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About Local Regulations

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The Anti-Waste for a Circular Economy law, known as the "Loi anti-gaspillage pour une économie circulaire" in French (AGEC in short), is a legislation implemented in France. It aims to limit waste and promote a more sustainable and circular economy. The law was passed on February 10, 2020, and introduces measures to reduce waste generation, encourage recycling, and promote the reuse and repair of products.

Here are some key aspects of the Anti-Waste for a Circular Economy law:

- 1 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**

The law strengthens the principle of extended producer responsibility, requiring manufacturers to take responsibility for their products' entire lifecycle, including waste management and recycling.
- 2 Plastic Reduction Measures**

The law sets targets for reducing the consumption of single-use plastics. It bans certain disposable plastic items, promotes the use of recycled plastics, and mandates separate collection and recycling of plastic waste.
- 3 Deposit-Refund Scheme**

The law expands the deposit/refund system to include additional beverage containers such as fruit juice and sports drinks. This encourages consumers to return empty containers for recycling and reduces littering.

Packaging Labelling Requirements

Triman logo

The Triman logo is an official symbol used in France to indicate that a product's packaging is recyclable and should be sorted selectively for recycling. For recyclable packaging that is part of the EPR scheme and destined to end up in household-waste, you must apply the Triman logo. From the 1st of January 2022, Triman labelling regulations also apply to electronic goods, batteries and the like.

Along with the Triman logo, you need to include sorting advice, which can be in text (French), symbols, or both. If the products are not exclusively for the French market, the country code "FR" should also be applied. This is to avoid confusion for customers in other (French-speaking) countries, where different sorting rules may apply.

If packaging consists of multiple parts, each individual element and their respective method of sorting should be displayed separately.

Compostable

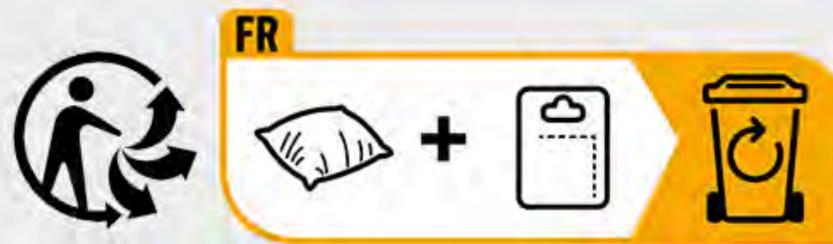
Packaging can be labelled as compostable only if it is compostable at home, and not industrially. Applying the terms "biodegradable", "eco-friendly", and similar is forbidden, as they are misleading and vague.

Recycled materials

When a product is labelled as recycled, the percentage of recycled materials incorporated in the product must be disclosed using "Info Tri" – an abbreviation for "Information Tri des Déchets" in French, which translates to "Waste Sorting Information". Info Tri communicates and educates, while providing information about waste sorting practices to the general public.



Triman logo



Triman logo with sorting advice



Extended Producer Responsibility:

Every company placing packaging on the French market has to register in the EPR scheme and get a UIN (unique identification number), as well as work with one of the eco organisations (e.g. leko-organisme.fr) to report and pay eco contributions for packaging placed on the market.

Single-Use Plastic

Following a Single Use Directive, France adopted a ban on:

- SUP packaging for fresh fruits and vegetables
- Bottled water for public administrations and events
- Confetti
- Tea bags (excluding biodegradable ones)
- Plastic wrap for the press

Reusable Packaging

France entered a decree for a minimal share of reusable packaging on the market for any producers who place at least 10,000 units of packaged products on the market per year, as well as on any approved Producer Responsibility Organization for packaging (e.g. Leko).

The objectives vary depending on the annual turnover declared by producers:

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Turnover > 20 million euros	not required	not required	not required	5%
Turnover 20-50 million euros	not required	not required	5%	7%
Turnover < 50 million euros	5%	6%	7%	8%

The % of the minimal share of reusable packaging for businesses according to their turnover in France.

Further reading

[The French Agency for Ecological Transition](#)

[More on SUP across Europe](#)

[Extended Producer Responsibility in France](#)