

A photograph of various gardening tools and a pair of blue gloves lying on a green lawn. The tools include a shovel with a yellow handle, a trowel with a green handle, and a hand trowel with a blue handle. The gloves are blue with yellow accents. A large, semi-transparent red shape is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and subtitle.

VALOBAT MEMBER GUIDE

Everything you need to know about the
implementation of the EPR for Home
improvement and gardening goods



EDITORIAL

Dear Member,

Since the operational launch of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for Building Construction Products and Materials (BCPM) in January 2023, nearly 5,000 companies have joined Valobat, the Producer Responsibility Organisation created by and for building sector stakeholders.

Keen to offer a comprehensive take-back service for construction site waste and to simplify the administrative requirements for producers covered by several EPR schemes, Valobat is now offering to take on your responsibility as a producer of Home improvement and gardening goods under the EPR scheme for Home improvement and gardening goods (ABJ), whether or not you are subject to the Building EPR.

Valobat's application for approval under the EPR scheme for Home improvement and gardening goods was approved by the public authorities on 21 December 2023, enabling the Producer Responsibility Organisation to take on the legal responsibility of any entity placing products covered by these regulations on the French market. To do so, Valobat can rely on its technical expertise as well as its commitment to co-constructing this scheme with its stakeholders, in order to address the expectations of the producers concerned as precisely as possible.

Today more than ever, we are here to offer you a comprehensive service tailored to your needs, enabling you not only to comply with the regulations but also to fully integrate your organisation into a circular approach.

Whether you are already a Valobat member or are about to join us, this ABJ Member Guide explains the steps involved in achieving compliance and the new features Valobat has in store for you in 2027.

It is accompanied by a declaration guide to support you throughout your administrative procedures.

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**EPR Home
improvement and
gardening goods**



1. BACKGROUND

The Anti-Waste for a Circular Economy Act (known as the AGECE Act) of 10 February 2020 provides that Home improvement and gardening goods (ABJ) fall under Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) as of 1 January 2022, so that the resulting waste can be taken back free of charge when collected separately and so that traceability of this waste can be ensured.

To simplify compliance for its members under the Building EPR (BCPM) who are also subject to the EPR schemes for Home improvement and gardening goods (ABJ) and/or Furnishing Elements (DEA), Valobat has set itself up as a multi-EPR single point of contact for BCPM, ABJ and DEA, applying for approval under each of these regulations from the public authorities.

Valobat was approved by the public authorities on 21 December 2023 for the ABJ EPR scheme and, as a Producer Responsibility Organisation, offers to take on the legal responsibility of any entity (company, distributor, importer, marketplace, etc.) placing Home improvement and gardening goods on the French market.

2. WHAT IS EPR?

The principle of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) requires all entities responsible for placing building products or materials on the French market to finance or organise the prevention and management of waste arising from their products and materials at end of life.

In practice

Producers placing products on the market join a Producer Responsibility Organisation approved by the public authorities and transfer this obligation to it in exchange for a financial contribution (the eco-contribution) based on the quantities of products placed on the market.

The Producer Responsibility Organisation then organises, in particular, the management of waste arising from their products at end of life.

Valobat is approved for the BCPM EPR as well as for EPR schemes Home improvement and gardening goods (ABJ) and Furnishing Elements (DEA)





3. REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ABJ EPR

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The EPR scheme for Home improvement and gardening goods (ABJ) was created by the Anti-Waste for a Circular Economy Act (AGEC). The Act provides that Home improvement and gardening goods fall under EPR as of 1 January 2022.

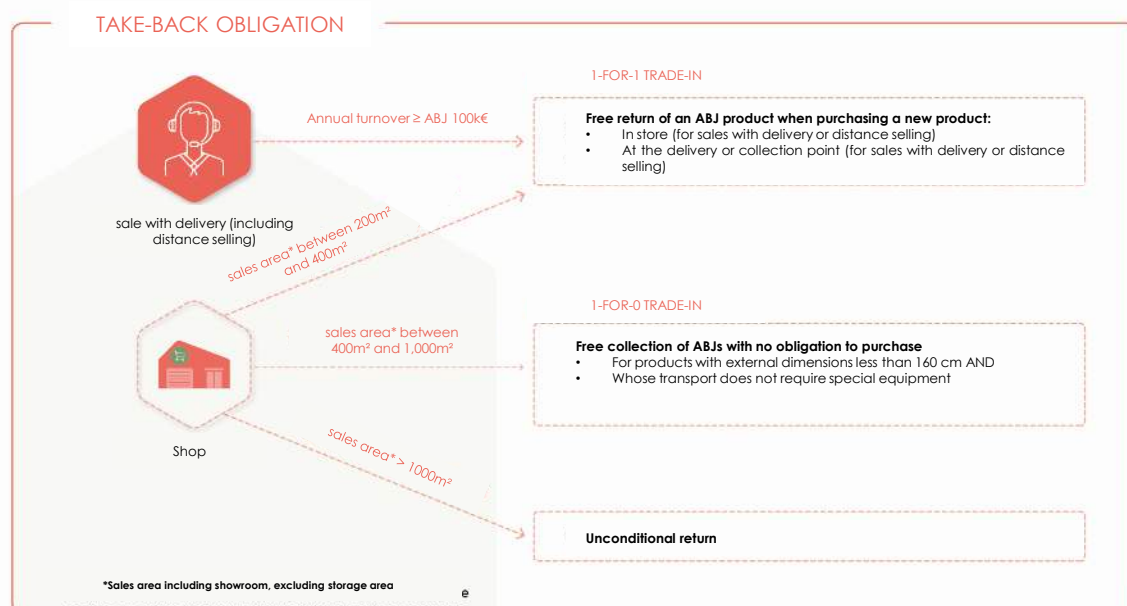
Decree No. 2021-1213 of 22 September 2021, codified in Article R. 543-340 of the French Environmental Code, defines the products covered by EPR and divides them into 4 families:

- **Family 1** : painting tools and accessories;
- **Family 2** : thermal engine-powered machines and equipment and their accessories;
- **Family 3** : home improvement equipment, including hand tools, and their accessories;

- **Family 4** : products and equipment intended for garden maintenance and landscaping, and their accessories.

It notably excludes products designed exclusively for professional use, decorative garden ornaments, hardware, masonry landscaping and electrical equipment.

The French Environmental Code (Articles L. 541-10-8 and paragraph f of Article R. 541-160) also provides for take-back obligations for distributors whose sales-area characteristics for shops or turnover for delivery sales are set out in the diagram below.





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The specifications (amended Order of 27 October 2021) supplement the provisions arising from the law, particularly for EPR schemes, and define how the scheme is to be implemented and the targets to be achieved by the Producer Responsibility Organisation.

They set out all the Producer Responsibility Organisation's obligations regarding:

- Development of eco-modulation measures for the members' contribution scale;
- Studies to be carried out (repair, reuse / re-use, substances limiting recycling, etc.);
- Development of free take-back for sorted waste;
- Provisions relating to repair and reuse / re-use, including the development of dedicated funds;
- Funding of awareness-raising and communication initiatives;
- Support for R&D projects;
- ...

