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To,

All Members of Plexconcil,

Dear Sir / Madam,

Subject: Information about the new EPR rules in France

We are in receipt of the information from Indian Embassy, France regarding the New EPR rules in France.

The EU directives regarding extended producer responsibility (EPR) are mandatory for all European countries. The translation into national laws in the countries must be completed by 2025 at the latest. The aim of the revised EU Packaging Directive and the requirements of the EU WEEE Directive for electrical appliances or batteries is to hold manufacturers and importers responsible for their products at the end of their lifecycle. Collection, take-back, proper disposal, and recycling of products are intended to reduce environmental impacts and help achieve climate goals. Each country is free to design its local laws in line with EU directives. This means that EPR imposes different requirements on countries, such as registration.

Placed below are the EPR regulations in France:

- The legal framework for implementing EU directives on EPR in France varies, with Environmental Code Art. R. 543 - 33 ff addressing packaging for private consumers and Environmental Code Art. R. 543 - 66 ff applying to other categories.
- Manufacturers or distributors, whether based in France or abroad, are required to collect and dispose of household packaging as stipulated by French regulations.
- Compliance can be achieved through either an accredited return system (such as CITEO, Adelphe, or LÉKO, and EcoDDS for packaging with health and environmental risks) or an independent system.
- Valid proof of compliance is provided via the EPR registration number or Unique Identification Numbers.

- Packaging under EPR in France must bear the Triman logo for identification purposes.
- In addition to batteries and electrical and electronic equipment, the take-back and disposal obligations extend to various product categories, including toys without integrated batteries.
- Individual identification numbers are obtained through the French authority ADEME (www.ademe.fr/en)

Regarding the MS contribution based on the non-recycled plastic packaging waste introduced as a new revenue source for the 2021-2027 EU budget, France currently has no finalised plans to fund the payment of its plastic levy obligation through the adoption of a national plastic tax. However, France has transposed the SUP Directive, by gradually banning the placing on the market of certain single-used plastic products, such as plastic over-packaging of fruit and vegetables, disposable crockery in fast food outlets. Since 1 January 2024, medical devices containing microplastics have also been banned from sale. France is planning to phase out all single-use plastic packaging by the end of 2040. In addition, with the AGEC Law on the fight against waste and for a circular economy, France is gradually extending the EPR in accordance with the 'polluter pays' principle. As a result, importers or producers pay an eco-contribution based on weight or quantities (depending on the products) to 'eco-organisms' that are in charge of recycling channels. Concerning packaging, today only waste and packaging for households are concerned, which covers the 5 large packaging materials: cardboard, plastic, steel, aluminium and glass. However, on 1 January 2025, this channel will be extended to include the re-use and recycling of industrial and commercial packaging from the professional sector. The practical arrangements will be published later this year.

You may also like to see the following websites:

<https://wts.com/wts.com/publications/climate-protection-green-tax-energy/2024/wts-global-plastic-taxation-2024-updated.pdf>

www.my-compliance.eu/news/fr-commercial-packaging-2025

www.certify-gmbh.de/en/blog-en/extended-producer-responsibility-epr-in-france-your-guide-through-the-jungle-of-regulations &

www.euopen-packaging.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/EUOPEN-factsheet-on-EPR-for-used-packaging.pdf

Members exporting to France, please take note of the above information.

Best regards,

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