FRENCH REPUBLIC

Ministry of the Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forests, the Sea and Fisheries

Decree No. on the Methods of Calculating and Reporting the Environmental Cost of Textile Products

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Target audience: any natural or legal person who voluntarily calculates or reports on the environmental cost of textile products, including manufacturers, importers, or marketers of these products, and any natural or legal person who voluntarily reports on an aggregate score relating to one or more environmental impacts of a textile product.

Subject: methods of calculating and reporting the environmental cost of textile products.

Entry into force: the text shall enter into force on the day after its publication.

Application: the decree is adopted pursuant to Article 2 of the Law of 22 August 2021 on combating climate change and building resilience to its effects.

The Prime Minister,

On the report from the Minister for the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty and the Minister for the Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forests, the Sea and Fisheries;

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1007/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2011 on textile fibre names and related labelling and marking of textile products with regard to their fibre composition;

Having regard to Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services; together with the Notification No. XXX sent to the European Commission on XXX;

Having regard to the Environmental Code, in particular Articles L. 541-9-11 to L. 541-

9-15;

Having regard to the Commercial Code, in particular Article L. 151-1 thereof;

Having regard to the Intellectual Property Code, in particular Article L 711-1 thereof;

Having regard to the Code of Relations between the Public and the Administration;

Having regard to Law No 2021-1104 of 22 August 2021 on combating climate change and building resilience to its effects, in particular Article 2 thereof;

Having regard to Commission Recommendation (EU) 2021/2279 of 15 December 2021 on the use of Environmental Footprint methods to measure and communicate the life cycle environmental performance of products and organisations;

Having regard to the observations made during the public consultation carried out between 28 November and 19 December 2024, pursuant to Article L. 123-19-1 of the Environmental Code;

After consulting the Council of State,

Hereby decrees:

Article 1

In Title IV of Book V of Chapter I of Section 9 of the Regulatory Part of the Environmental Code, a subsection 6 is added as follows:

Subsection 6

'Calculating and reporting the environmental cost applicable to textile products

'Article R. 541-240. – This subsection shall apply to new or remanufactured textile products placed on the national market intended for the consumer and defined by order of the ministers responsible for the environment and the economy.

'Article R. 541-241. – Information on the environmental impacts of a product, as referred to in Article L. 541-9-11, consists of an integer greater than zero, expressed as impact points, and entitled 'environmental cost'.

'When voluntarily made known to the consumer by the manufacturer, importer or other marketer, the environmental cost shall be accessible at the time of purchase of the product under the conditions of Articles R.541-246 and R.541-247.

'The environmental cost relates to each product reference. It is based on a modelling of all the environmental impacts of the product, considered throughout its life cycle.

'Article R 541-242.- For the purposes of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

'1) "Placing on the market": the first making available of a product on the national market;

'2) "Manufacturer": any natural or legal person who manufactures a product or has it designed and markets it under his own name or trademark;

'3) "Importer": any natural or legal person who places a product from another Member State of the European Union or from a third country on the national market;

'4) "Reference": the version of a product in which all units share the same technical characteristics, such as colour, material composition, shape and texture, excluding variations in size;

'The term "remanufacturing" shall be understood in accordance with Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1781 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for sustainable products.

'The term "trademark" is understood in accordance with Article L. 711-1 of the Intellectual Property Code.'

'Article R. 541-243. – Any legal or natural person who voluntarily calculates or discloses the environmental cost, irrespective of the physical or dematerialised medium used, shall comply with the methodology set out in Article R. 541-245, the obligations to make available and transmit information laid down in Articles R. 541-246 and R. 541-250, as well as the presentation arrangements laid down in Article R. 541-247.

'Article R. 541-244. – Any legal or natural person who voluntarily reports on a score relating to one or more environmental impacts of a textile product must also report on the environmental cost. The score should not be contradictory or confusing in relation to the environmental cost. An order of the ministers responsible for the environment and the economy may specify the minimum requirements to be met in order to demonstrate the consistency of the information.

'Until [*one year after the entry into force of Decree No of*], this obligation shall apply only if the manufacturer, importer, or marketer has calculated and made available on the dedicated portal the environmental cost of their product.

'Article R. 541-245. – The calculation of the environmental cost is carried out in accordance with a methodology laid down by order of the ministers responsible for the environment and the economy and specified in a methodological notice published on the website of the ministries responsible for the environment and the economy.