For the first approval period, through the end of 2027, the recycling targets for the scheme are as follows:

NATIONAL SCHEME TARGETS			Specifications	
			2024	2027
Family 3 – Home improvement equipment	Collection	% (/ quantity placed on the market)	13%	25%
	Reuse		4%	10%
	Recycling	% (/ quantities collected – quantities reused)	55%	65%
Family 4 – Products and equipment intended for garden maintenance and landscaping	Collection	% (/ quantity placed on the market)	13%	20%
	Reuse		2%	5%
	Recycling	% (/ quantities collected – quantities reused)	40%	55%

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In response to the specifications of 27 October 2021, supplemented on 14 December 2021, **Valobat submitted its application for approval to the public authorities for Families 3 and 4. The published approval order can be viewed in the Official Journal by clicking [this link](#).**

Family 3 covers home improvement equipment, including hand tools and their accessories. This family covers all equipment and products intended for fitting, installation, improvement, maintenance or repair work.

Family 4 covers products and equipment intended for garden maintenance and landscaping, as well as their accessories.

In both cases, electrical and thermal equipment is excluded.

The application for approval describes Valobat's governance, its technical and financial capacity to become a Producer Responsibility Organisation, its project dedicated to the ABJ scheme and the methods for achieving the targets set out in the specifications. Based on this application, Valobat was approved by order of 21 December 2023 and offers its membership agreement to producers of Home improvement and gardening goods.



The ABJ EPR is governed by the following texts:

1. The AGECE Act

Act No. 2020-105 of 10 February 2020 on combating waste and the circular economy

2. The decree reforming EPR schemes

Decree No. 2020-1455 of 27 November 2020 reforming Extended Producer Responsibility

3. The decree on new EPR schemes

Decree No. 2021-1213 of 22 September 2021 relating to EPR schemes for toys, sports and leisure goods, and home improvement and gardening goods.

4. The specifications for the ABJ scheme

Order of 27 October 2021 setting out the specifications for Producer Responsibility Organisations and individual schemes under the EPR for home improvement and gardening goods.
Order of 14 December 2021 amending the Order of 27 October 2021.

Order of 23 November 2023 amending the amended Order of 27 October 2021.

5. Valobat's approval order as a Producer

Responsibility Organisation for home improvement and gardening goods.

6. Notice to producers in the BCPM scheme

Although this notice concerns the BCPM scheme, it also introduces provisions relating to the scope of application of the ABJ scheme.



A producer subject to EPR has two options for fulfilling its obligations:

- › join a Producer Responsibility Organisation
- › or set up its own individual scheme.

For a producer, joining a Producer Responsibility Organisation such as Valobat is the simpler way to comply with the regulations.

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The French Environmental Code provides that an individual scheme, like a Producer Responsibility Organisation, must be approved by the public authorities in order to operate. For each option, an application for approval must be submitted demonstrating the technical and financial capacity to meet the requirements of the scheme specifications.

The AGECE Act and Decree No. 2020-1455 of 27 November 2020 reforming the

Extended Producer Responsibility have significantly strengthened the constraints applicable to individual schemes by aligning them with those imposed on Producer Responsibility Organisations.

The amended Order of 27 October 2021 setting out the specifications for Producer Responsibility Organisations and individual schemes also specifies the obligations of individual schemes for the ABJ EPR.



KEY TAKEAWAYS

The EPR scheme for Home improvement and gardening goods (ABJ) came into force in 2022 and Valobat is approved for **two families**:

- Family 3: home improvement equipment, including hand tools, and their accessories;
- Family 4: products and equipment intended for garden maintenance and landscaping, and their accessories.

In practice

As producers of products or equipment in these families, whether you are a manufacturer, own-brand distributor, first importer or importer, Valobat can take on your obligation to manage the end of life of your products.

To support you with your next declaration of ABJ placed on the market, Valobat **provides a comprehensive declaration guide available on its website.**





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PRESENTATION OF VALOBAT AND ITS PROJECT



1. VALOBAT'S AMBITION

Valobat's mission is to bring together all building sector stakeholders in order to offer a range of solutions tailored to construction site waste management and build a circular scheme together.

The Producer Responsibility Organisation is supported by 51 shareholders specialised in the manufacture and distribution of BCPM, Furnishing Elements and Home improvement and gardening goods. The shareholders are committed to working together and combining their expertise and ambitions to best support the environmental transformation of the building sector through Valobat, the sector's multi-material, multi-EPR Producer Responsibility Organisation.



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In practice

Valobat is organised to be representative of all BCPM producers, whether manufacturers, distributors or first importers / importers.

The circularity of the building sector is Valobat's main ambition, and it is committed to supporting the evolution of practices across the entire sector.

The Producer Responsibility Organisation created by and for building sector stakeholders

Valobat is the Producer Responsibility Organisation for the building sector, serving all stakeholders in the scheme. By taking responsibility for all products, whether mineral or non-mineral, Valobat offers a global solution to all building sector stakeholders and manages all building waste, while maintaining a differentiated and specific approach for each scheme.

Thanks to its internal expertise and the experience of its shareholders, Valobat combines a global vision of the building sector, its operating models and fundamental challenges, with detailed expertise in each of its schemes. Valobat is the Producer Responsibility Organisation representing and serving ALL building sector producers, whether major market leaders or smaller entities, subject only to the BCPM EPR or also concerned by the Furnishing Elements and Home improvement and gardening goods EPR schemes.

Valobat serves all stakeholders.

Valobat also supports all stakeholders in the building recycling value chain: project owners, project managers, contractors, deconstruction companies, local authorities, tradespeople, waste managers and industrial companies.



2. VALOBAT'S MISSIONS

As a Producer Responsibility Organisation, our commitment is structured around 5 main missions:

1

Take responsibility, on behalf of Valobat members, for obligations relating to the prevention and management of BCPM, Furnishing Elements and Home improvement and gardening goods at end of life

2

Offer holders of BCPM, Furnishing Elements and Home improvement and gardening goods waste suitable collection points for free take-back of separately collected waste streams

