



VALOBAT MEMBER GUIDE FURNISHING ELEMENTS EPR – 2027 EDITION

Everything you need to know
about the implementation
of the EPR scheme for Furnishing
Elements

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THE FURNISHING ELEMENTS EPR SCHEME



1. CONTEXT

The Grenelle II Act on national commitment to the environment of 12 July 2010 provides that **Furnishing Elements Waste** (or FEW) falls under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) principle as of 1 January 2012, so that the resulting waste can be taken back free of charge when collected separately and so that its traceability can be ensured.

To simplify compliance for its Members under the Building EPR (BCPM), who are also subject to the Home improvement and gardening goods (ABJ) and Furnishing Elements (DEA) EPR schemes, Valobat has established itself as a multi-EPR one-stop shop for BCPM, ABJ and DEA by applying for approval for each of these regulations from the public authorities.

Valobat received approval from the public authorities on 21 December 2023 for the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme and, as a Producer Responsibility Organisation, offers to assume the legal responsibility of any entity (company, distributor, importer, marketplace, etc.) placing Furnishing Elements on the French market.

2. WHAT IS EPR?

The Extended Producer Responsibility principle, or **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 resulting from their products and materials at the end of their 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 resulting from their end-of-life products.

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

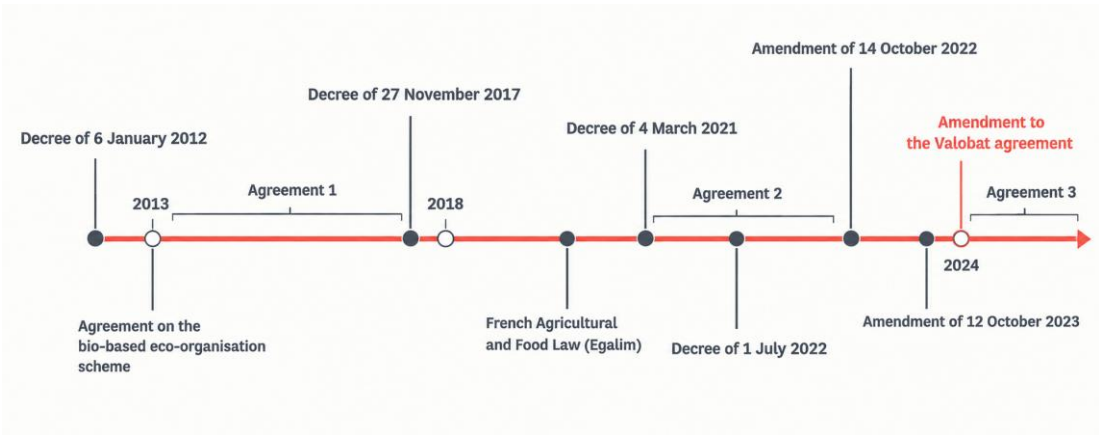




3. REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE FURNISHING ELEMENTS EPR SCHEME

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The Furnishing Elements EPR scheme was introduced on 1 January 2013. Article L. 541-10-1 (10°) of the French Environmental Code provides that furnishing elements, as well as upholstered seating or sleeping products and, as of 1 January 2022, textile decorative elements, are subject to the EPR principle.



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Article R. 543-240 defines “furnishing elements” as “movable goods and their components whose main function is to contribute to the fitting-out of a residential, commercial or public reception area by providing seating, sleeping accommodation, storage, a work or support surface, or by decorating walls, floors and windows with removable finished products made from natural or synthetic textiles, as well as their accessories, regardless of the materials from which they are made.”

Accordingly, the furnishing elements covered are those falling within at least one of the following 12 categories:

N°	Catégorie
1	Living room / lounge / dining room furniture
2	Occasional furniture
3	Bedroom furniture
4	Bedding
5	Office furniture
6	Kitchen furniture
7	Bathroom furniture
8	Garden furniture
9	Seating
10	Technical, commercial and community furniture
11	Upholstered seating or sleeping products
12	Textile decorative items such as rugs, carpets, curtains and sheers, as well as their accessories, regardless of the materials used to make these accessories



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

This take-back obligation applies when a new product is purchased or delivered, but also where no purchase is made.



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The latest specifications for Producer Responsibility Organisations (Order of 12 October 2023) supplement the provisions applicable to all EPR schemes. They specify the implementation procedures and targets to be achieved by the approved Producer Responsibility Organisation for furnishing elements. They therefore include the following obligations:

- Development of eco-modulations for the Members' contribution fee schedule;
- Studies to be carried out (repair, reuse / re-use, substances limiting recycling, etc.);
- Development of free take-back of furnishing waste;
- Provisions relating to repair and reuse / re-use, in particular the development of dedicated funds;
- Targets for the national Furnishing Elements Waste collection rate and its breakdown by administrative region, an overall recycling rate and recycling rates for certain material streams, a recovery rate, etc.;
- Support fee schedules for local authorities;
- Funding for awareness-raising and communication activities;
- Support for R&D projects;
- ...



Valobat’s project is aligned with the objective of the specifications to achieve tangible results in the area of repair, and to significantly increase the tonnages collected and those intended for reuse / re-use.

Ultimately, thanks to everyone’s involvement and the development of Valobat’s new services, the tonnage of furnishing elements reused or re-used by 2030 will reach 120,000 tonnes. These ambitions apply across all French metropolitan and overseas territories, with the following objectives, for example:

