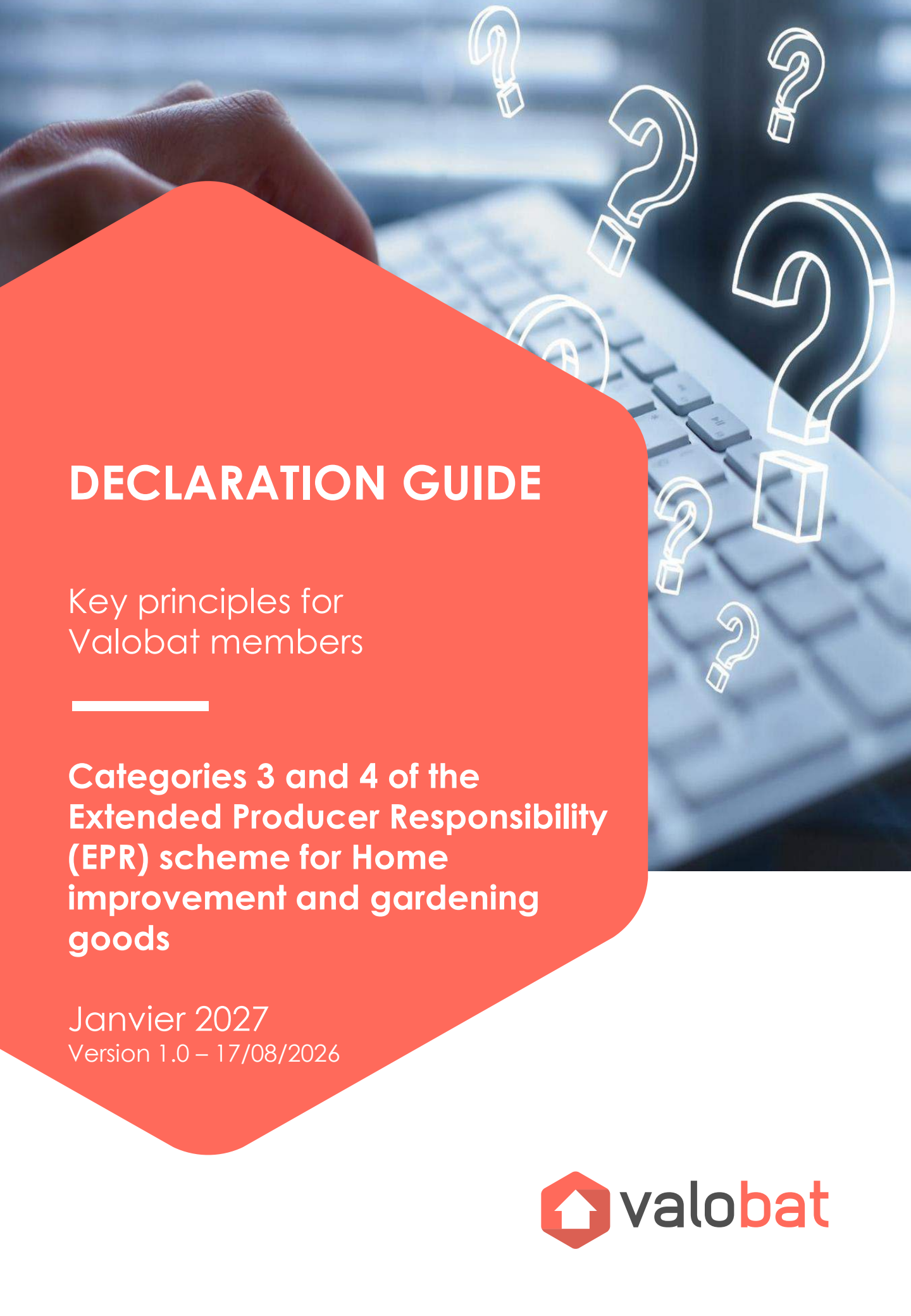




DECLARATION GUIDE

Key principles for
Valobat members

**Categories 3 and 4 of the
Extended Producer Responsibility
(EPR) scheme for Home
improvement and gardening
goods**

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EDITORIAL

Dear Member,

Through this new 2026 edition of the declaration guide dedicated to the home improvement and Gardening Products (ABJ) EPR scheme, you will find the rules for the general declaration scheme for your products placed on the market, as well as the procedures for the simplified declaration scheme.

In 2026, we have prioritised continuity : the fee schedule structure and headings remain unchanged.

However, there are several new features:

The addition of a new eco-modulation, which adjusts the amount of your eco-contribution according to the environmental performance of your wood-containing products.



The cap on the highest weight band for declaration by unit sold.

For small volumes of products placed on the market, changes to the simplified fee schedule (structure and rates).

A bonus for incorporating recycled plastic material has been added: this is presented in the Eco-modulations section of this guide.

We hope you enjoy reading this guide and remain at your disposal should you need any assistance.

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Director of Member Relations

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**ESSENTIAL
INFORMATION**



THE GUIDE

This guide is intended for Valobat members and provides all the information needed to complete their declaration of ABJ products placed on the market.

Throughout this guide, we will use:

- › **the acronym EPR:** Extended Producer Responsibility
- › **the acronym ABJ:** home improvement and Gardening Products
- › **the acronym IDU (Unique Identifier):** a unique identification number issued by ADEME confirming that you have joined a Producer Responsibility Organisation

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1.1 THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS COMPLIANCE, DEPENDING ON YOUR SITUATION

You were already a Valobat member under the ABJ EPR scheme in 2026 and therefore already completed a forecast declaration for 2025.

- In the first quarter of 2027, you will need to complete your actual declaration of products placed on the market in 2026.
- Based on this declaration, Valobat will generate your 2027 forecast declaration, which you can adjust if necessary before validating it in your MyValobat Member area.