3

Create value by developing reuse and recovery schemes for building waste

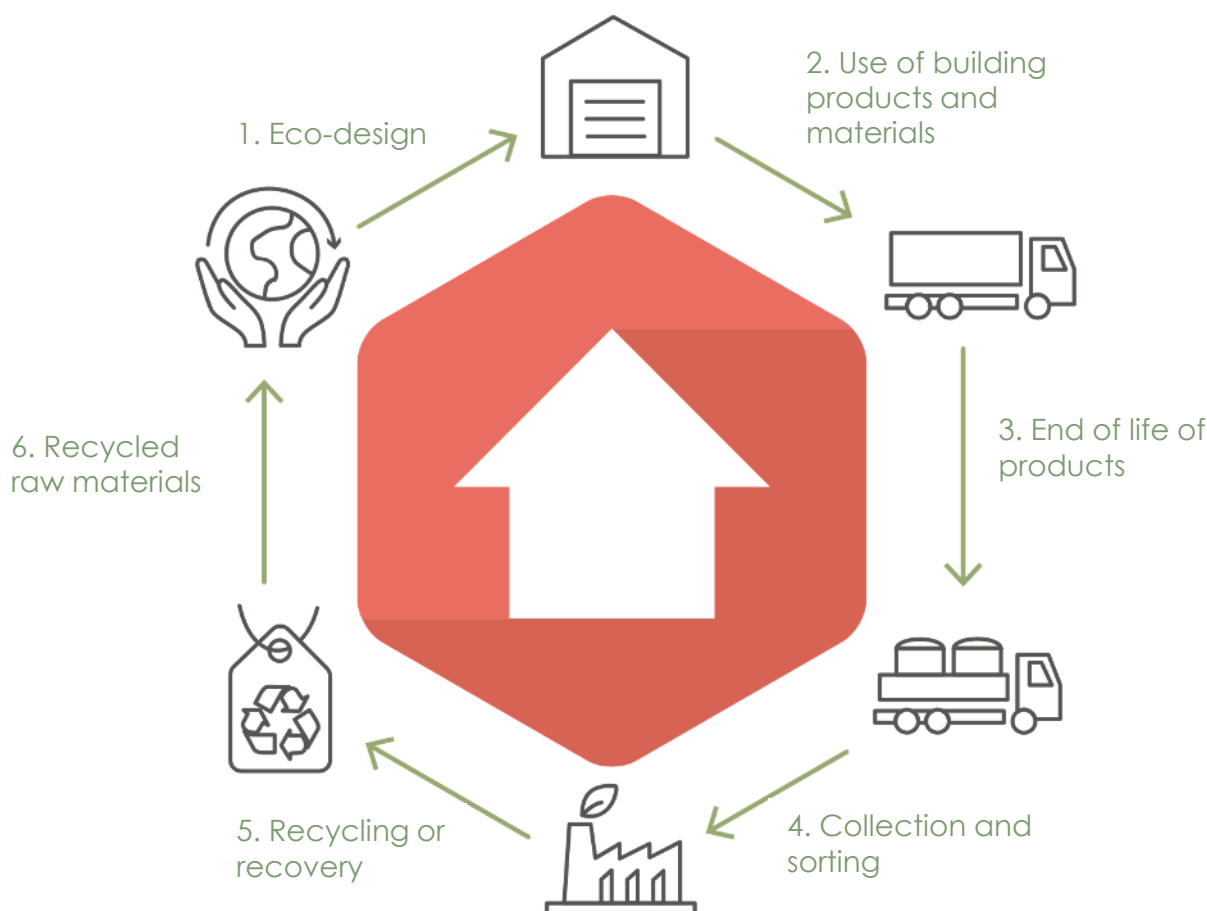
4

Support changes in practices across all building sector stakeholders

5

Build an environmentally, technically and economically efficient Producer Responsibility Organisation, with detailed traceability of flows





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Support reuse and recycling initiatives

As a priority in the waste treatment hierarchy, the reuse of building products and materials is the subject of an ambitious action plan supported by Valobat.

When reuse is not possible, waste can become a potential resource for building sector stakeholders. Where product regulations allow, this waste, once collected and sorted, can be returned to the market and used again as recycled raw material in the manufacture of products or materials.

Recycling makes it possible to:

- › **IMPROVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** and limit waste;
- › **INCREASE THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFICIENCY** of products throughout their life cycle (eco-design, production, consumption, end of life);
- › **CREATE VALUE IN OUR REGIONS** at industrial, economic, social and environmental levels.



3. OPERATING MODEL AND GOVERNANCE

A circular economy journey, reflecting the building sector: global and diverse

Valobat is supported by 51 shareholders specialised in manufacturing or distributing products in the building, furnishing, and home improvement and gardening goods sectors.

In practice

One of Valobat's core values is co-construction. To put this into practice, Valobat has organised itself into sector committees, enabling in-depth work on topics specific to each scheme.

Alongside the historical sector committees dedicated to the building scheme, a sector committee dedicated to ABJ has been created to fully represent the scheme.





51 VALOBAT PROJECT SHAREHOLDERS





Representation at the heart of governance

The community of 51 shareholders is representative of producers in Families 3 and 4 of the ABJ EPR. These companies are manufacturers producing in France or having products manufactured under their own name or brand, assemblers, importers introducing products onto the French market, or distributors placing home improvement and gardening goods on the market under their own brand.

Participation is equal among shareholders.

Integration of the ABJ EPR into Valobat's governance and organisation

Valobat is adapting its governance and organisation to take Home improvement and gardening goods into account:

New ABJ sector committee

Dedicated Stakeholder Committee (CPP)

Dedicated Operational Technical Committee (CTO)

New ABJ directors on Valobat's Board of Directors

New ABJ staff to support members and manage collection, reuse, etc.

Separate analytical accounting between approved schemes

ABJ-specific business interfaces (upstream and downstream information systems, traceability, etc.)

Expanded network of service providers and partners for relations with members and waste managers

Making existing infrastructure and teams available to the ABJ scheme

In practice

Each Valobat member is assigned to a main sector committee corresponding to the products it mainly places on the market.

The sector committees will work on defining the scale and eco-modulation parameters, product eco-design, etc.

A sector committee includes products or materials that follow the same logic for placing products on the market and/or organising waste management.

These 11 sector committees are represented on Valobat's Board of Directors:

- › **Construction metals:** coatings, metal cladding and frameworks, pipes, sandwich panels, gates...
- › **Equipment metals:** hardware, taps and fittings, cables...
- › **Wood:** flooring, frameworks, panels, cladding...
- › **Windows,** glazed partitions and related products

› Plaster and mortars

› **Flooring :** Floor, wall and ceiling coverings made from plastics, textiles or other materials

› **Inert materials:** fired clay, raw earth, cement, stone, ceramics, slate, aggregates, concrete...

› **Rigid plastics, bituminous membranes and plastic insulation:** plastic pipes, roof insulation, green roofs...

› **Mineral wool products:** glass wool, rock wool...

› **Home improvement and gardening goods:** hand tools, personal protective equipment (PPE), non-masonry outdoor structures

› **Furnishing Elements:** furniture and textile decorative elements



4. A PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ORGANISATION THAT LISTENS TO ITS MEMBERS

The co-construction of the building scheme is a value promoted by Valobat through the diversity of its members and their combined experience.

Whatever their size, recycling experience or level of environmental commitment, all producers have a place in Valobat's bodies and working groups and can contribute to building the scheme.

In practice

Valobat members who wish to do so can get involved in the work and co-construct the scheme with Valobat's teams.

The customer relations team is available to Valobat members to answer their questions and relay their needs. (01 80 83 60 70).





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IDENTIFY MY STATUS :
AM I A PRODUCER OF HOME
IMPROVEMENT AND
GARDENING GOODS?



Each type of product has its own manufacturing and marketing process, so it is not always easy to know which products should be declared.