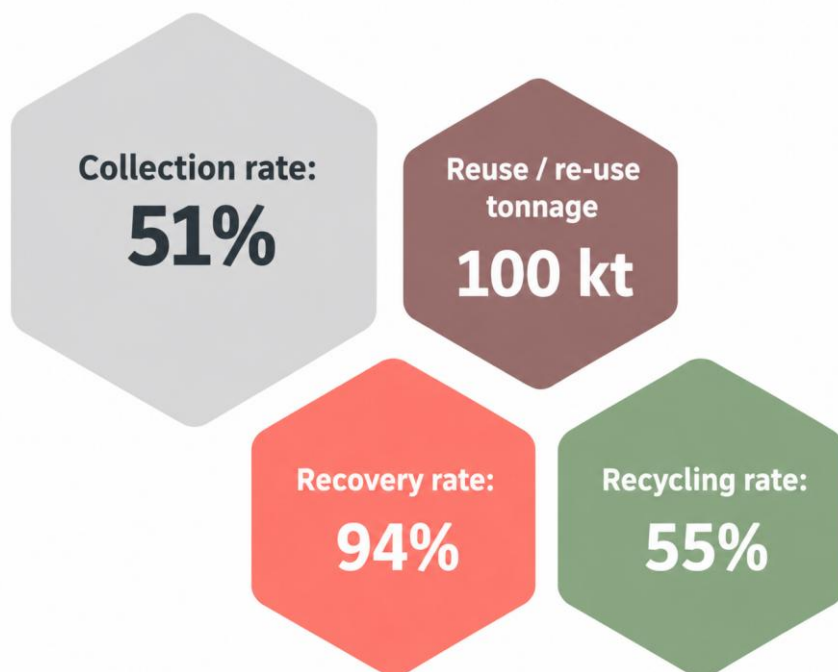
	Actual			Target			
	2019	2020	2021	2024	2026	2028	Growth 2028/2021 in t
Expected increase in tonnage reused or re-used							
Furnishing Elements			45 000 †	60 000 †	80 000 †	100 000 †	+ 55 000 †
Expected increase in recycled tonnage							
Wood	510 137 †	432 353 †	502 383 †	500 000 †	525 000 †	550 000 †	+ 48 000 †
Upholstered materials, including PU and latex	8 073 †	20 951 †	31 229 †	35 000 †	36 000 †	37 000 †	+ 6 000 †
Textiles				2 000 †	3 000 †	6 000 †	+ 6 000 †
Plastic (excluding foam)	4 087 †	1 960 †	4 201 †	5 000 †	5 200 †	5 300 †	+ 1 000 †
Metal	67 709 †	64 657 †	74 343 †	65 000 †	67 000 †	69 000 †	-

Valobat’s approval for the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme is intended to promote repair, reuse / re-use, recycling and recovery and, more broadly, the circular economy for furnishing elements by achieving the objectives set out in the approval specifications.

Valobat has committed to implementing the resources necessary to achieve the objectives listed in the approval specifications.



2028 OBJECTIVES FOR FURNISHING ELEMENTS



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In response to these specifications dated 12 October 2023, Valobat submitted its application for approval to the public authorities and received a favourable opinion from CiFREP (Inter-EPR Commission) at its first review, for the maximum authorised period of six years. Its approval was published in the Official Journal by order dated 21 December 2023.

Valobat can therefore offer its membership agreement to producers placing furnishing elements on the market.





The Furnishing Elements EPR scheme is governed by the following texts:

1. The Grenelle II Act

Act No. 2010-788 of 12 July 2010 on national commitment to the environment

2. The decree reforming EPR schemes

Decree No. 2020-1455 of 27 November 2020 reforming extended producer responsibility

3. The founding decree for the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme

Decree No. 2021-22 of 6 January 2012 on the management of furnishing elements waste

4. The decree extending the scope to upholstered seating and sleeping products

Decree No. 2017-1607 of 27 November 2017 containing various provisions adapting and simplifying waste management rules

5. The decree extending the scope to textile decorative elements

Decree No. 2022-975 of 1 July 2022 extending the furnishing elements extended producer responsibility scheme to textile decorative elements and amending various waste-related provisions

6. The specifications for the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme

Order of 12 October 2023 setting out the approval specifications for coordinating Producer Responsibility Organisations for the furnishing elements extended producer responsibility scheme referred to in Article R. 543-240 of the French Environmental Code

7. Order approving Valobat as a Producer Responsibility Organisation for the furnishing elements scheme

8. Notice to producers in the BCPM scheme (Building Construction Products and Materials)

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

A producer placing products on the market who is subject to EPR has two options for fulfilling their obligations:

- **join a Producer Responsibility Organisation**
- **or set up their own individual system.**

For a producer placing products on the market, joining a Producer Responsibility Organisation such as Valobat is the simplest way to ensure regulatory compliance.

FIND OUT MORE



The French Environmental Code provides that both an individual system and a Producer Responsibility Organisation must be approved by the public authorities in order to operate. For either 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 extended producer responsibility have significantly strengthened the requirements applicable to individual systems by

aligning them with those applicable to Producer Responsibility Organisations.

The Order of 12 October 2023 setting out the approval specifications for Producer Responsibility Organisations, individual systems and coordinating bodies for the furnishing elements extended producer responsibility scheme referred to in Article R. 543-240 of the French Environmental Code specifies the provisions to be complied with by a producer placing products on the market who chooses to operate alone under an individual system.



KEY POINTS

As a producer placing on the market products covered by at least one of the 12 furnishing elements categories, whether you are a manufacturer, distributor under your own brand, introducer or importer, joining Valobat enables you to transfer your obligation to take responsibility for the end of life of your products, as of 2 January 2024.

Valobat supports you

To provide detailed support for your next declaration of furnishing elements placed on the market, Valobat provides you with a comprehensive **declaration guide available on our [website](#)**.





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PRESENTATION
OF VALOBAT
AND ITS PROJECT



1. VALOBAT'S AMBITION

Valobat's purpose is to bring together all building industry stakeholders to offer a range of solutions tailored to construction waste management and build a circular industry together.

The Producer Responsibility Organisation is supported by 51 shareholders specialising 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.

In practice

Valobat is organised to be representative of all producers placing BCPM on the market, whether manufacturers, distributors or introducers / importers.

Building circularity is Valobat's key ambition, and it is committed to supporting changes in practices across all industry stakeholders.



FIND OUT MORE

The Producer Responsibility Organisation created by and for building industry stakeholders

Valobat is the building sector's Producer Responsibility Organisation, serving all stakeholders in the industry. By taking responsibility for the furnishing elements scheme, Valobat offers a comprehensive solution to all stakeholders and the management of all furnishing waste, while maintaining a differentiated and specific approach for each scheme.

Thanks to its in-house expertise and the experience of its shareholders, Valobat can combine a comprehensive view of the building sector, its operating models and fundamental challenges, with detailed expertise in each of its schemes. Valobat is the representative Producer Responsibility Organisation serving ALL building-sector producers placing products on the market, whether major players in their field or smaller entities, subject only to the BCPM EPR or also covered by the Furnishing Elements and Home improvement and gardening goods EPR schemes.