'This methodology details the modelling on which the calculation of the environmental cost is based. This modelling consists of the aggregation of indicators relating to all the environmental impacts of textile products, considered at each stage of the product life cycle. The life cycle includes the production stages of raw materials, the processing stages, the distribution stage, the use phase, and the end-of-life stage.

'The methodology specifies the reference parameters included in the modelling.

'It shall specify the reference parameters for the modelling to be provided by the natural or legal person carrying out the calculation of the environmental cost. These parameters are, *at a minimum*, the type and mass of the product, the nature and percentage of the raw materials, the geographical origin of the production stage. To enter these parameters, the person performing the calculation uses data specific to the product or product reference, under the conditions provided for by the methodology.

'The methodology shall also specify the reference parameters for modelling that may be provided by the natural or legal person carrying out the calculation of the environmental cost. To enter these parameters, the person performing the calculation uses data specific to the product or product reference, under the conditions provided for by the methodology. In the absence of such data, it shall provide a default value, under the conditions laid down in the methodology. 'The calculation of the environmental cost may involve additional parameters to the reference parameters, under conditions laid down by order of the ministers responsible for the environment and the economy and specified in a methodological notice published on the website of the ministries responsible for the environment and the economy.

'Article R 541-246. – Without prejudice to the provisions of Article L. 151-1 of the Commercial Code, any natural or legal person who reports the environmental cost of a product shall make available to the public, including any natural or legal person who may report the environmental cost, prior to the reporting of the environmental cost, the following information:

(1) the environmental cost calculated in terms of the number of impact points;

'2) the breakdown of the environmental cost of the product according to the categories of impacts listed by order of the ministers responsible for the environment and the economy, as well as the sustainability coefficient provided for by the methodology;

'3) information relating to the identification of the references of the products concerned, as well as the date on which the reference was placed on the market;

'4) the date on which the calculation of the environmental cost is carried out, the legal nature of the person who carried out the calculation, and the corresponding version of the methodology used.

'This public dissemination is carried out on a portal designated by order of the ministers responsible for the environment and the economy and must be available prior to the reporting of the environmental cost.

'The data are transmitted and published under the responsibility of the natural or legal person carrying out the calculation, in accordance with a data schema available on this portal. An order of the ministers responsible for the environment and the economy shall specify, where necessary, the technical arrangements for implementing the data scheme.

'This data may be reused in the manner laid down in Title II of Book III of the Code of Relations between the Public and the Administration and under the terms of the open licence mentioned in Article D. 323-2-1(I)(1) of the same code.

'Article R 541-247. – The presentation of the environmental cost shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures and signage laid down by order of the ministers responsible for the environment and the economy.

'Where appropriate, these procedures and this signage shall include specificities relating to the type of configuration used to carry out the calculation.

'Article R 541-248. – From [*one year after the entry into force of Decree No of*], the reporting of an environmental cost calculated by any natural or legal person not indistinguishable from the manufacturer, importer or marketer, is carried out, on the basis of available data or data estimated from available data, without the latter needing to give their consent.

'If the manufacturer, importer, or marketer has calculated and made available on the dedicated portal the environmental cost of their product, the other natural or legal persons who report on the cost of this product are required to refer to this calculation. Where appropriate, they shall update the presentation of the environmental cost within a period not exceeding one month.

'Article R 541-249. – Any natural or legal person calculating the environmental cost of a product may, where appropriate, update that calculation at most once every three months.

'In the event of changes in the methodology referred to in Article R. 541-245, the person is required to update, within a period not exceeding 12 months, and without prejudice to the previous subparagraph, the calculation and availability of the information, specifying the date of the update. This obligation to update shall not apply when the reporting has previously been effected, by means of marking or labelling, on the product or its packaging.

'Article R 541-250. – Any natural or legal person that calculates or reports on the environmental cost defined in Article R. 541-241 shall make available to regulated agents under Article L. 511-7 of the Consumer Code the information needed to justify the calculation made.

'Prior to the reporting of the environmental cost, any natural or legal person who calculates the environmental cost defined in Article R. 541-241 shall provide information on the list of reference and complementary parameters used and the specific data mobilised, on a dedicated digital portal accessible to public authorities, designated by order of the ministers responsible for the environment and the economy. 'This Order shall specify, where necessary, the technical arrangements for implementing this Article.'

Article 2

The Minister for the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty and the Minister for Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forests, the Sea and Fisheries shall be responsible, each as far as they are concerned, for the implementation of this Decree, which shall be published in the *Official Journal* of the French Republic.

By the Prime Minister:

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