You were a member of another Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO) under the ABJ EPR scheme in 2026 and are switching to Valobat as of 1 January 2027:

- In the first quarter of 2027, your four actual declarations of products placed on the market in 2026 will be converted into one 2027 forecast declaration by Valobat's teams:
 - As soon as your final 2026 actual declaration is complete, send us the information at adherents@valobat.fr
 - We will send you the converted file, and you will only need to adjust the declaration if necessary before validating it in your MyValobat Member area.

You were not a member of any PRO under the ABJ EPR scheme in 2026 and have just joined Valobat:

- You must now identify the fee schedule lines corresponding to your products.
- Within one month of joining, you must complete a declaration of your actual products placed on the market for 2024 and subsequent years, as well as a forecast declaration for the current year.
- In the first quarter of the following year (N+1), you will need to complete the actual declaration of products placed on the market during the previous year (N).
- Based on this declaration, Valobat will generate your forecast declaration for the following year, which you can adjust if necessary before validating it in your MyValobat Member area.
- If you are unable to provide the data required for an actual declaration for previous years, you can use the first-time declarant procedure (see page 23).



In all cases, this guide will be useful to you:

- To identify the fee schedule lines corresponding to your products (e.g. if you plan to place new products on the market in 2027)
- To discover the declaration procedures offered by Valobat to make compliance with the EPR scheme easier
- To adjust your eco-contribution rates according to the environmental criteria met by your products



1.2 KEY QUESTIONS FOR THE DECLARATION

KEY QUESTIONS	INFORMATION REQUIRED
1 WHICH PRODUCTS ARE COVERED BY THE ABJ EPR SCHEME?	• List of products you place on the market that are subject to the regulations • Non-exhaustive list of examples: https://www.valobat.fr/la-filiere-abj • Valobat search engine: https://www.valobat.fr/bareme-abj-2026/
2 DOES MY COMPANY HAVE TO DECLARE THESE PRODUCTS?	• Check that group subsidiaries have joined and have joined either directly or through a representative • Overview of your logistics / sales organisation
3 WHAT QUANTITIES MUST BE DECLARED?	• Volumes of products placed on the market (invoices, ERP, etc.)
4 WHAT IS THE APPLICABLE FEE?	• Valobat fee schedule: https://www.valobat.fr/telecharger-le-bareme/ • Criteria for access to the simplified fee schedule: Number of product units placed on the market and corresponding tonnage



1.3 WHICH PRODUCTS ARE COVERED?



Valobat is approved for two of the four families of the home improvement & Gardening EPR scheme, namely:



FAMILY 3: HOME IMPROVEMENT EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING HAND TOOLS, AND THEIR ACCESSORIES;



FAMILY 4: PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR GARDEN MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING, AND THEIR ACCESSORIES;

In the remainder of this document, we will use “home improvement” and “Gardening” respectively to refer to these two families.

Please note: painter's tools and powered electrical and thermal equipment and machinery do not fall within these categories.

The following types of products are excluded from the scope of the home improvement & Gardening EPR scheme:

- **Products designed exclusively for professional use.** See the **opposite page for more information**
- **Hardware:** covered by the Building EPR (BCPM) or Furnishings EPR (DEA)
- **Masonry installations:** partly covered by the Building EPR (BCPM)
- **Electrical and electronic products:** except for certain cases, covered by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment EPR
- **Decorative garden items such as** garden fountains, statues or sculptures
- **Swimming pools covered** by the BCPM EPR or the Toys EPR

To identify precisely which products you must declare, go to [part 4](#) of this guide.



CLARIFICATION OF THE RULES ON PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THE SCHEME

From the outset, a reference in the decree to exclusions from the scope raised questions, particularly regarding products "designed to be used exclusively by professionals". This wording could suggest that products sold to professionals or through professional channels were excluded.

To clarify this point, the Approved Coordinating Organisation for home improvement & Gardening (OCABJ) contacted the Directorate General for Risk Prevention (DGPR).

In a letter dated 14 May 2025, the DGPR specified that:

- the distribution channel or type of end user does not constitute an exclusion criterion;
- only the design of the product and its exclusively professional purpose may justify an exclusion;
- the decision must be based on technical standards or intrinsic characteristics.

OCABJ has since published a note for producers placing products on the market to guide them through their declarations.

DOWNLOAD THE OCABJ NOTE

MORE INFORMATION ON VALOBAT.FR



FAMILY 3 PRODUCTS

- home improvement -



HAND TOOLS AND THEIR ACCESSORIES (hammer, tape measure, spirit level, saw, plane, screwdriver, etc.)



LARGE NON-ELECTRICAL AND NON-THERMAL OBJECTS AND MACHINERY AND THEIR ACCESSORIES (vice, anvil, large level, etc.)



TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR WORKING AT HEIGHT (ladder, stepladder, step stool, etc.)



HOME IMPROVEMENT PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) (earplugs, helmet, home improvement gloves, safety glasses, etc.)



TARPAULINS, COVERS, NETS AND FILMS FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT (worksite protection, etc.)



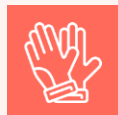
POTS AND CONTAINERS (bucket, trough, etc.)

FAMILY 4 PRODUCTS

- GARDENING -



HAND TOOLS FOR GARDEN MAINTENANCE AND THEIR ACCESSORIES (watering can, wheelbarrow, fork, garden hose, etc.)



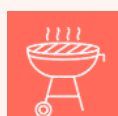
GARDENING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) (coveralls, gardening gloves, etc.)



POTS AND CONTAINERS (planter, pottery, water collector, composter, etc.)



TARPAULINS, COVERS, NETS AND FILMS FOR GARDENING (winter protection fabric, vegetable garden tunnel cover, etc.)



OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES (gas barbecue, parasol, etc.)



REMOVABLE, NON-MASONRY OUTDOOR STRUCTURES (garden shed, bin shelter, carport, gazebo, etc.)



Please note:

Valobat is approved for the home improvement and Gardening Products (ABJ), Building Construction Products and Materials (BCPM), and Furnishings Waste (DEA) EPR schemes. You can entrust your obligations to Valobat under one or more of these three schemes.

