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## Draft Decree concerning the recycling and processing of waste from new textile clothing products, shoes and household linen aimed at private households

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#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

Draft Decree concerning the recycling and processing of waste from new textile clothing products, shoes and household linen aimed at private households

#### **6. Products Concerned**

The provisions of the Decree apply to waste from new textile clothing products, shoes and household linen aimed at private households.

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

NO

#### **8. Main Content**

The draft Decree details the organisation of an Extended Producer Responsibility system applied to textile waste. Individual systems or bodies set up by those placing on the market new clothing textile products, shoes or household linen aimed at private households with a view to contributing to the costs of recycling and processing of waste from their products shall be approved or accredited by the public authorities. The scale of these contributions shall be determined by the accredited bodies, on the basis of the number of units sold and/or the volume of products sold in order to honour their contractual obligations to the sorting operators, namely to provide aid for local organisations coordinating separate collections of textile waste to disseminate information about that collection, and, on a more general level, to comply with the provisions of the specifications attached to their accreditation agreement.

The Decree specifies the content of the specifications. In particular, the specifications shall set objectives for bodies and individual systems in terms of the quantity of the waste concerned to be sorted, reused, recycled or recovered, objectives as regards research and development and objectives in terms of recruiting people with difficulty finding employment. It also states that the contribution to the costs of recycling and processing the waste concerned shall be based on whether or not each sorting operator achieves a minimum objective of recruiting people with difficulty finding employment. The specifications shall also lay down the conditions to be met by each sorting operator appointed for the quality of their sorting and of their separate collection of the waste concerned.

A fine laid down for category 3 contraventions shall be imposed in the event of the placing on the French market of a textile product without a financial contribution being made to an accredited body or without those placing the products on the market having the necessary approval for any individual system.

Keywords: waste – textiles – recycling – treatment – sorting - recruitment

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

This draft Decree implements Article L.541-10-3 of the Environment Code, which is aimed at perpetuating the process of recovering used textiles, and at bringing about an increase in tonnage collected separately and



recovered, by obliging those placing on the French market new clothing textiles, shoes or household linen aimed at private households to make a contribution to the costs of recycling and processing waste from these products. The used textile recovery sector, in which the social economy plays a very active role, has for several years had to face a crisis caused by the low quality of products collected separately and by the low resale price of second hand textiles, which is in keeping with the downward trend of the retail price of new textiles.

By making the contribution to the costs of recycling and processing the waste concerned conditional on whether or not each sorting operator meets a minimum objective of recruiting people with difficulty finding employment, this text is also aimed at facilitating the recruitment of such people pursuant to Article L.541-10-3 of the Environment Code.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Article L.541-10-3 of the Environment Code

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

NO

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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#### **13. Confidentiality**

NO

#### **14. Fiscal measures**

- a) YES
- b) NO

#### **15. Impact assessment**

NO

#### **16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT aspect (Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade)

- a) Yes, the draft will be notified within the TBT framework

SPS aspect (Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures)

- a) NO, we do not ask that the draft be notified within the SPS framework.
- b) i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A to the SPS Agreement.

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