Valobat serves all stakeholders

Valobat also supports all stakeholders across the building recycling value chain: project owners, project managers, construction companies, deconstruction companies, local authorities, tradespeople, waste operators 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

Provide holders of BCPM, Furnishing Elements and Home improvement and gardening goods waste with a suitable network of collection points for the free take-back of separately collected waste streams

3

Create value by developing reuse and recovery schemes for building waste

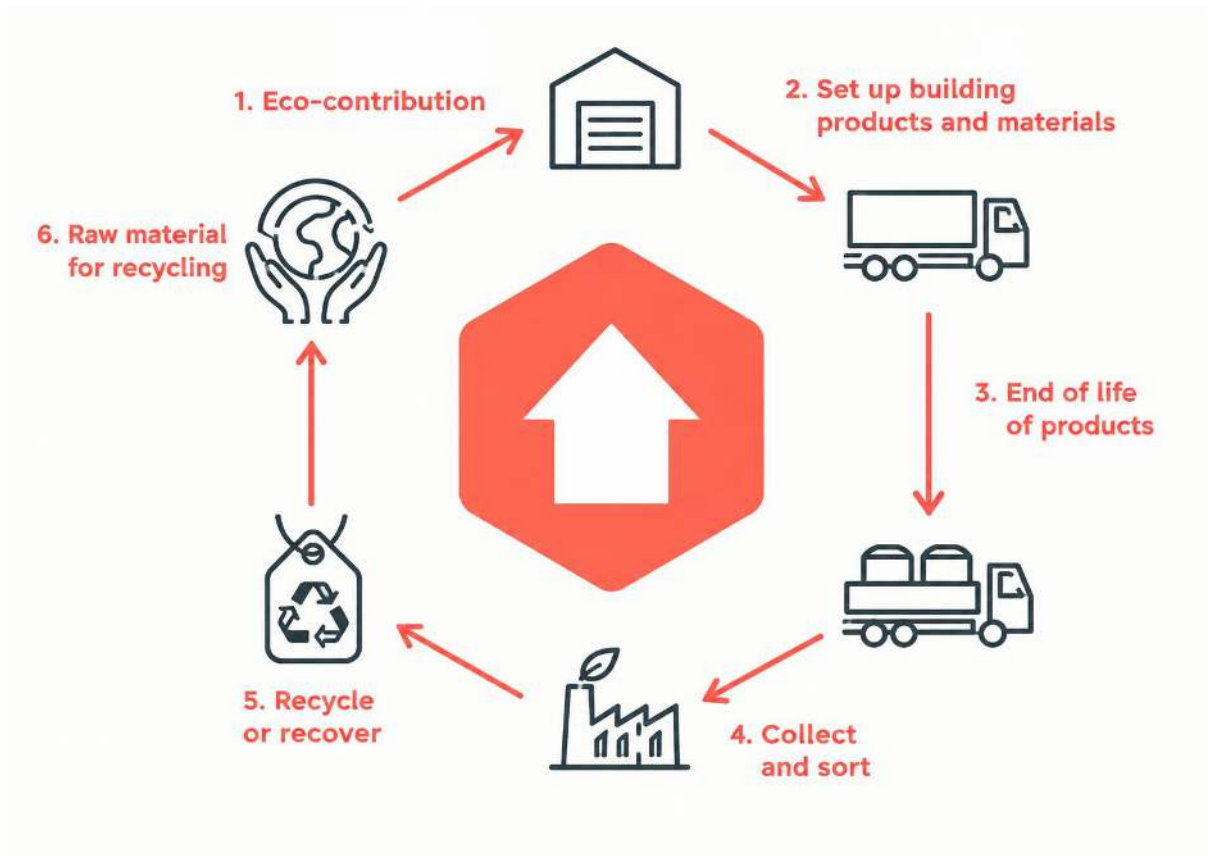
4

Support changes in practices across all building industry stakeholders

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Build a Producer Responsibility Organisation that is **environmentally, technically and economically efficient**, combined with detailed traceability of waste streams





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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 provide potential resources for building industry stakeholders. Where product regulations allow, this waste can be collected and sorted and then re-enter the market to be used again as a recycled raw material in the manufacturing process for products or materials.

Recycling makes it possible to:

- **IMPROVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** and limit waste;
- **INCREASE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE** 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. OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

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

Valobat is supported by 51 shareholders specialising in manufacturing or distribution in the Building and/or furnishing 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 long-standing sector committees dedicated to the building scheme, a dedicated sector committee for Furnishing Elements Waste 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 placing furnishing elements on the market. 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 making furnishing elements available on the market under their own brand.

All shareholders participate on an equal basis.

Integration of the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme into Valobat's governance and organisation

Valobat is adapting its governance and changing its organisation to take furnishing elements into account:

- New Furnishing Elements sector committee
- Dedicated CPP (Stakeholder Committee)
- Dedicated CTO (Operational Technical Committee)
- New Furnishing Elements directors on Valobat's Board of Directors
- New employees dedicated to furnishing elements to support Members, manage collection operations, reuse, etc.
- Separate analytical accounting for approved schemes
- Business interfaces specific to Furnishing Elements Waste (upstream and downstream information systems, traceability, etc.)
- Expansion of the network of service providers and partners for relations with Members and waste operators
- Making existing infrastructure and teams available to the Furnishing Elements Waste scheme

In practice

Each Valobat Member is assigned to a main sector committee corresponding to the products they predominantly place on the market.

The sector committees' work covers the definition of the fee schedule and eco-modulation parameters, product eco-design, etc.

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

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

- **Construction metals:** coatings, metal cladding and structural steelwork, pipes, sandwich panels, gates, etc.
- **Equipment metals:** hardware, plumbing fittings, cables, etc.
- **Wood:** flooring, structural timber, panels,

cladding, etc.

- **Joinery,** glazed walls and related products
- **Plaster and mortars**
- **Floor,** wall and ceiling coverings made from plastics, textiles or other materials
- **Inert materials:** fired clay, raw earth, cement, stone, ceramics, slate, aggregates, concrete, etc.
- **Rigid plastics,** bituminous membranes and plastic insulation: plastic pipes, roof insulation, green roofs, etc.
- **Mineral wool products:** glass wool, rock wool, etc.
- **Furnishing Elements Waste**
- **Home improvement and gardening goods**





4. A Producer Responsibility Organisation that listens to its Members

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

Regardless of their size, recycling experience or level of environmental commitment, all producers placing products on the market 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-develop the scheme with Valobat's teams.

The Customer Relations Department listens to Valobat Members, answers their questions and passes on their needs (01 80 83 60 70).





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**IDENTIFY
MY STATUS:
Am I a producer
placing products on
the market under the
Furnishing Elements
EPR scheme?**



THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE FURNISHING ELEMENTS EPR SCHEME • THE PRODUCERS CONCERNED

As each type of product has its own manufacturing and marketing process, it is not always easy to know which products must be declared.

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

- 1. ARE THE PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO EPR?
- 2. AM I A PRODUCER PLACING THESE PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET?

1. PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE FURNISHING ELEMENTS EPR SCHEME

Since 1 January 2024, Valobat has been a multi-EPR Producer Responsibility Organisation, approved for all 12 categories of furnishing elements presented below through a selection of examples.