Some products not covered by the ABJ EPR scheme must nevertheless be declared under other existing or forthcoming EPR schemes. More information on these schemes is available on the [ADEME website](#). For further information on the home improvement and Gardening Products (ABJ) EPR scheme (context, applicable regulations, legal texts and sources), please refer to Valobat's member guide dedicated to this EPR scheme.



1.4 WHEN AM I A PRODUCER PLACING PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET?

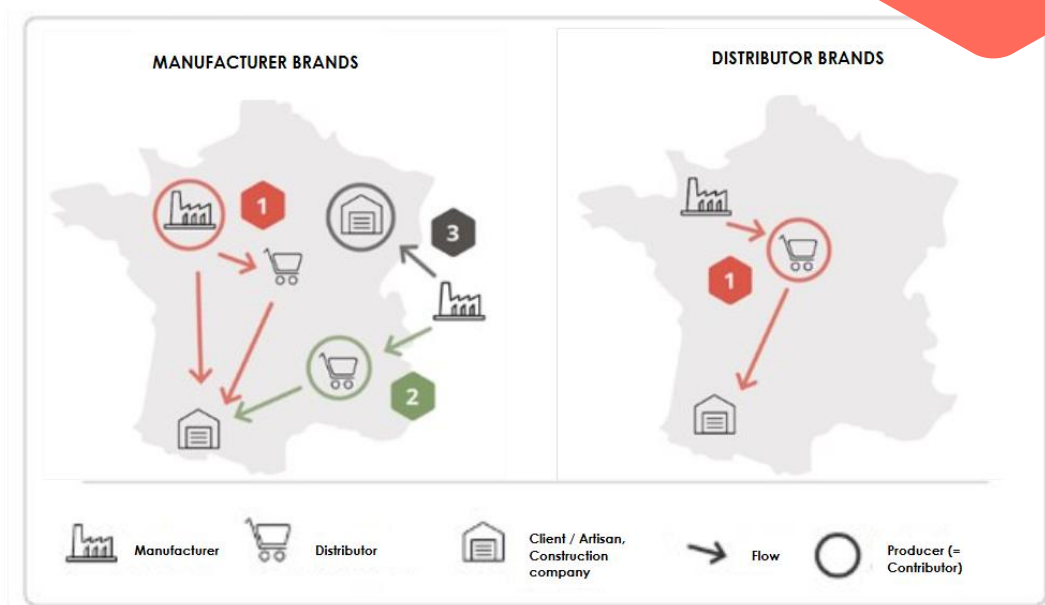
To define the concept of a producer placing products on the market, Decree 2021-1213 of 22 September 2021 specifies that the producer required to declare is any individual or legal entity that, in a professional capacity, either manufactures in France, imports, assembles or first places on the domestic market home improvement and Gardening Products intended to be supplied, whether for payment or free of charge, to the end user by any sales method, or to be used directly in France.

- either by manufacturing or having ABJ products manufactured under their own name or brand,
- or by importing or first placing ABJ products on the domestic market



PRIVATE-LABEL BRAND CASE

Private-label brand (MDD): where ABJ products are made available on the market under a retailer's brand, the retailer is considered the producer placing the products on the market.



You are a producer placing products on the market within the meaning of the home improvement & Gardening (ABJ) EPR scheme if, as an individual or legal entity and in a professional capacity, you manufacture in France, import, assemble or first place on the domestic market home improvement and Gardening Products intended to be supplied,

whether for payment or free of charge, to the end user by any sales method, or to be used directly in France. Where home improvement and Gardening Products are sold under your sole brand as a distributor, you are considered a producer placing products on the market.



1.5 WHICH FEE SCHEDULE SHOULD I APPLY?

To determine the eco-contribution applicable to a product for which you are the producer placing it on the market, you must identify the associated Valobat code by answering the following four questions.

1

Which family does the product belong to?

See Part 4

4

Which declaration unit do I want to use?

See Part 6

2

Which sub-family does the product belong to?

See Part 4

5

Does the eco-modulation apply to the product?

See Part 7

3

Which material makes up the majority of the product?

See Part 5

Each product code corresponds to a line in the Valobat fee schedule and to a fee.

Several tools are available to help you define this code and easily identify the corresponding fee:

- The fee schedule file in Excel format, downloadable from this page, allows you to apply filters to each criterion characterising your product at Valobat (family, sub-family, material, declaration unit) and therefore easily identify the corresponding product code and fee;
- The fee schedule is also available online [here](https://www.valobat.fr/bareme-abj-2026/) <https://www.valobat.fr/bareme-abj-2026/>
- The declaration simulator (from your MyValobat Member area) allows you to generate the product code by successively selecting the criteria characterising your product at Valobat (family, sub-family, material, declaration unit, eco-modulations);
- A list of examples is also available if you would rather search by keyword using the name of your products. Please note : as this list is not exhaustive, your product may fall within the ABJ EPR scheme even if it does not appear on this list.



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**AM I A PRODUCER
PLACING PRODUCTS
ON THE MARKET?**
KEY PRINCIPLES

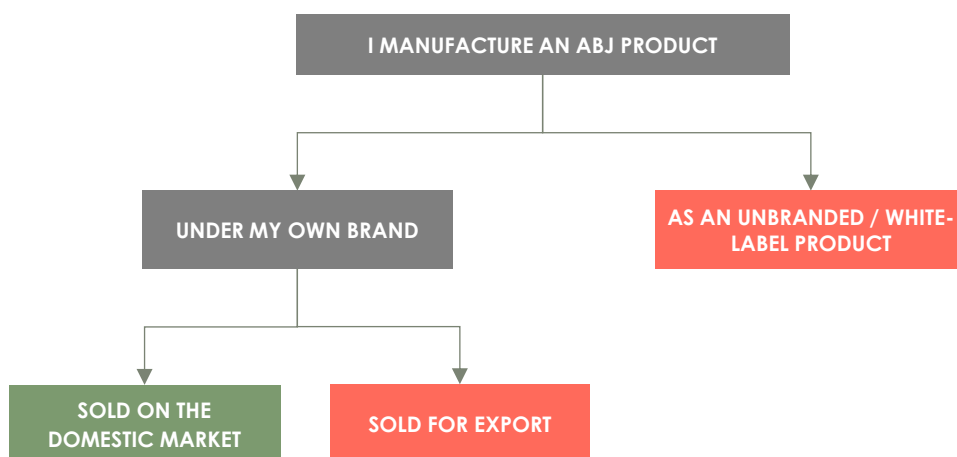


2.1. MANUFACTURER STATUS

UNBRANDED PRODUCT

In the case of manufacturing an unbranded product ("white-label product"), the manufacturer of the BCPM is considered to be the producer placing the product on the market.

