliance and to label them with the sorting information (the period is extended to 18 months if the products were manufactured before the Ministry's validation date).

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