N°	Catégorie	Exemples d'éléments d'ameublement
1	Living room / lounge / dining room furniture	 Bookcase  Sideboard  Console table  Shelving unit  Wall shelf  Dresser (china cabinet)
2	Occasional furniture	 Cube shelf  Trestles  Coat stand  Storage boxes  Brackets and furniture mounting plates
3	Bedroom furniture	 Chest of drawers  Box shelf  Trunk  Walk-in wardrobe  Sliding doors  Bedside table
4	Bedding	 Slatted bed frame  Mattress  Bed base
5	Office furniture	 Office cabinet  Desk  Storage pedestal
6	Kitchen furniture	 Kitchen unit  Sink unit  Wall unit / base unit / tall unit  Worktop  Furniture plinth  Drawers
7	Bathroom furniture	 Bathroom cabinet  Storage column  Vanity unit  Bathroom wall shelf  Fitting or hanging accessories



THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE FURNISHING ELEMENTS EPR SCHEME • THE PRODUCERS CONCERNED

N°	Catégorie	Exemples d'éléments d'ameublement
8	Garden furniture	 Garden table  Garden coffee table  Garden storage box  Protective cover
9	Seating	 Bench  Sofa bed  Chair frame  Pouffe  Executive chair  Stool
10	Technical, commercial and public-sector furniture	 Service trolley  Store gondola  Workshop desk  Checkout stand  Whiteboard  Meeting table
11	Upholstered seating or sleeping products	 Duvet  Cushions  Pillows  Sleeping bag  Bolster
12	Textile decorative elements such as rugs, carpets, curtains and net curtains, as well as their accessories, regardless of the materials from which the accessories are made	 Carpet tiles  Doormat  Blackout curtains  Fringed rug  Curtain rod  Textile garlands

PRODUCTS EXCLUDED BY THE REGULATIONS

Article R.543-240 excludes the following products from the scope of the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme

- **Urban furniture installed on public land and in public spaces;**
- **Products covered by the electrical equipment scheme;**
- **Floor, wall and ceiling coverings covered by the Building scheme (BCPM), in particular carpets intended to be permanently installed in buildings.**
- **Hardware covered by the Building scheme (BCPM)**
- **Specific fit-out elements for professional premises constituting fixed installations that are:**
 - **custom-designed;**
 - **assembled and installed by a professional fit-out contractor;**
 - **intended for permanent use as an integral part of the building or structure, at a predefined dedicated location;**
 - **and can only be replaced by a similar element specifically designed for this purpose;**

Do you place building construction products and materials and/or home improvement and gardening goods on the market? Please refer to our dedicated Member Guides to check whether you are subject to the Building Construction Products and Materials (BCPM) and Home improvement and gardening goods (ABJ) EPR schemes.



2. WHICH PRODUCERS PLACING PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET ARE CONCERNED?

To define the notion of a producer placing products on the market, Article R543-290 of the Code specifies that the producer required to make a declaration is any individual or legal entity that, in a professional capacity, manufactures, imports, assembles or introduces furnishing elements onto the national market for the first time, either for sale or free-of-charge transfer to the end user, regardless of the transfer method, or for direct use in France.

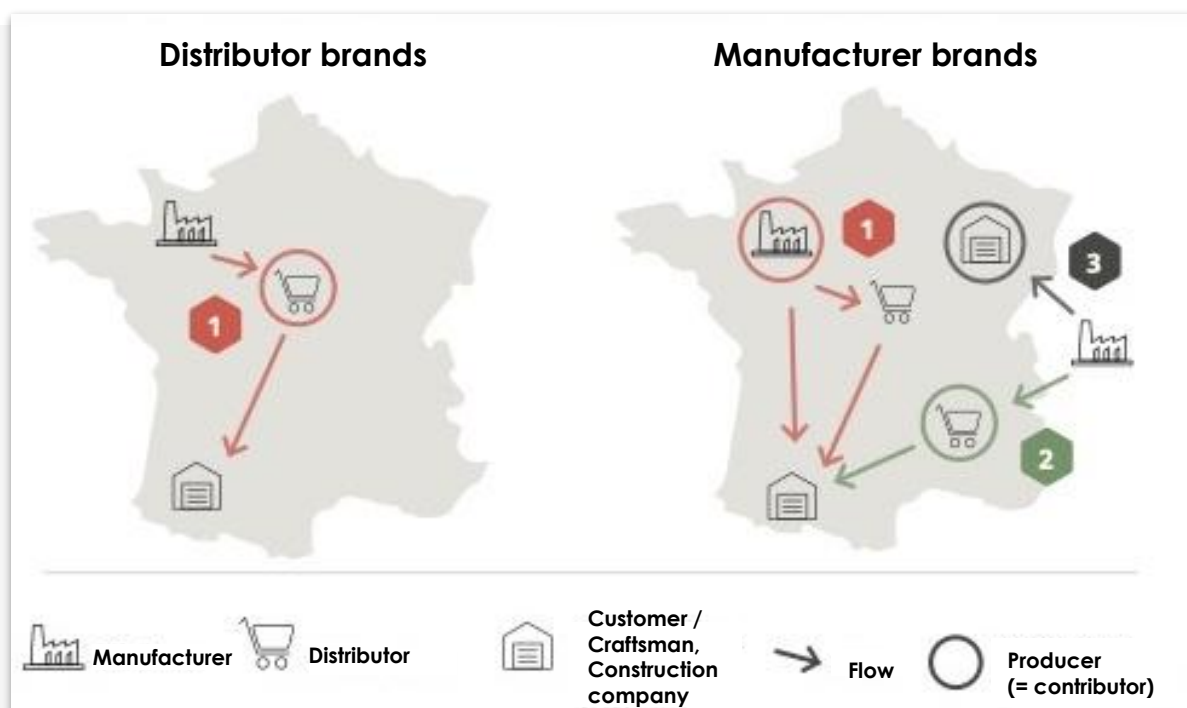
▶ **either by manufacturing** or having Furnishing Elements Waste manufactured under its own name or brand,

▶ **or by importing** or introducing Furnishing Elements Waste onto the national market for the first time.



Private-label brands

Private-label brand (MDD): where Furnishing Elements Waste are made available on the market under a reseller's brand, the reseller is considered the producer.



*The diagram illustrates the main marketing models
(for any questions or specific cases, please contact Valobat Customer Relations).*

For full details of the rules determining whether you are subject to the Furnishing Elements (DEA) and Building Construction Products and Materials (BCPM) EPR schemes, please refer to our dedicated Member Guides.