▶ The following diagram helps you determine whether, as a manufacturer, you must declare the products.



Legend

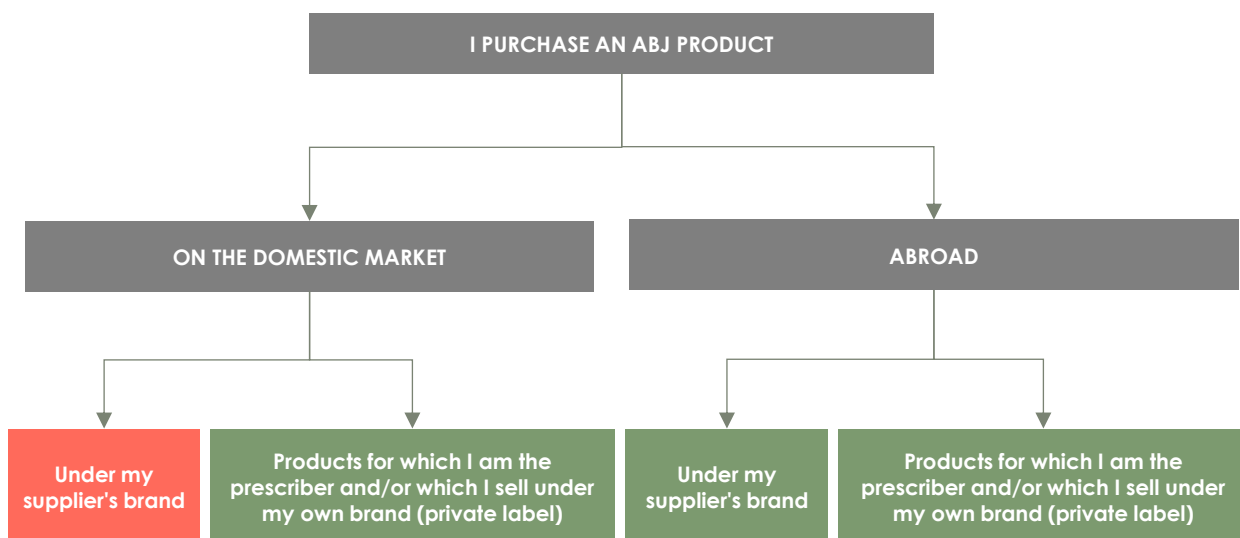
Product to be declared

Product not to be declared



2.2 DISTRIBUTOR AND IMPORTER STATUS

▶ The following diagram helps you determine whether, as a distributor and/or importer, you are a producer placing ABJ products on the market.



Legend

Product to be
declared

Product not to be
declared

A private-label brand (or retailer's own brand) is a brand owned by a retailer and used to market products that it has generally had manufactured by an industrial company.



MARKETPLACE CASE

In accordance with Article L541-10-9 of the French Environmental Code,

When an individual or legal entity facilitates, through the use of an electronic interface such as a marketplace, platform, portal or similar device, the distance selling or delivery of products subject to the extended producer responsibility principle on behalf of a third party, that person is required to provide for or contribute to the prevention and management of the resulting waste in accordance with Articles L. 541-10 and L. 541-10-8.

However, the provisions of the first paragraph of this Article do not apply where the individual or legal entity has evidence showing that the third party has already fulfilled these obligations. In that case, the person must record the corresponding supporting documents in a register made available to the administrative authority. Holding a unique identifier issued for these products pursuant to Article L. 541-10-13 under extended producer responsibility is deemed to constitute evidence that the third party has complied with its obligations.



DROPSHIPPING EXAMPLE

Dropshipping, or “direct delivery”, is an online sales model in which the seller is only responsible for marketing and selling the product. The seller nevertheless remains fully responsible for the proper fulfilment of the order placed by the consumer.

E-commerce websites are presumed to be the holders of products purchased and delivered using the platform. This principle applies equally to marketplaces and dropshippers. In other words, they are liable for value added tax (VAT) on imported products.

The seller is presumed to be liable for the eco-contribution if the products are imported into France.



FOREIGN SELLERS

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GENERAL RULES



3.1 PRINCIPLE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND GOOD FAITH

The producer placing products on the market is responsible for their declaration to the Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO). The declaration must be made in good faith on the basis of verifiable and substantiated information. As part of the checks that Valobat is required to carry out each year on a sample of its members, supporting documents must be provided to confirm the accuracy of the declaration (sales invoices, purchase invoices for imports, delivery notes, etc.).

The declaration is based on verifiable information.

To facilitate application of the contribution fee schedule, Valobat offers declaration units suited to the sales units of each product (tonnes or units sold by weight band) and that can be readily extracted from information systems. Where necessary, the member may establish conversions between their own units and those used by Valobat and be able to substantiate them. Valobat can assist you in developing your conversion tools where appropriate. Our teams remain available to answer any questions.

3.2 GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE AND EXPORT

The Extended Producer Responsibility principle applies in the same way in mainland France, in the overseas regions and departments, and in the overseas collectivities concerned by the EPR scheme. Home improvement and Gardening

Products exported outside France are not covered by the EPR scheme and therefore must not be declared.

The producer placing the product on the market is responsible for the declaration and must provide evidence that the product has actually been exported.