Valobat provides tools to help you with this, based on two basic questions:

1. ARE THE PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO EPR?

2. AM I A PRODUCER OF THESE PRODUCTS?



1. PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE ABJ EPR

Valobat is an approved Producer Responsibility Organisation for Families 3 and 4:

- **Family 3 covers home improvement equipment, including hand tools and their accessories.** This family covers all equipment and products intended for fitting, installation, improvement, maintenance or repair work. The products included are detailed on the following page.
- **Family 4 covers products and equipment intended for garden maintenance and landscaping, as well as their accessories.** The products concerned are those belonging to the sub-families detailed on the following page.

PRODUCTS EXCLUDED BY THE REGULATIONS ARE

- ⊗ Masonry landscaping,
- ⊗ Hardware,
- ⊗ Home improvement and gardening goods designed exclusively for professional use,

- ⊗ Electrical, electronic or thermal equipment
- ⊗ Decorative garden ornaments such as garden fountains, statues or sculptures.

Do you place Building Construction Products and Materials and/or Furnishing Elements on the market?
See our dedicated Member Guides to check whether you are subject to the EPR schemes for Building Construction Products and Materials (BCPM) and Furnishing Elements (DEA).



LIST OF PRODUCTS COVERED BY FAMILIES 3 AND 4 FOR WHICH VALOBAT IS APPROVED UNDER THE ABJ EPR

Valobat's website provides an expanded list of the products covered for each of the two families.

FAMILY 3 PRODUCTS – HOME IMPROVEMENT –



Hand tools and their accessories (hammer, tape measure, spirit level, saw, plane, screwdriver...)



Large non-electrical and non-thermal objects and machines and their accessories (vice, anvil, spirit level...)



Tools and equipment for working at height: (ladder, stepladder, step stool...)

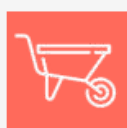


Home improvement personal protective equipment (PPE) (earplugs, helmet, home improvement gloves, safety glasses...)



Tarpaulins, covers, nets and films for home improvement work

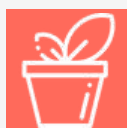
FAMILY 4 PRODUCTS – GARDEN –



Hand tools for garden maintenance and their accessories (watering can, wheelbarrow, fork, garden hose...)



Gardening personal protective equipment (PPE) (coveralls, gardening gloves)



Flower pots and containers (tank, planter, pottery)



Tarpaulins, covers, nets and films for gardening



Outdoor equipment and accessories (gas barbecue, parasol...)



Non-masonry outdoor structures (garden shed, bin shelter, carport, gazebo...)



2. PRODUCERS CONCERNED?

To define the concept of a producer, Decree No. 2021-1213 of 22 September 2021 specifies that the producer required to declare is any natural or legal person who, in a professional capacity, either manufactures in France, imports, assembles or first introduces home improvement and gardening goods onto the national market, intended to be transferred for consideration or free of charge to the end user by any sales method, or to be used directly in France.

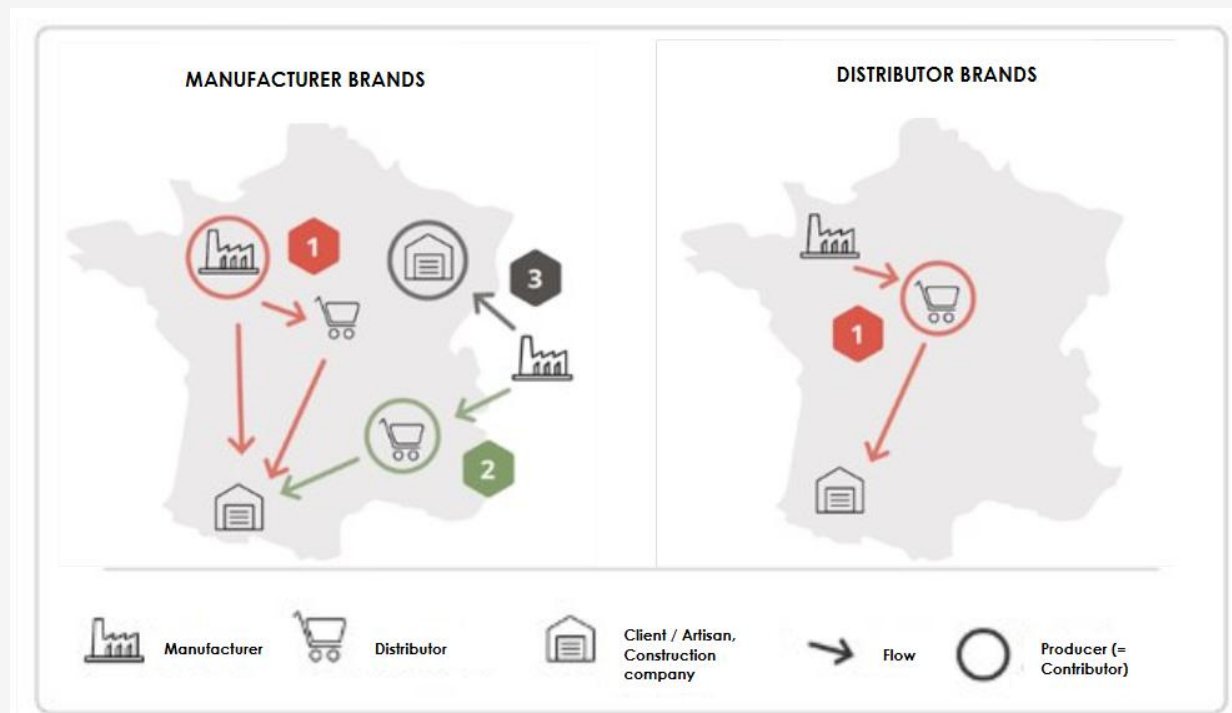
▶ **either by manufacturing** or having ABJ products manufactured under its own name or brand,

▶ **or by importing** or first introducing ABJ products onto the national market.



PRIVATE LABELS

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



*The diagram illustrates the main marketing models.
(For any questions or specific cases, please contact Valobat's customer service.)*

For full details of the rules governing the BCPM and Furnishing Elements EPR schemes, see our dedicated Member Guides.



VALOBAT IS HERE TO
HELP !

Several ways to get answers to your questions

▶ Our diagnostic tools are available online on our website.

▶ Our customer relations centre:

By phone: 01 80 83 60 70
(free service + call charges)
from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to
Friday

By email: contact@valobat.fr

Via our contact form:

<https://www.valobat.fr/contact/>



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ECO-CONTRIBUTION



1. WHAT IS IT? WHAT IS IT FOR?

The eco-contribution is the financial contribution paid by a producer (manufacturer, distributor or importer) to an approved Producer Responsibility Organisation for managing the end of life of the products it places on the market under the principle of Extended Producer Responsibility.

As a non-profit organisation, Valobat uses the eco-contribution to carry out its missions.



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How was the scale developed?

For the first year of Valobat's approval under the ABJ EPR, the scale was developed jointly with Valobat's shareholders and members.

Working assumptions

As part of its public-interest, non-profit activity, Valobat's revenue (eco-contributions) must cover its costs, mainly consisting of the costs of managing ABJ waste. These eco-contributions were set in strict compliance with the principle of equal treatment of producers.