Valobat
is here to support you!

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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THE ECO-
CONTRIBUTION



1. WHAT IS IT? WHAT IS IT FOR?

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

As Valobat is a non-profit organisation, the Eco-contribution is used by Valobat to carry out its missions.



FIND OUT MORE

How was the fee schedule developed?

The fee schedule was co-developed with Valobat's shareholders and Members.

Working assumptions

As part of its public-interest, non-profit activities, Valobat's revenues (Eco-contributions) must cover its costs, mainly consisting of the costs of managing furnishing elements waste. These Eco-contributions were set in strict compliance with the principle of fairness among producers placing products on the market.

2. THE FEE SCHEDULE

The fee schedule sets out Valobat's fees for each product covered by the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme.

The fee schedule is organised according to the 12 categories of furnishing elements so that Valobat Members can easily identify their products:

<https://www.valobat.fr/bareme-dea-moteur-de-recherche/>

Annual declarations of products placed on the market are based on this fee schedule.

3. PASSING ON AND COMMUNICATING THE FURNISHING ELEMENTS ECO- CONTRIBUTION

Valobat has published a dedicated guide for its Members on passing on and communicating the Eco-contribution, available on its website.



4. THE UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (IDU)

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

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



FIND OUT MORE

The Unique Identification Number (IDU) is mandatory for all producers placing Home improvement and gardening goods on the market

➤ WHAT IS THE IDU?

Under Article L541-10-13 of the French Environmental Code, any producer placing products on the market who is subject to an EPR scheme must now register with the Syderep register in order to receive their unique identification number (IDU). The IDU facilitates monitoring and verification of compliance with the obligations incumbent upon the producer: each producer placing products on the market has as many IDU numbers as there are EPR schemes in which they are registered.

➤ THE IDU IS ISSUED BY ADEME

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

► 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 applicable regulations.

➤ COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

The IDU is valid for one year and is renewed annually. 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 are required to keep an up-to-date register of third-party sellers' IDUs, in particular to verify the consistency of the quantities of products placed on the market when requested by a Producer Responsibility Organisation.

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

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

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JOINING
VALOBAT





Fast and fully digital, the Valobat membership process has been designed to make your transition to a circular approach 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

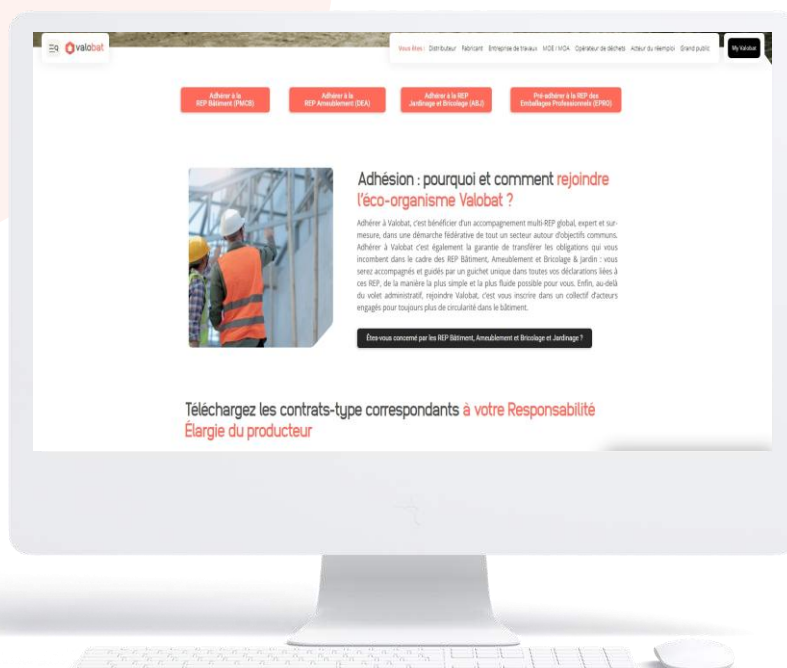
By signing it, the producer placing products on the market becomes a Member and gains access to their secure MyValobat Member area, where they can find their agreement, declarations, invoices and all Valobat tools and services for Members.



Join the Valobat Member community

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

JOIN VALOBAT





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WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE VALOBAT MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT?

Joining Valobat requires signing 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 available to any entity covered by the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme and considered a producer placing Furnishing Elements Waste on the market. Under this agreement, Valobat assumes the legal obligation to contribute to the management of the Member's furnishing elements waste. The Member undertakes to declare annually the quantities of furnishing elements placed on the French market and pay the Eco-contribution to Valobat, according to the fee schedule approved by Valobat's Board of Directors.

Membership may be completed by a producer placing products on the market in their own name or through an authorised representative company.

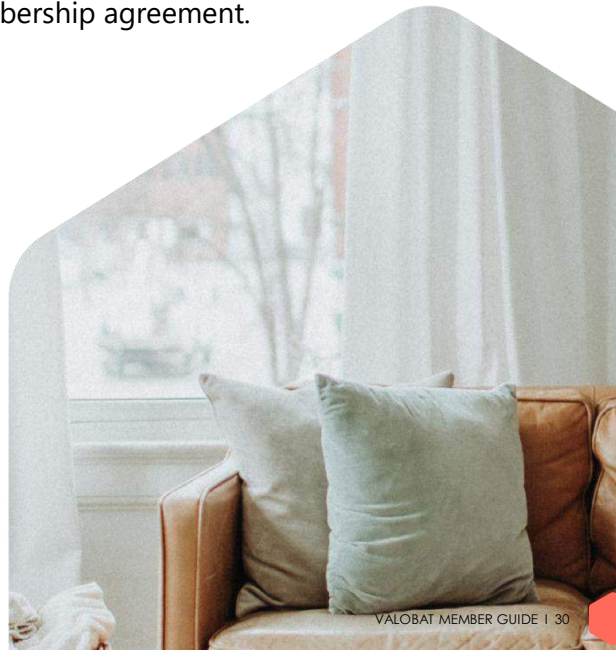
Based on the principles of public interest and non-profit operation, and in order to treat Members fairly, all membership agreements are identical. **By signing it, the producer placing products on the market becomes a Member and gains access to their secure MyValobat Member area, where they will find their agreement, declarations, invoices**

and all tools and services provided by Valobat for its Members.

ENTRUSTING YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO AN AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: HOW DOES IT WORK?

A producer placing products on the market may choose to entrust a third-party entity, the authorised representative, with membership, declaration, invoicing, payment and/or audit management operations. In this case, the authorised representative signs the Valobat agreement.