Territories concerned	Territories where EPR does not apply
Mainland France, including Corsica	French Polynesia
Overseas regions and departments : Guadeloupe / French Guiana / Martinique / Réunion / Mayotte	New Caledonia
Overseas collectivities : Saint Martin / Saint Pierre and Miquelon	Wallis and Futuna
	Saint Barthélemy

3.3 WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PRODUCT?

Products that must be declared by weight must be declared based solely on the weight of the product, i.e. excluding packaging and any documentation that may be included.

Reused products are not subject to EPR and therefore must not bear an eco-contribution.



3.4 WHICH DECLARATION SCHEMES ARE AVAILABLE?

Valobat operates two declaration schemes: the simplified declaration scheme and the general declaration scheme.

- › **The simplified declaration** scheme is available to companies placing up to 10,000 home improvement and Gardening Products on the market per year, up to a maximum of 15 tonnes. Eco-contributions are invoiced annually.
- › **The general declaration** scheme is available to all companies, including those eligible for the simplified scheme if they wish to use it. Eco-contributions are invoiced quarterly.

The eco-contribution fee schedules (general and simplified) are available for download on this page: <https://www.valobat.fr/bareme-abj-2026/>

GENERAL SCHEME

For Valobat members declaring under the general scheme, the declaration procedures are as follows:

Actual declaration for year N-1

Between 1 January and 31 March each year, you declare your actual products placed on the market for year N-1.

If the actual volume differs from the forecast volume declared at the beginning of the previous year, Valobat will make an adjustment (a credit note or invoice will be sent to you).

Forecast declaration for year N

Once your actual declaration has been validated, Valobat generates a draft forecast declaration for year N. You may adjust it if necessary and must validate it before 31 March.

Eco-contribution instalment invoices are then sent to you on this basis for year N.

Valobat also offers all members who wish to do so the option of paying the full amount with the first instalment.



DECLARATION PROCEDURES ADAPTED TO YOUR BUSINESS

To simplify your declaration, Valobat allows you to choose the unit best suited to your business: by weight (tonnes) or by unit sold. You can declare some of your products by weight and others by unit.

General fee schedule applicable to home improvement and Gardening Products – 2027 (€/t excl. VAT)

Base fee schedule – applicable base rates (without eco-modulations)

Categories / products	Inert materials (>90%)	Mono-resin plastics (>90%)	Textiles & bio-based materials (>90%)	Metal (>50%)	Wood (>50%)	Other materials
Category 3: home improvement						
Hand tools, PPE, accessories and tarpaulins	22	270	87	22	74	460
Pots and containers	22	175	87	22	35	395
Large objects and machinery, equipment for working at height	15	65	44	10	14	135
Category 4: GARDENING						
Hand tools, PPE, accessories and tarpaulins	22	270	87	22	74	460
Pots and containers	22	175	87	22	35	395
Outdoor structures, outdoor equipment and accessories	15	65	44	10	14	135

**Eco-modulated fee schedule – spare parts (bonus)**

10% bonus on the relevant material lines

Categories / products	Inert materials (>90%)	Mono-resin plastics (>90%)	Textiles & bio-based materials (>90%)	Metal (>50%)	Wood (>50%)	Other materials
Category 3: home improvement						
Hand tools, PPE, accessories and tarpaulins (if spare parts bonus applies)	20,90	256,50	87	20,90	70,30	437
Large objects and machinery, equipment for working at height (if spare parts bonus applies)	14,25	61,75	41,80	9,50	13,30	128,25
Category 4: GARDENING						
Hand tools, PPE, accessories and tarpaulins (if spare parts bonus applies)	20,90	256,50	87	20,90	70,30	437
Pots and containers (if spare parts bonus applies)	20,90	166,25	82,65	20,90	33,25	375,25
Outdoor structures, outdoor equipment and accessories (if spare parts bonus applies)	14,25	61,75	41,80	9,50	13,30	128,25



Eco-modulated fee schedule – non-sustainable wood management (penalty)

100% penalty on the Wood (>50%) column

Categories / products	Base fee Wood (>50%)	Eco-modulated fee (penalty) Wood (>50%)
Category 3: home improvement		
Hand tools, PPE, accessories and tarpaulins	74	148
Pots and containers	35	70
Large objects and machinery, equipment for working at height	14	28
Category 4: GARDENING		
Hand tools, PPE, accessories and tarpaulins	74	148
Pots and containers	35	70
Outdoor structures, outdoor equipment and accessories	14	28

Eco-modulated fee schedule – physical recycling disruptors (penalty)

100% penalty

Categories / products	Base fee	Eco-modulated fee (10% penalty)
Category 3: home improvement		
To be defined	XX €	XX €
To be defined	XX €	XX €
Category 4: GARDENING		
To be defined	XX €	XX €
To be defined	XX €	XX €



PLEASE NOTE:

- › Several product sub-families are grouped under the same rate for the sake of simplicity (see Part 4 dedicated to product families and sub-families)
- › “Majority” means “product composed of more than 50% of the material concerned”
- › “Mono-material >90%” means “product composed of more than 90% of a material or resin of the material concerned” (e.g. 95% rigid PP for plastic or 92% terracotta for inert materials).

SIMPLIFIED SCHEME

Valobat offers a simplified declaration scheme for small volumes of home improvement and Gardening Products placed on the market.

This simplified declaration scheme is available to all companies whose ABJ products placed on the market (categories 3 and 4 combined) do not exceed 10,000 units, up to a maximum of 15 tonnes.

Where applicable, the declaration must be made either under the simplified scheme or under the general scheme: products cannot be split between the two declaration schemes.

If the simplified scheme is available to you and you opt for this declaration method, you will need to declare the number of product units placed on the market by weight band. The weight bands and corresponding rates for 2027 are shown in the table below.

A minimum fee of €90 applies to everyone to cover Valobat's administrative costs. Members eligible for the simplified scheme may nevertheless choose to declare their products placed on the market under the general scheme.