2. THE SCALE

The scale is Valobat's pricing for each product covered by the ABJ EPR.

This scale is organised according to regulatory Families 3 and 4 covered by Valobat (Home improvement goods and Garden maintenance and landscaping) so that Valobat members can easily find their products:

<https://www.valobat.fr/bareme-abj-moteur-derecherche/>

Annual declarations of quantities placed on the market are based on this scale.





4. THE UNIQUE IDENTIFIER NUMBER (IDU)

The IDU (Unique Identifier Number) is proof that the producer is registered in the national register of EPR schemes, as required by law. The IDU is issued by ADEME and is different for each EPR scheme. It is issued to the person placing products subject to EPR on the national market, either directly under an individual scheme or through its Producer Responsibility Organisation.

If you join Valobat after previously being a member of another Producer Responsibility Organisation under the ABJ EPR, your IDU remains unchanged and you do not need to take any specific steps to keep it.

► In practice

Valobat carries out this administrative procedure for members who do not yet have an IDU. All Valobat members receive their IDU within a few days of joining. They are then compliant with the regulations.



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The Unique Identifier Number (IDU) is mandatory for all producers of Home improvement and gardening goods.

› WHAT IS THE IDU?

Under Article L541-10-13 of the French Environmental Code, every producer subject to an EPR scheme must now register with the Syderep register in order to receive its Unique Identifier Number (IDU). The IDU facilitates monitoring and verification of compliance with the producer's obligations: each producer has as many IDU numbers as EPR schemes in which it is registered.

› THE IDU IS ISSUED BY ADEME

It is issued to the person placing products subject to EPR on the national market, either directly under an individual scheme or through its Producer Responsibility Organisation.

› **COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS** The IDU is valid for 1 year and renewed every year. It must appear on your General Terms and Conditions of Sale (GTCS), all contractual documents and your website.

› **SPECIFIC CASE OF MARKETPLACES**

Under Articles L541-10-9 and R541-167 to 168 of the French Environmental Code, marketplaces must keep an up-to-date register of third-party sellers' IDUs, in particular to verify the consistency of quantities of products placed on the market when requested by a Producer Responsibility Organisation.

For further information, visit the ADEME website, "SYDEREP".

<https://www.syderep.ademe.fr>



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JOIN
VALOBAT



Fast and fully digital, the Valobat membership process has been designed to make your circularity journey as simple as possible. In just a few clicks, join thousands of stakeholders who, like you, want to help accelerate the circular economy in the building sector.

In practice

By signing the agreement, the producer who becomes a member gains access to their secure My Valobat Member area, where they will find their agreement, declarations, invoices, and all Valobat tools and services.



**Join the
Valobat member community**

▶ **Join Valobat:**
<https://www.valobat.fr/adherer-a-valobat/>

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WHAT THE VALOBAT MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT CONTAINS

Joining Valobat requires the signature of a membership agreement setting out the general and specific terms governing the relationship between the Producer Responsibility Organisation and the member. Membership is free and open to any entity covered by the ABJ EPR and considered a producer of ABJ products. Under this agreement, Valobat assumes the member's legal obligation to contribute to ABJ waste management. The member undertakes to declare annually the quantities of ABJ placed on the French market and to pay the eco-contribution to Valobat, according to the scale approved by Valobat's Board of Directors.

Membership may be taken out by a producer in its own name or through a representative company.

Based on the principles of public interest and non-profit operation, and in order to treat members equally, all membership agreements are identical. **By signing it, the producer who becomes a member gains access to their secure My Valobat Member area, where they will find their agreement, declarations, invoices, and all tools and services provided by Valobat.**

APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE: HOW DOES IT WORK?

A producer may choose to entrust a third-party entity, the representative, with membership, declaration, invoicing, payment and/or control operations. In this case, the representative signs the Valobat agreement.

The producer (the principal) and the representative then sign an agreement setting out the purpose of the agreement, the obligations of the representative and principal, and the representative's responsibilities in carrying out its duties. The information that must be included in the mandate is specified in Valobat's standard membership agreement.





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DECLARATIONS, INVOICING, PAYMENT

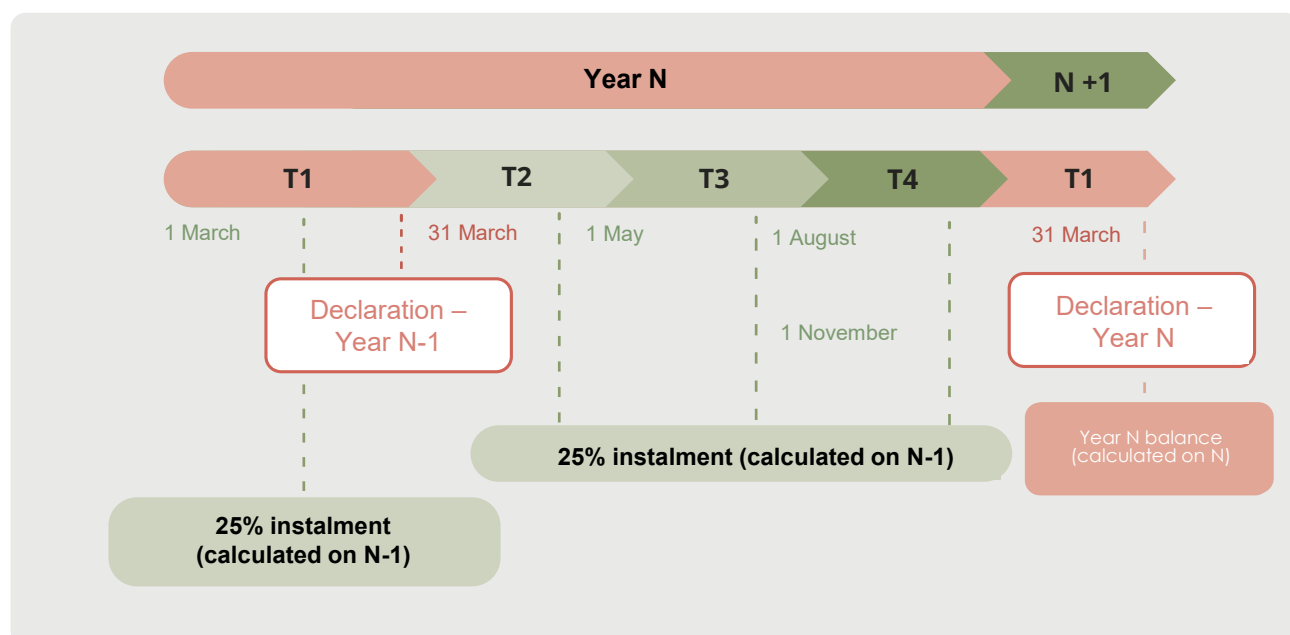


- **Declarations of home improvement and gardening goods placed on the market** are made annually by members, between 1 January and 31 March, on the My Valobat Member platform.

The principle is simple: .