The producer placing products on the market (the principal) and the authorised representative then sign an agreement setting out the purpose of the agreement, the obligations of the authorised representative and the principal, and the authorised 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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DECLARATION,
INVOICING,
PAYMENT



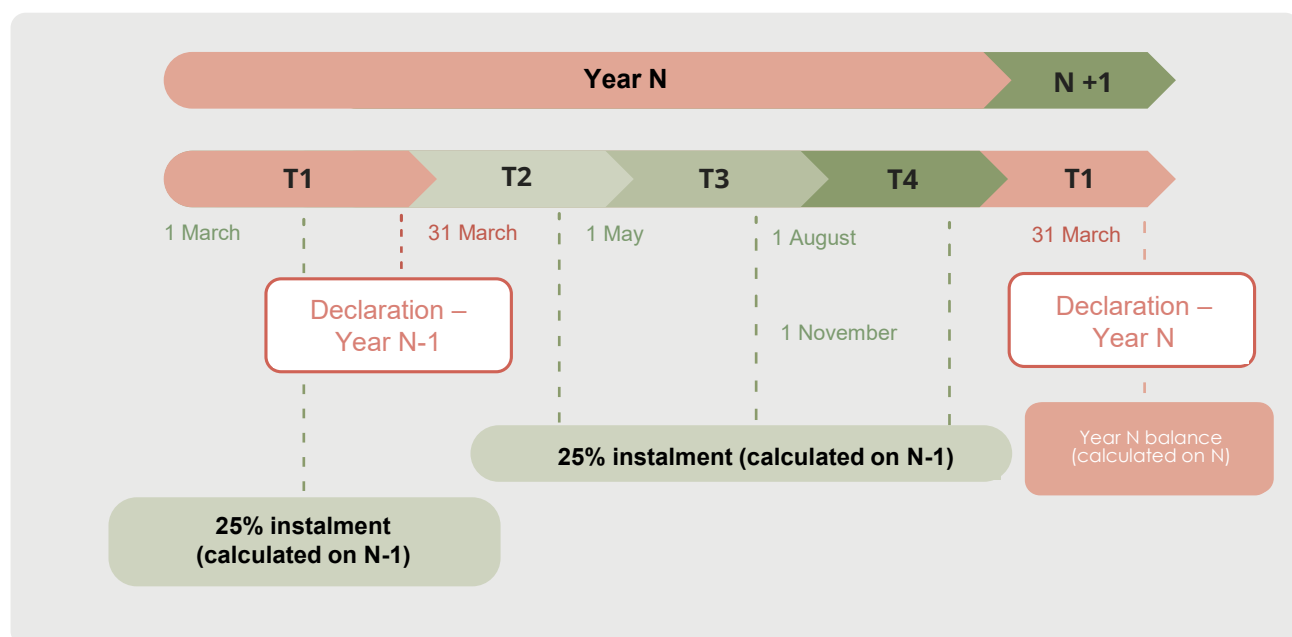
Furnishing elements declarations

are made annually by Members, between 1 January and 31 March, on the MyValobat Member platform.

The principle is simple:

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

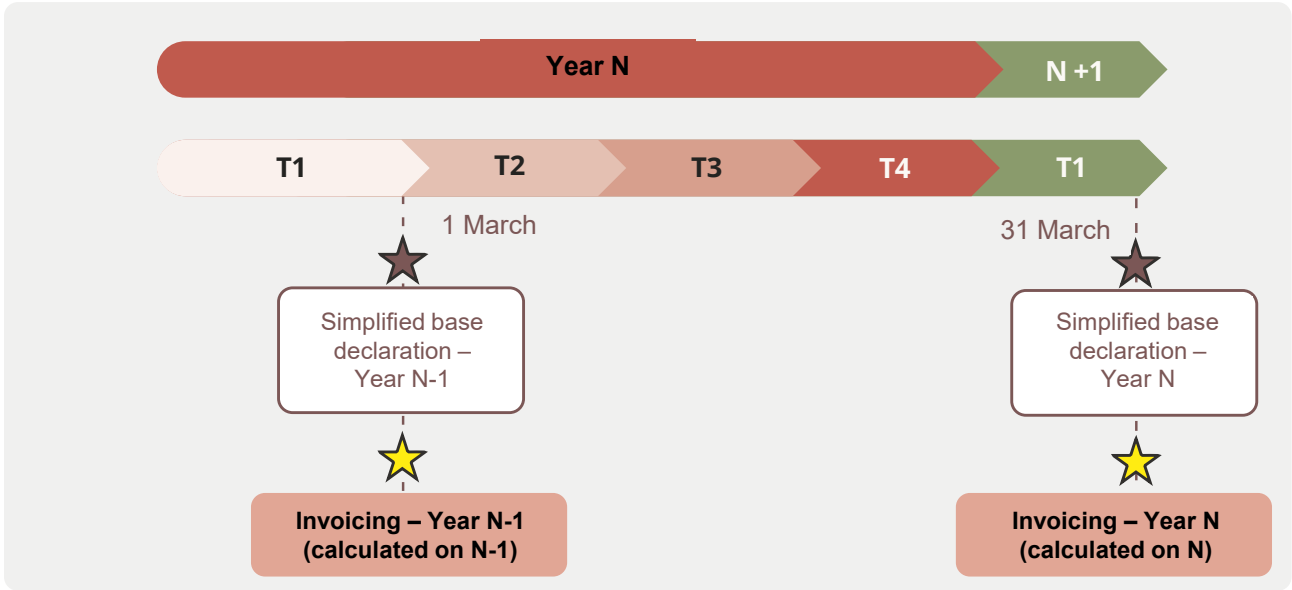
DECLARATION CALENDAR – GENERAL SCHEME





For companies placing small quantities of furnishing elements on the market, declaration and invoicing procedures are simplified.