Simplified fee schedule applicable to home improvement and Gardening Products for 2027 (€/unit sold excl. VAT)

Product under 60 kg	Rates €/unit sold excl. VAT
Products < 1 kg	0,50 €
Products from 1 kg to less than 10 kg	3,20 €
Products from 10 kg to less than 30 kg	6,00 €
Products from 30 kg to 60 kg inclusive	10,00 €
Product over 60 kg	Rates €/tonne excl. VAT
Majority wood and/or metal	35 €
Majority mono-resin plastic	65 €
Other materials	135 €



FIRST-TIME DECLARANT SCHEME

Aware of the administrative burden that reconstructing the exact volumes of products placed on the market in previous years may represent, Valobat has developed a system to simplify the process for “late” members.

If you do not have all the data for each year concerned, you can opt for the retrospective declaration. This automatically reconstructs your previous declarations based on your latest known figures, while taking changes in your market into account.

How does it work? Only one declaration is required to bring you into compliance

You complete your first available declaration:

- Forecast products placed on the market for 2026, or
- Actual products placed on the market for 2025,

Valobat then calculates the eco-contribution due for previous years, based on the declaration submitted and changes in the market.

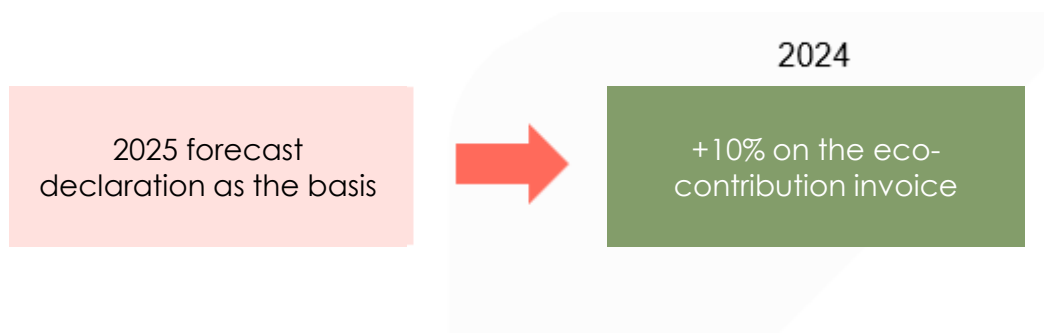
A solution that takes changes in activity in the home improvement and Gardening Products sector since 2023 into account

A “market” adjustment is applied to reflect changes in activity in your sector.

Addressing the issue of fairness

The declaration procedure for first-time declarants provides for a 10% surcharge on the amount of eco-contributions due for reconstructed declarations.

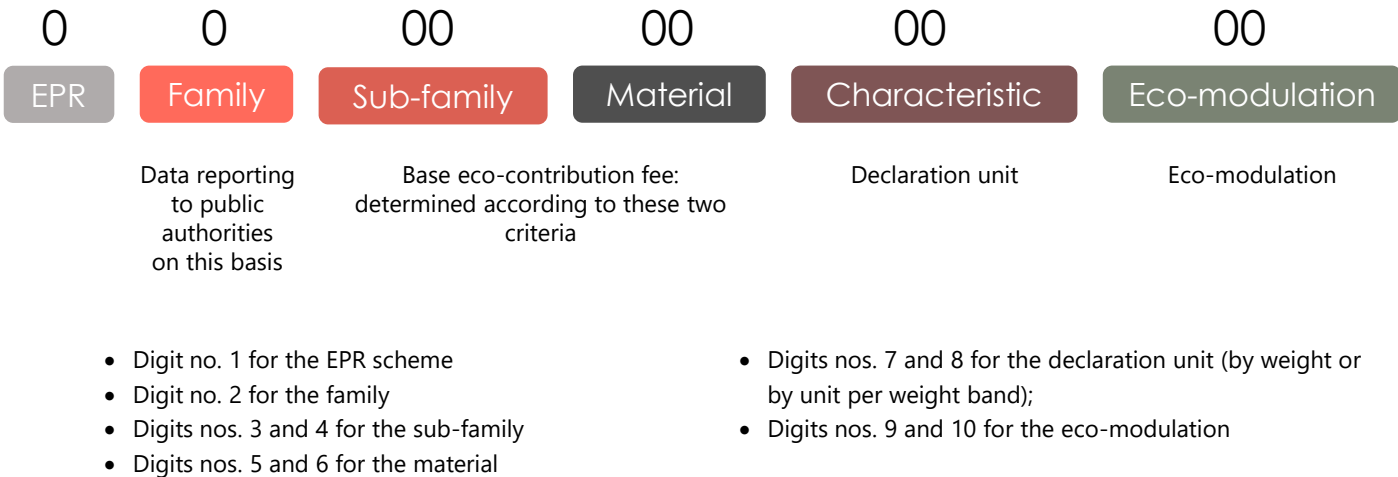
In practice:





3.5 HOW IS THE VALOBAT ABJ PRODUCT CODE STRUCTURED?

The code links your product to the corresponding eco-contribution fee. For the ABJ EPR scheme, from 2025 onwards, the Valobat product code consists of 10 digits.



FOR EXAMPLE, PRODUCT CODE **5301050201** CORRESPONDS TO:

- 5:** the "home improvement & Gardening (ABJ)" EPR scheme
- 3:** the "home improvement" family
- 01:** the "Hand tools, personal protective equipment (PPE), accessories and tarpaulins" sub-family
- 05:** the "Mono-material plastic (>90%)" material
- 02:** declaration "by unit for a product weighing from 0.5 kg to less than 1 kg"
- 01:** the eco-modulation relating to the availability of spare parts

PLEASE NOTE:

If you were previously a member of another PRO under the ABJ EPR scheme, Valobat will support you in switching over and help you identify, in just a few clicks, the Valobat product codes corresponding to those you previously used. This means you will not need to repeat the initial coding work, and you can update your information system by replacing each previous code with a Valobat code.