- Between 1 January and 31 March of year N, a declaration campaign is launched: each member declares the quantities placed on the market during year N-1, specifying quantities according to the required unit (tonnes or unit price depending on the weight bracket).
- Once the declaration has been submitted, the exact amount of the estimated eco-contribution for year N is automatically calculated.
- Valobat will then invoice this amount to the member in 4 instalments (each representing 25% of the total eco-contribution) spread over year N, in March, May, August and November.
- During the N+1 reporting campaign, an adjustment invoice (or credit note) is issued to the member based on the actual quantities placed on the market during year N.

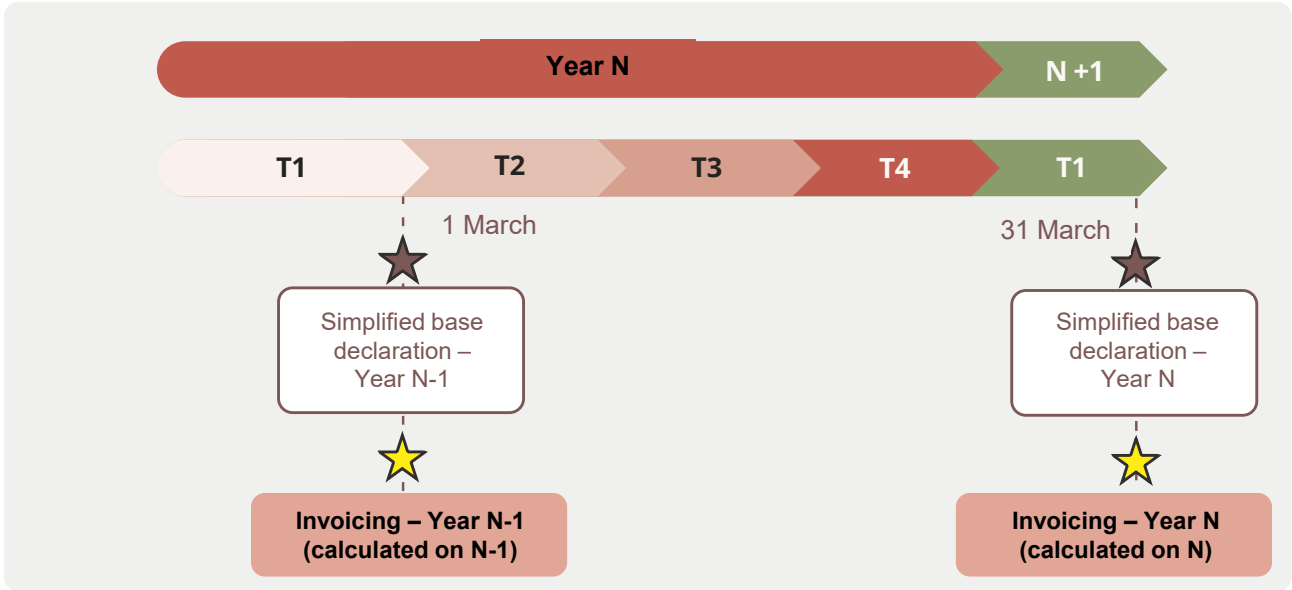
DECLARATION CALENDAR – STANDARD SCHEME





For companies placing small quantities of home improvement and gardening goods on the market (in number of units and tonnage), declaration and invoicing procedures are simplified.

DECLARATION CALENDAR – SIMPLIFIED SCHEME





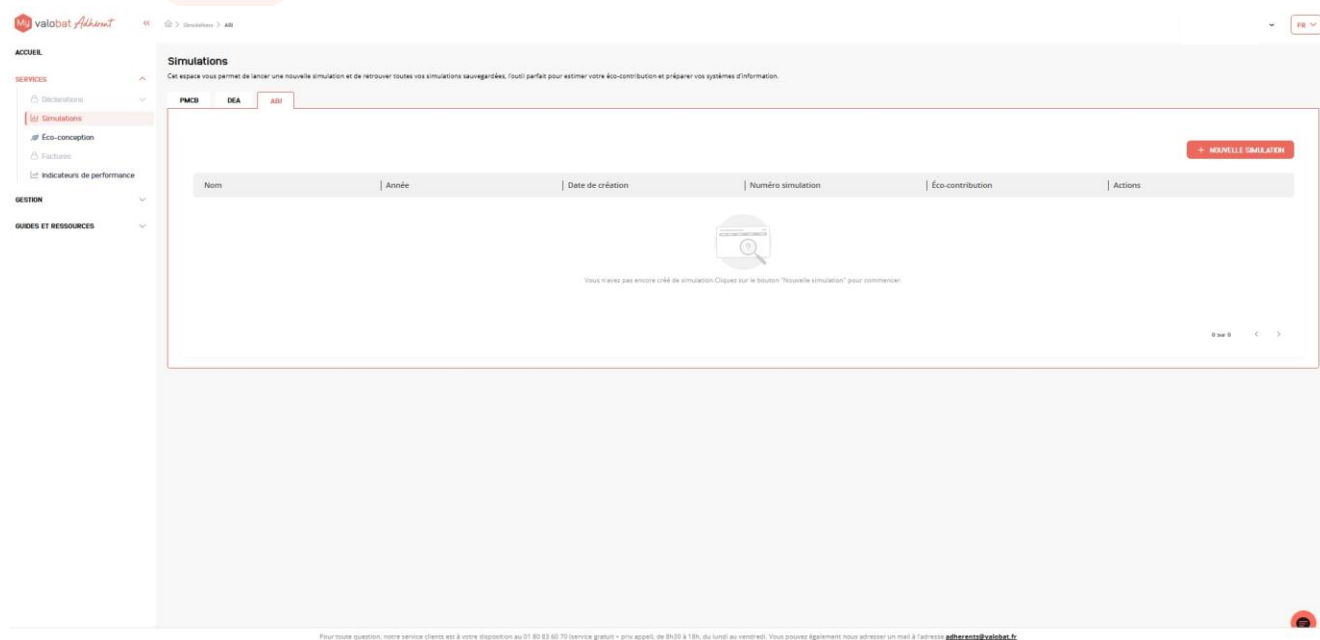
In practice

To make your declaration, Valobat offers two options accessible from your My Valobat Member area:

- ▶ enter the information directly online in the interface
- ▶ or import a dedicated file.

Discover ValoSimul on MyValobat

Your eco-contribution simulator to help you prepare your declarations!



Our Customer Relations Centre remains available to answer any questions about your membership, declaration, invoicing or eco-contribution payment procedures.

By phone: 01 80 83 60 70
(free service + call charges)
from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m - Monday to Friday

By email: contact@valobat.fr

Via our contact form:
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APPENDICES



1. GLOSSARY

ABJ Home improvement and gardening goods

ECO-CONTRIBUTION SCALE Amount of the eco-contribution according to the product or material, expressed per unit (tonne, m², m³, linear metre, sales unit, etc.).

BONUS-MALUS Eco-modulation system for the eco-contribution designed to encourage producers to eco-design their products. Bonuses and maluses will apply in 2025.