DECLARATION CALENDAR – SIMPLIFIED SCHEME





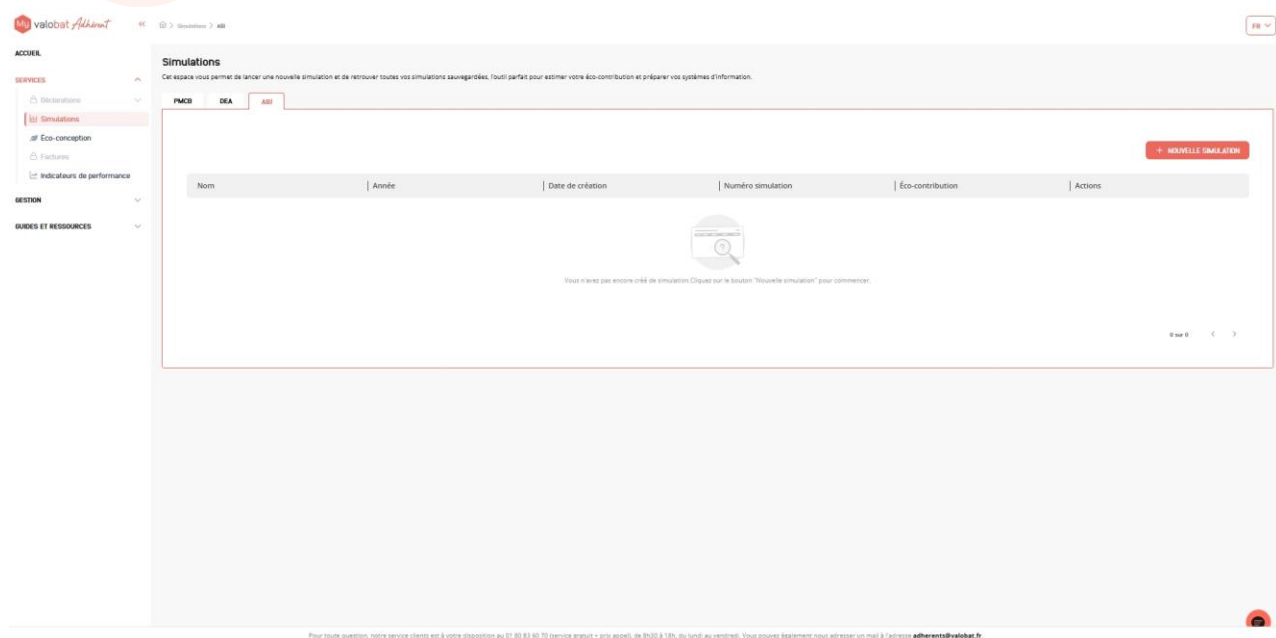
In practice

For your declaration, Valobat offers two options available in your MyValobat Member area:

- ▶ online entry directly in the interface
- ▶ or import of a specific file.

Discover ValoSimul in MyValobat Member

Your Eco-contribution simulator that helps you prepare your declarations!



Our Customer Relations Centre remains available for any questions regarding your membership, declaration, invoicing or payment of your Eco-contribution.

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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APPENDICES



1. GLOSSARY

ABJ	Related to the Home improvement and gardening goods EPR scheme, also addressed by Valobat since January 2024.
Fee schedule for the Eco-contribution	Amount of the Eco-contribution according to the product or material, expressed per unit (tonne, m ² , m ³ , linear metre, sales unit, etc.).
Bonus-penalty	Eco-modulation system for the Eco-contribution intended to encourage the producer placing products on the market to eco-design a product. Bonuses and penalties are applied progressively.
Furnishing Elements	Furnishing Elements EPR scheme
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 comprehensive view of these environmental impacts: it is 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, releases into the natural environment, and effects on climate and biodiversity).
Eco-modulation	Adjustment 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, reparability, 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 founded on eco-design, repair, reuse and recycling, with the aim of reducing the resources used and the damage caused to the environment.

**Producer Responsibility Organisation**

An entity, most often a private-law company, operating on a non-profit basis and in the public interest, and approved by the public authorities to implement the Extended Producer Responsibility principle for one or more schemes.

ESS

Group of companies organised as cooperatives, mutual societies, associations or foundations, whose internal operations 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. AGECE 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 the recycling of waste and which can be used as a total or partial substitute for virgin raw materials.

Producer placing products on the market (or producer)

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 Body for the Building scheme

OCABJ

Approved Coordinating Body for the Gardening (ABJ) and Furnishing Elements (DEA) schemes

BCPM

Relating to the Building Construction Products and Materials EPR scheme, the first EPR scheme addressed 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 harmfulness or its 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	Quantity of furnishing elements waste (by mass) collected during the year under consideration (N), including furnishing elements directed to reuse or re-use, divided by the annual average quantity (by mass) of furnishing elements placed on the market during the two previous years (N-1 and N-2)
Recycling rate	Quantity of furnishing elements waste (by mass) entering a recycling facility during the year under consideration, after the necessary inspection, sorting and other preliminary operations have been carried out to remove waste not covered by the recycling processes, divided by the quantity of furnishing elements waste (by mass) collected during the same year that has not undergone reuse or preparation for re-use
RECOVERY RATE	Quantity of furnishing elements waste (by mass) entering a recovery facility during the year under consideration, where applicable after the necessary inspection, sorting and other preliminary operations have been carried out to remove waste not covered by the recovery processes, divided by the quantity of furnishing elements waste (by mass) collected during the same year that has not undergone reuse or preparation for re-use



7-STREAM SORTING

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 rules governing the sorting of this waste.

Since July 2016, businesses have been required to sort paper/cardboard, metal, plastic, glass and wood waste in dedicated containers, under the "5-stream" sorting system. Article 74 of the AGECE Act introduced a move to 7 streams, comprising the five existing streams plus plaster and mineral fractions. Thus, every waste producer or holder must set up separate collection systems for this type of waste at its premises, adapted to the different activities carried out. This source-separation and separate-collection requirement was extended to textile waste from 1 January 2025.

Recovery

Generic term covering, in particular, preparation for re-use, regeneration, recycling, organic recovery and energy recovery of 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 EU level.

Material recovery

Waste treatment method enabling waste to be reused or recycled.



2. FAQ

EPR

What is the role of a Producer Responsibility Organisation for the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme?

A Producer Responsibility Organisation works to meet the objectives set by the public authorities through specific specifications. For Valobat, the Producer Responsibility Organisation for the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme, this involves entering into agreements with producers placing furnishing elements on the market, implementing repair solutions for furnishing elements, developing collection solutions with local authorities and distributors, and supporting the reuse and/or re-use, recycling and recovery of furnishing elements waste. The development of eco-design, contribution to reducing illegal dumping, communication and awareness-raising, and research and development are also among the levers available to Valobat to address the circularity challenges of furnishing elements waste.

Do you have to join a Producer Responsibility Organisation?

Article L. 541-10-1 of the French Environmental Code provides that furnishing elements waste is subject to EPR. To comply with this requirement, each producer placing furnishing elements on the market may either join an approved Producer Responsibility Organisation for this scheme or set up its own "individual system", by submitting an application for approval to the public authorities and complying with the same or nearly the same obligations as those imposed on the 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. Through its approvals for these three schemes, Valobat intends to create genuine synergies based on the similarities between furnishing elements waste streams and BCPM waste streams

BCPM, thereby simplifying and optimising administrative and operational management.