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**STEP 1: IDENTIFY THE
FAMILY AND SUB-
FAMILY TO WHICH YOUR
PRODUCT BELONGS**



To code your product and determine the associated eco-contribution fee, the first step is to identify which family and sub-family your product belongs to (see Part “3.6. How is the Valobat product code structured?” of this document).

Valobat is approved for families 3 and 4 of the home improvement & Gardening EPR scheme. To structure the eco-contribution fee schedule, each of these families is divided into three sub-families.

The purpose of this section is to present these families and sub-families, together

with a few examples for each, taken from the non-exhaustive product list available for download on this page of the Valobat website.

PLEASE NOTE: some sub-families cover very different types of products. As a result, the number of lines in your declaration is very limited, since products belonging to different departments may be declared under the same product code, depending on the material making up the majority of the product.

4.1 HOME IMPROVEMENT EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

The home improvement family consists of 5 sub-families:

- Hand tools and their non-electrical, non-thermal accessories;
- Personal protective equipment used for home improvement;
- Tarpaulins, covers, nets and films for home improvement;
- Flower pots and containers;
- Removable, non-masonry outdoor structures;
- Outdoor equipment and accessories (excluding tarpaulins, etc.);

4.1.1 HAND TOOLS FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

Examples of hand tools (and their accessories) used for home improvement include:

- › Tools and accessories for sanding, cutting, scraping, opening, screwing, measuring, marking, levelling, planing, etc.;
- › Tools for tiling, plumbing, electrical work, waterproofing, roofing, masonry, woodworking, plasterwork, etc.;
- › Other items and accessories such as: cartridge gun, stapler, air blow gun, sieve, sealant applicator, abrasives (for hand tools);



EXAMPLES OF EXCLUDED PRODUCTS

- ✗ The painter's tools belong to family 1 of the home improvement & Gardening EPR scheme and must not be declared to Valobat. Electrical, electronic or thermal tools and equipment do not fall within this declaration family. The same applies to liquids, gels, greases and coatings used with these tools or for their maintenance.

4.1.2 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) USED FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

Examples of PPE used for home improvement include:

- › Workwear with permanently attached protective features;
- › Head PPE: earplugs, masks and cartridges, helmets (construction, welding, hearing protection), visors, safety glasses;
- › Body PPE: safety footwear (ISO 20346 and 20345: SB, SBP, S1, S1P, S2 and S3), knee pads, gaiters, gloves;

EXAMPLES OF EXCLUDED PRODUCTS

- ✗ PPE designed exclusively for professional use, for example in industry, is excluded. A non-exhaustive list of these products is available on the Valobat website.

4.1.3 TARPALINS USED FOR home improvement

Examples of tarpaulins used for home improvement include: plastic tarpaulins used to protect floors and furniture during work, felt rolls.



4.1.4 LARGE OBJECTS, MACHINES AND TOOLS FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

Examples of large objects, machines and tools (and their accessories) used for home improvement include:

- › Large tools and accessories for handling, clamping, cutting, measuring and marking
- › Supports and accessories for working at height
- › Large tools for tiling, masonry, piping and earthworks

EXAMPLES OF EXCLUDED PRODUCTS

- ✕ Large electrical and thermal tools are not covered by this declaration family.

4.1.5 POTS AND CONTAINERS USED FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

Examples of pots and containers used for home improvement include: multi-purpose plastic tubs and a builder's bucket.

4.2 PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR GARDEN MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING AND THEIR ACCESSORIES

The Garden family consists of 6 sub-families:

- Hand tools and their non-electrical, non-thermal accessories;
- Personal protective equipment used in the garden;
- Tarpaulins, covers, nets and films used in the garden;
- Large non-electrical and non-thermal objects and machinery and their accessories;
- Tools and equipment for working at height;

The composition of the Valobat product code is presented in the General Rules section of this document.



4.2.1 HAND TOOLS USED IN THE GARDEN

Examples of hand tools (and their accessories) used in the garden include:

- › Hand, arm-operated and long-handled tools and their accessories
- › Tools and accessories for logging, vegetable gardening, orchards and lawn maintenance
- › Items and accessories used for spraying, watering, irrigating and measuring physical parameters (soil pH, rainfall, temperature, etc.)
- › Items and accessories used for handling or support

EXAMPLES OF EXCLUDED PRODUCTS

- ✗ Electrical, electronic or thermal tools and equipment do not fall within this declaration family. The same applies to products in the household chemicals aisle, herbicides, fertilisers and greases used in the garden and/or with these tools or for their maintenance.

4.2.2 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) USED IN THE GARDEN

Examples of PPE used in the garden include gardening gloves and phytosanitary protective coveralls.

4.2.3 TARPALINS, FILMS AND NETS USED IN THE GARDEN

Examples of tarpaulins used in the garden include:

- › Log covers
- › Films, nets, protective fleece and ground/plant protection fabrics

EXAMPLES OF EXCLUDED PRODUCTS

- ✗ Protective covers sold with outdoor equipment are considered accessories to that equipment and must therefore be declared with it (unlike protective tarpaulins sold separately to protect outdoor equipment, which must be declared). Protective tarpaulins and accessories relating to swimming pools do not fall within this declaration family. The same applies to tarpaulins, films and nets designed exclusively for professional use, for example in the agricultural sector.



4.2.4 OUTDOOR STRUCTURES AND OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN THE GARDEN

Examples of outdoor structures and outdoor equipment installed in the garden (and their accessories) include:

- › Wood- or gas-fired equipment for cooking in the garden, and their accessories
- › Removable, non-masonry structures for garden landscaping, such as parasols, gazebos, carports, pergolas, cabins and shelters (for pets, wildlife or equipment)
- › Removable, non-masonry structures for vegetable gardens and orchards, such as
- › raised beds, urban gardens, removable edging, trellises and removable, non-masonry garden greenhouses
- › Domestic artificial grass

EXAMPLES OF EXCLUDED PRODUCTS

- ✕ masonry landscaping installed in the garden is not covered by the home improvement & Gardening (ABJ) EPR scheme but by the Building EPR (BCPM). Decorative items such as garden fountains and garden statues or sculptures are not covered by the home improvement & Gardening (ABJ) EPR scheme. The same applies to swimming pools and their accessories (whether removable or not), non-domestic artificial grass (e.g. used for sports fields) and shade sails, which are covered by the Furnishings EPR (DEA).

