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Decree relating to the appropriate markings informing users of household chemical products liable to represent a significant health and environmental risk and which are subject to sorting instructions

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Message 002

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No abre el plazo - Nezhajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Decree relating to the appropriate set of symbols informing users of household chemical products liable to represent a significant health and environmental risk and which are subject to waste sorting instructions

6. Products Concerned

Household chemical products liable to represent a significant health and environmental risk, including within the limits of the sector of extended producer responsibility in specific diffuse waste (REP DDS).

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The sector of extended producer responsibility in specific household diffuse waste (used tins of paint, solvents, plant protection products, etc.) has been operational since April 2013. Article L. 541-10-4 of the French Environmental Code provides for the implementation of a set of symbols informing users that this waste is subject to specific waste sorting instructions and must not be thrown away together with household waste.

Thus, from 1 January 2017 onwards, any party placing chemical products on the market which are liable to represent a significant health and environmental risk shall inform users, by means of a common set of symbols, that these products are subject to specific waste sorting instructions and must not be collected together with general municipal waste. This set of symbols shall include, as a minimum, a crossed-out waste bin symbol (see below) and must appear on the product or, failing this, on the packaging, instructions for use or any other medium, including electronic media.

In contrast to the 'Triman' logo that must be placed on recyclable products, the crossed-out waste bin symbol must be placed on chemical products representing a significant health and environmental risk, in order to inform users of these products that they require specific treatment due to their nature (most often hazardous products) and must therefore be deposited in the dedicated skips at approved waste disposal sites.

Furthermore, the purpose of this symbol is very different to that of symbols associated with the CLP regulation for hazardous products. On the one hand, products affected by the REP DDS sector are not exclusively hazardous products (in the interests of global consistency in the sector to facilitate recycling by citizens); on the other hand, the CLP regulations aim to give users information on the hazardousness of the product itself, while the crossed-out waste bin is intended to provide them with information about the end of life of the product and particularly the way in which it should be recycled when the time comes to dispose of it.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Article L. 541-10-4 of the French Environmental Code provides that chemical products, liable to represent a significant health and environmental risk, must bear an appropriate set of symbols in order to prevent users from having said products collected together with general municipal waste, and that the procedures for applying this Article shall be established by Decree.

After two years of the sector of extended producer responsibility in specific diffuse waste gaining importance, it appears that numerous sorting errors are still being made by users of chemical products. Thus, the implementation of this set of symbols, represented by the crossed-out waste bin symbol and already placed on waste electrical and electronic equipment and batteries, is eagerly awaited by parties placing products on the market in order to improve the environmental and economic efficiency of the sector.

The presence or absence of this symbol on the product label will enable every citizen to know whether they should throw the product away with their household waste or packaging (no crossed-out waste bin symbol) or whether they should take it to a dedicated collection point (crossed-out waste bin pictogram present), i.e. an approved waste disposal site or any other collection point provided by the eco-body (car parks of supermarkets, DIY stores, etc.).

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference(s) to basic text(s): Article L. 541-10-4 of the French Environmental Code
- Decree No 2012-13 of 4 January 2012 on the prevention and management of chemical household waste liable to represent a significant health and environmental risk: Articles R. 543-228 to R. 543-239 of the French Environmental Code.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

Yes



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Single Market for goods
Prevention of Technical Barriers

SPS aspect

No - the draft is neither a sanitary nor a phytosanitary measure.

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