Upstream, furnishing elements are placed on the market by stakeholders, many of whom are already Members of the BCPM scheme. Downstream, furnishing elements waste and BCPM waste can be collected through the same channels (local authorities, distributors).

Valobat, the only Producer Responsibility Organisation for the BCPM EPR scheme covering all categories of building products and materials and all collection channels, has decided to respond positively to requests from its partners and extend its scope of intervention as an approved Producer Responsibility Organisation for the furnishing elements scheme.

GOVERNANCE

How is Valobat's governance organised?

Valobat was created at the initiative of 26 companies or professional organisations specialising in the manufacture and distribution of building construction products or materials. Since then, 25 additional entities have joined so that Valobat's shareholders fully represent all product 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 Assembly of 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 structure.



What is the role of a shareholder?

A shareholder is a Valobat shareholder who participates in the General Assembly of the 51 shareholders of the Producer Responsibility Organisation and has chosen to be involved in its governance. One of the founding principles is equality among all shareholders, reflected in particular by a single 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 the sector committees used for?

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

By favouring participatory governance within these sector committees, Valobat is betting on self-determination of the Producer Responsibility Organisation by its Members, who are therefore free to consult with one another to establish the product list and Eco-contribution fee schedules.

MEMBERSHIP

How will I know that my membership application has been received?

The membership agreement offered by Valobat, which is identical for all Members, provides that Valobat may enter into an agreement with all companies holding producer status for furnishing elements or with their authorised representative. The process is completed through Valobat's information system in just a few clicks. The signatory to the membership agreement will receive an electronic copy of the signed agreement via our DocuSign electronic signature tool.

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

When will I know that my membership is effective?

When your membership is registered, you will receive an email from Valobat informing you. You will also receive your IDU, requested from ADEME on your behalf by Valobat, within the following days.

Who is authorised to enter into an agreement with Valobat?

Anyone with the legal capacity to bind a producer placing products on the market may sign the membership agreement with Valobat, although it may be initiated by a third party.

What authorisations does an authorised representative have?

The principal (i.e. the producer placing products on the market who is subject to EPR) may entrust its authorised representative, who accepts this role, with 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 furnishing elements placed on the market by the principal during the previous year;
- **Pay**, before the contractual deadline each year, the Eco-contribution payable by the principal in respect of the quantities placed on the market during the previous year;
- **Provide all supporting** documents required to manage the Furnishing Elements declaration.

In this context, the authorised representative of a producer placing products on the market manages all membership, declaration, invoicing, payment and/or audit management operations. It therefore has the same authorisations as its principal for managing the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme. These must be defined in a mandate agreement based on the information specified in Valobat's standard membership agreement.



Is it possible to join Valobat during the year and under what conditions?

Joining Valobat is possible at any time of the year. The membership agreement will take effect on 1 January of the year in which it is signed. However, Valobat reminds producers placing products on the market that the membership agreement enables them to comply with their legal obligations and invites 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 until 31 December of the same year. The agreement will be automatically renewed for successive periods of 12 months, unless terminated no later than three months before the expiry of the current period.

SERVICES

How does the eco-modulated fee schedule work?

The specifications for the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme provide that bonuses and penalties (eco-modulations) apply to the Eco-contribution fee schedule. Therefore, from 1 July 2024, Valobat will offer a bonus for incorporating recycled materials. As of 1 January 2025, the eco-modulations will evolve to take account of new criteria requested by the public authorities:

New bonuses:

Use of sustainably managed renewable resources, demonstrated by:

- a composition containing at least 75% by mass of solid wood from sustainably managed renewable resources and certified PEFC or FSC,
- or 50% by mass of wood particleboard made from sustainably managed renewable resources and certified PEFC or FSC,
- or 50% by mass of foam or textile made from renewable resources, sustainably managed and certified OEKOTEX Made in Green, CERTIPUR or EUROLATEX

to be given multiple successive uses.

Recyclability for furnishing elements eligible for the "Fully recyclable furnishing element" label pursuant to Article R. 541-221, demonstrated through the use of Valobat's recyclability tool.

Penalties:

Use of non-sustainably managed renewable resources, identified by a furnishing element predominantly composed of wood that is not PEFC or FSC certified.

Substances preventing the use of wood from furnishing elements waste in combustion facilities due to the presence of physical elements or chemical substances that may prevent the recovery of wood from furnishing elements waste in combustion facilities.

Recycling disruptor due to the presence of physical elements or chemical substances likely to disrupt sorting and recycling or incompatible with recycling.

What collection solutions does Valobat offer professionals?

Valobat will establish an appropriate organisation to ensure on-site collection and free take-back of furnishing elements waste from non-household holders, relying on the resources and expertise already developed for BCPM for construction site services and supplementing them to operate collection and treatment in accordance with the specifications.



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

The specifications allow Valobat to offer containers for the joint collection of waste from furnishing elements and other schemes for which Valobat is also approved, provided that this does not affect their recovery capacity. Valobat therefore intends to leverage all the organisation it has developed for the BCPM scheme and is developing for the Furnishing Elements scheme 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 fee schedule for each product has been published on Valobat's website. For their declaration, the Valobat Member indicates in their secure area the weight of furnishing elements, which is used to calculate the total Eco-contribution amount.

For small producers placing products on the market, Valobat offers a simplified fee schedule where only the number of units is required.

How do I complete 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 calculated for the Furnishing Elements EPR scheme? What is it used for?

Valobat is a Producer Responsibility Organisation carrying out a public-interest mission 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 exclusively to carry out the missions of that scheme and finance only the activities provided for in the specifications of each scheme, in particular operations relating to end-of-life management. The Eco-contribution is calculated to cover product end-of-life management in compliance with regulatory targets. The Eco-contribution is built from the resources required to achieve the objectives relating to 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 across the volume of products placed on the market, to which cross-cutting costs are added, in order to determine the Eco-contribution for each product.

The Eco-contribution fee schedule may change?

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

What will my contribution amount be next year?

Valobat has developed an Eco-contribution simulation tool enabling producers placing products on the market and/or their authorised representatives to estimate the amount of their future Eco-contribution. This tool will be available to calculate 2024 Eco-contributions once the fee schedule has been published.



For my declaration, I can choose online entry or download an Excel file: what do you recommend?

If you do not have many product types to declare, we recommend entering the different declaration lines directly, using our search engine. For many products and materials, importing the data will be easier. Your file must comply with a predefined format, which includes Valobat coding in particular. Our teams are available to help you with the interface or configuration (01 80 83 60 70).



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