Furnishing Elements Related to the Furnishing Elements EPR also managed by Valobat since January 2024.

ECO-DESIGN Eco-design consists in integrating environmental protection from the design stage of goods or services. Its aim is to reduce the environmental impacts of products throughout their life cycle: raw material extraction, production, distribution, use and end of life. It is characterised by a global view of these environmental impacts: a multi-stage approach (taking into account the various stages of the life cycle) and a multi-criteria approach (taking into account material and energy consumption, discharges into the natural environment, and impacts on climate and biodiversity).

ECO-MODULATION Modulation of the eco-contribution amount according to environmental performance criteria, such as the incorporation of recycled material, the use of sustainably managed renewable resources, durability, repairability, opportunities for reuse or re-use, recyclability and the presence of hazardous substances.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY Organisation of economic and social activities based on production, consumption and exchange methods that rely on relating to eco-design, repair, reuse and recycling, aimed at reducing the resources used and the environmental damage caused.

**PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY
ORGANISATION**

Entity, most often a private-law company, operating on a non-profit basis and in the public interest, and holding approval from the public authorities to implement the principle of Extended Producer Responsibility for one or more schemes.

ESS

Set of companies organised as cooperatives, mutual organisations, associations or foundations, whose internal operation and activities are based on solidarity and social utility.

WASTE STREAM

Quantity of waste (by mass) from a product category or material stream generated annually.

AGEC ACT

Common name for Act No. 2020-105 of 10 February 2020 on combating waste and the circular economy. AGEC stands for Anti-Waste and Circular Economy.

**RECYCLED OR
SECONDARY RAW
MATERIAL**

Recycled Raw Materials (MPR) or secondary raw materials (MPS) are materials resulting from waste recycling and that can be used as a total or partial substitute for virgin raw material.

**PRODUCER (OR
PRODUCER PLACING
PRODUCTS ON THE
MARKET)**

Company subject to an EPR scheme and required to declare the quantities of products it places on the French market to an approved Producer Responsibility Organisation.

>https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/article_lc/LEGIARTI000044809905)

OCAB

Approved Coordinating Organisation for the Building scheme

OCABJ

Approved Coordinating Organisation for the Garden (ABJ) and Furnishing Elements (DEA) schemes

BCPM

Relating to the EPR for Building Construction Products and Materials, the first EPR scheme managed by Valobat since 1 January 2023.

PREVENTION

Any action taken before a substance, material or product becomes waste, aimed at reducing the overall environmental impacts of the waste generated and facilitating its subsequent management: reducing the quantity of waste generated, reducing its hazardous nature or the content of hazardous substances.

**REUSE**

Any operation by which substances, materials or products that are not waste are used again for the same purpose for which they were designed.

EPR

Extended Producer Responsibility.

RE-USE

Any operation by which substances, materials or products that have become waste are used again.

COLLECTION RATE

For Family 3 – home improvement equipment:

Quantity of home improvement equipment waste (by mass) collected during the year concerned, divided by the quantity (by mass) of home improvement equipment placed on the market during the previous year.

For Family 4 – products and equipment intended for garden maintenance and landscaping:

Quantity of garden product and equipment waste (by mass) collected during the year concerned, divided by the quantity (by mass) of garden products and equipment placed on the market during the previous year.

RECYCLING RATE

For Family 3 – home improvement equipment:

Quantity of home improvement equipment waste (by mass) entering a recycling facility during the year concerned, after the necessary control, sorting and other preliminary operations to remove waste not covered by the recycling processes, divided by the quantity of separately collected home improvement equipment waste (by mass) during the year concerned that has not been reused or re-used.

For Family 4 – products and equipment intended for garden maintenance and landscaping:

Quantity of garden product and equipment waste (by mass) entering a recycling facility during the year concerned, after the necessary control, sorting and other preliminary operations to remove waste not covered by the recycling processes, divided by the quantity of separately collected garden product and equipment waste (by mass) during the year concerned that has not been reused or re-used.



7-STREAM SORTING

Waste quantity is measured after the necessary control, sorting and other preliminary operations have been carried out to remove waste not covered by the recycling processes.

Decree No. 2021-950 of 16 July 2021 on the sorting of paper, metal, plastic, glass, textile, wood, mineral fractions and plaster waste sets out the sorting rules for this waste.

Since July 2016, professionals have been required to sort waste into 5 streams: paper/cardboard, metal, plastic, glass and wood, in dedicated containers. Article 74 of the AGECE Act introduced 7-stream sorting, comprising the 5 existing streams plus plaster and mineral fractions. Accordingly, every waste producer or holder must set up separate collection systems for these types of waste at its premises, adapted to the activities carried out. This source-separation and separate-collection obligation was extended to textile waste from 1 January 2025.

RECOVERY

Generic term covering in particular preparation for reuse, regeneration, recycling, organic recovery or energy recovery of waste.
energy recovery from waste.

ENERGY RECOVERY

Use of an energy source (electricity, heat, etc.) resulting from a waste treatment facility with an energy efficiency above a threshold defined at European level.

MATERIAL RECOVERY

Waste treatment method enabling waste to be reused or recycled.



2. FAQ

THE EPR

What is the role of a Producer Responsibility Organisation for the ABJ scheme?

A Producer Responsibility Organisation works to meet the targets set by the public authorities through specific specifications. For Valobat, as the Producer Responsibility Organisation for the ABJ EPR, this involves contracting with producers of Families 3 and 4, setting up repair solutions for ABJ products, developing collection solutions with local authorities and distributors, and supporting reuse and/or re-use, recycling and recovery of ABJ products. Developing eco-design, helping to eliminate illegal dumping, communication and awareness-raising, and research and development are also levers available to Valobat to address the circularity challenges of ABJ products.

Is it mandatory to join a Producer Responsibility Organisation?

The AGECE Act of February 2020 provides that ABJ products are subject to EPR. To comply, each producer of ABJ products may either join a Producer Responsibility Organisation approved for this scheme or set up its own individual scheme by applying for approval from the public authorities and complying with the same or almost the same obligations as those imposed on a Producer Responsibility Organisation.

What is Valobat's ambition?

Valobat aims to offer a comprehensive service to its partners across the BCPM, ABJ and DEA schemes. Thanks to its approvals for these three schemes, Valobat intends to create genuine synergies based on the similarities between ABJ and BCPM waste streams, generating simplification and optimisation of administrative and operational management.

Upstream, ABJ products are placed on the market by stakeholders, many of whom are already members of the BCPM scheme. Downstream, ABJ and BCPM products may be collected through the same channels (local authorities, distributors).

Valobat, the only Producer Responsibility Organisation in the BCPM EPR covering all categories of building products and materials and all collection channels, decided to respond positively to requests from its partners and extend its scope as an approved Producer Responsibility Organisation for the home improvement and gardening goods scheme.

GOVERNANCE

How is Valobat's governance organised?

Valobat was created at the initiative of 26 companies or professional organisations specialised in manufacturing and distributing building construction products and materials. Since then, 25 new entities have joined the shareholder group so that Valobat's shareholders fully represent all families and the new EPR schemes for which Valobat is approved.