4.2.5 POTS AND CONTAINERS USED IN THE GARDEN

Examples of pots and containers used in the garden include:

- › Troughs and buckets
- › Containers for decorative plants: planters and window boxes, garden vases and flower pots, saucers
- › Above-ground containers for water
- › collection and storage: ponds, tanks, reservoirs and barrels



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**STEP 2: IDENTIFY THE
MAIN MATERIAL OF
YOUR PRODUCT**



To code your product and determine the associated eco-contribution fee, the second step is to identify the material that makes up the majority of your product (see Part "3.6. How is the Valobat product code structured?" of this document).

To structure its eco-contribution fee schedule, Valobat has identified six possible configurations, depending on the material making up the majority of the product (by weight):

more than 50%
of wood

more than 50%
of metal

more than 90%
of inert materials

more than 90%
of mono-material plastic

more than 90%
of textiles and bio-based
materials

other materials

5.1 WOOD (> 50%)

Products composed of more than 50% wood (by weight) consist of:

- › Either particleboard with more than 75%
- › Or solid wood and similar materials with more than 75%
- › Or wood-based products with more than 50% wood, together with other materials

Examples of products: planters, mitre box, tool handle.

EXAMPLES OF EXCLUDED PRODUCTS

- ⊗ Products containing any glass or inert material are always excluded from this material category.

5.2 INERT MATERIALS (> 90%)

Products composed of more than 90% inert materials (by weight) consist of more than 90% of one of the following materials: glass, mirror, concrete, slate, aggregates other than stone, limestone, lava, bituminous mixtures, fired or unfired earth, cement, granite, mortar, sandstone, lime, cellular concrete, ceramics, artificial stone.

Examples of products: sharpening stone, parasol base, flower pot and saucer.



5.3 METAL (> 50%)

Products composed of more than 50% metal (by weight) consist of:

- › Either more than 90% metal
- › Or an assembly containing more than 50% metal

Examples of products: hand trowel, adjustable wrench, handling trolley, saw blade.

5.4 MONO-MATERIAL PLASTICS (> 90%)

Products composed of more than 90% of the same plastic resin (by weight) consist of more than 90% of one of the following materials: polyethylene terephthalate (PET); PE, PP, PP/PE blend, ABS, polystyrene, PVC, synthetic rubber, synthetic materials or fibres, or other single-resin plastic.

Examples of products: watering can, log cover, safety glasses, garden waste bag, flower box.

5.5 TEXTILES AND BIO-BASED MATERIALS (> 90%)

Products composed of more than 90% textile or another bio-based material (by weight) consist of more than 90% of one of the following materials: natural rubber, another bio-based material (excluding wood), non-synthetic textile, textile or polyester filling.

Examples of products: geotextile for vegetable garden areas, fabric for a gazebo or parasol, wicker screening.

5.6 OTHER MATERIALS

You must indicate that the product is made of other materials if:

- › You do not have information on the product's composition
- › the product does not fall into any of the five material categories listed above
- › the product is made of reconstituted mineral materials or composites
- › the product is an assembly containing more than 50% glass, regardless of the associated material
- › the product contains foam, latex, springs, plaster, glass wool or rock wool



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**STEP 3: CHOOSE THE
DECLARATION UNIT TO USE**



To code your product and determine the associated eco-contribution fee, the third and final step is to define the declaration unit you wish to use for this product (see Part "3.6. How is the Valobat product code structured?" of this document).

6.1 DECLARATION BY WEIGHT

Every eco-contribution fee schedule consists of rates per tonne, in line with the fact that, at end of life, tonnes of products are reused / recycled / recovered. For each product, you can therefore declare your products based on the tonnage placed on the market.

6.2 DECLARATION BY UNIT PER WEIGHT BAND

Given the nature of products covered by the home improvement & Gardening (ABJ) EPR scheme and depending on your position in the sales chain, it may be easier for you to declare a number of products placed on the market rather than a tonnage.

You must then identify the weight band in which your product falls, from among the following bands.

As of 2026, the highest weight bands are capped. Example:

In 2024 and 2025

home improvement products > Hand tools > Metal > Strictly above 7 kg

As of 2026

home improvement products > Hand tools > Metal > From 7 kg to less than 10 kg

The weight bands have been designed to cover all your products. However, if one of your products exceeds the ceiling of the highest band, it must be declared on the by-weight line (€/tonne). If applicable, please let us know by writing to adherents@valobat.fr.

For products sold in lots, we recommend choosing the weight band corresponding to the weight of the lot and declaring the number of lots sold. For example: for a box of 100 disposable protective gloves, you should choose the weight band in which the box falls and declare the number of boxes sold.



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CHOOSE THE ECO-
MODULATION APPLICABLE
TO THE PRODUCT



To encourage product eco-design and reward products with the highest level of eco-design, the public authorities decided to introduce an incentive-based pricing system from 1 January 2025 and a bonus for incorporating recycled plastic raw material from 1 January 2026.

You can therefore activate a bonus reducing the amount of your eco-contribution if all the product parts essential to its proper functioning (excluding fastening elements) are made available for 5 years after the last time the product is placed on the market, and are available within 15 working days.

Conversely, if the wood contained in your product does not come from sustainably managed forests (PEFC, FSC or equivalent certification), or if a recycling disruptor is present in your plastic product, a penalty must be applied.

In addition, if recycled plastic is incorporated into your products, subject to certain conditions (post-consumer material, incorporation thresholds, process yield, etc.), you may receive a bonus based on a declaration made by you.

For further information on these eco-modulations, please refer to the dedicated [guidance note](#).

It includes, in particular, a letter for your suppliers to collect the information you will need.



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