



Extended Producer Responsibility

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State of play and trending questions

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Introduction

- Existing rules
- New initiatives
- Trending questions:
 - online sales
 - cross-border EPR
 - textile EPR

Existing EPR rules in EU legislation

- Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC: Article 8 and 8a
- End-of-Life Vehicles Directive 2000/53/EC: Article 5(4)
- WEEE Directive 2012/19/EC: Article 12 and 13
- Batteries Directive 2006/66/EC: Article 16
- Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive 94/62/EC: Article 7(2)
- Single-use Plastics Directive: Article 8

New initiatives

- Proposal for a Regulation on Batteries and Waste Batteries (December 2020)
- Proposal for a Regulation on Packaging and Packaging Waste (expected by end 2022)
- Revision of the End-of-Life Vehicles Directive (planned for 2023)
- Amendment to the Waste Framework Directive (planned for 2023)

Trending EPR questions 1

Online sales

- Free riding: how to reach producers outside EU
 - Distortion of competition disadvantaging compliant producers
 - MS reporting on recycling rates not corresponding to reality
- Exponential growth in online sales especially due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- Some national initiatives to address (FR, DE, ...)
- New pieces of EU product legislation builds on the principles of Digital Services Act (General Product Safety Regulation, Batteries, Eco-design for Sustainable Products)

Trending EPR questions 2

Cross-border EPR

- Products ending up as waste in another MS than where it was placed on the market
 - Products sold in brick and mortar-shops
 - Online sales
- cooperation between economic operators/producers and waste management operators
- need for upstream measures enabling traceability of the product, such as digital product passport and establishment of product/producer registers

Trending EPR questions 3

Expanding EPR to additional sectors

- MS can introduce EPR schemes for additional sectors
- On EU level:
 - Textiles: amendment to the Waste Framework Directive
 - 2018 WFD amendment with separate collection requirement for textile waste
 - 2019 European Green Deal
 - 2020 Circular economy action plan
 - 2022 Textiles Strategy

Which other product categories should be new priorities for EPR, also in relation to critical raw materials?



Thank you!

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