The governance structure comprises 11 Sector Committees, an Audit and Accounts Committee and a Board of Directors, all under the responsibility of the General Meeting of the 51 shareholders. It is complemented by a Stakeholder Committee (CPP) and an Operational Technical Committee (CTO) for each scheme, as well as a Tender Committee (CAO), which complete Valobat's governance.



What is the role of a shareholder?

A shareholder is a Valobat member who takes part in the General Meeting of the 51 shareholders of the Producer Responsibility Organisation and has chosen to participate in its governance. A founding principle is equality among all shareholders, reflected in particular by an identical capital contribution of €20,000 per shareholder. All shareholders have the same number of votes. They all sit on the Sector Committees, which elect the members of the Board of Directors. They receive no dividends.

What are Sector Committees for?

Valobat has created 11 Sector Committees representing all building, home improvement, gardening and furnishing products and materials. These committees bring together materials and products subject to three EPR schemes and sharing a similar logic for placing products on the market or organising waste management. Each Sector Committee defines collection and treatment objectives and resources, as well as reuse arrangements, and prepares the scales, annual budget and three-year and approval-period financial plans for its activities. It may also decide on sector-specific R&D initiatives or information and communication activities.

By favouring participatory governance within these Sector Committees, Valobat is betting on self-determination by its members, who are therefore free to consult with one another to establish the product list and eco-contribution scales.

MEMBERSHIP

How am I informed that my membership application has been received?

Valobat's membership agreement, which is identical for all members, provides that Valobat may sign with all companies that have producer status for ABJ products or with their representative. The procedures are carried out through Valobat's information system in just a few clicks. The signatory of the membership agreement will receive by email a signed copy via our DocuSign electronic signature tool.

The agreement is also registered in the MyValobat Member Extranet reserved for each member.

When do I know that my membership is effective?

Once your membership has been registered, you receive an email from Valobat informing you of this. You will also receive, within the following days, your IDU requested from ADEME by Valobat on your behalf.

Who is authorised to enter into an agreement with Valobat?

Any person legally authorised to commit a producer may sign the membership agreement with Valobat, although it may be initiated by a third party.

What authorisations does a representative have?

The principal (i.e. the producer subject to EPR) may entrust its representative, who accepts, with the task of representing it and carrying out the following operations with Valobat, in its name and on its behalf, pursuant to Article L. 541-10-1 of the French Environmental Code:

- **Declare**, before the contractual deadline each year, the quantities of home improvement and gardening goods placed on the market by the principal during the previous year;
- **Pay**, before the contractual deadline each year, the eco-contribution owed by the principal for the quantities placed on the market during the previous year;
- **Provide any supporting** documentation required to manage the ABJ declaration.

In this context, a producer's representative manages all membership, declaration, invoicing, payment and/or control operations. For ABJ EPR management, the representative therefore has the same authorisations as its principal. These must be defined in a mandate based on the provisions set out in Valobat's standard membership agreement.



Can I join Valobat during the year and under what conditions?

Membership of Valobat is possible at any time during the year. The membership agreement will take effect on 1 January of the year in which it is signed. However, Valobat reminds producers that the membership agreement enables them to comply with their legal obligations and encourages each entity subject to EPR to regularise its situation by entering into an agreement with Valobat as soon as possible.

How long does a membership agreement last?

The agreement is concluded for a fixed term from 1 January of the year of membership to 31 December of the same year. It is automatically renewed for successive 12-month periods unless terminated no later than three months before the expiry of the current period.

SERVICES

How will the eco-modulated scale work?

The ABJ EPR specifications provide for bonuses and maluses (eco-modulations) to apply from 2025. These will be determined in 2024 but will at least cover the availability of spare parts.

Studies will be carried out by the end of December 2026 to determine:

- › Opportunities to extend the service life of home improvement and gardening goods
- › Opportunities to incorporate recycled materials into home improvement and gardening goods
- › Identify the technical and economic barriers to recycling ABJ products and prospects for the development of their recycling.

These studies will notably make it possible to determine new eco-modulation criteria for the ABJ scheme.

What collection solutions does Valobat offer professionals?

Valobat is present across all waste take-back collection channels: professional or public waste collection centres (open to professionals), distributors, collection on construction sites and collection of certain sorted waste streams at tradespeople's sites, particularly as part of joint collection with BCPM waste streams. Note, however, that ABJ products designed exclusively for professional use are not covered by the ABJ EPR.

What is joint collection? Is joint collection possible and for which waste streams?

The specifications allow containers to be provided for the joint collection of waste from ABJ products and other schemes for which Valobat is also approved, provided that this does not affect their recovery capacity. Valobat therefore proposes to leverage the organisation it has developed for the BCPM scheme and is developing for the DEA scheme in order to create genuine synergies between schemes.

MEMBERS

What information must be provided for the declaration of products placed on the market?

The applicable eco-contribution scale for each product has been published on Valobat's website. For its declaration, the Valobat member indicates in its secure area the weight of ABJ products used to calculate the total eco-contribution amount. For small producers, Valobat offers a simplified scale requiring only the number of units.



How do I submit my declaration of products placed on the market on the website?

Valobat provides an online declaration tool for products placed on the market. This tool, MyValobat Members, was designed with our shareholders and members to make the declaration process as easy as possible, with interfaces that can connect to companies' information systems.

How is the eco-contribution for the ABJ EPR calculated? What is it used for?

Valobat is a Producer Responsibility Organisation entrusted with a public-interest mission and operates on a non-profit basis. Valobat operates within three EPR schemes: building (BCPM), home improvement and gardening goods (ABJ), and Furnishing Elements (DEA). The eco-contributions collected by Valobat for each scheme are used solely to carry out missions under the relevant scheme and only finance activities provided for in each scheme's specifications, particularly operations related to end-of-life management. The eco-contribution is calculated to cover product end-of-life management while meeting regulatory targets. It is built from the resources required to achieve the targets for repair, reuse and waste management by material. It also includes study, R&D, communication and operating costs of the Producer Responsibility Organisation. These costs are then allocated over the volume of products placed on the market, together with shared costs, to determine the eco-contribution for each product.

Can the eco-contribution scale change?

The eco-contribution scale is expected to change once a year in order to better reflect the Producer Responsibility Organisation's actual costs.

How much will my contribution be next year?

Valobat has developed an eco-contribution simulation tool enabling producers and/or their representatives to estimate their future eco-contribution. This tool is available via this link.

For my declaration, can I choose online entry or upload an Excel file? What do you recommend?

If you have many product types to declare, we recommend entering the different declaration lines directly, using our search engine. For a large number of products and materials, importing the data may be easier. Your file must comply with a predefined format, which notably includes Valobat coding. Our teams are available to help you with the interface or settings (01 80 83 60 70).



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► **Our diagnostic tools** are available online on our website:
www.valobat.fr

► **Our customer relations centre:**

By phone: 01 80 83 60 70
(free service + call charges)
from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday
By email: contact@valobat.fr

Via our contact form:
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