

# A quick guide to packaging legislation



## France

### What are the regulations?

Waste legislation in France was implemented in October 2007. The Decree 1467 and all previous decrees were integrated into a dedicated chapter of the French Environmental Code (Articles R.543-42 and following). Its aim is to promote waste prevention and the recovery of packaging waste by obligating those putting packaging onto the French market to take responsibility for it. The decree makes a clear distinction between household and commercial packaging waste and companies can be obligated in both categories.

**There are no thresholds currently in place for household packaging.**

### Who is affected?

Obligated producers include:

- Manufacturers
- Packers and fillers
- Those re-branding or importing packaged goods for sale onto the French market
- Those selling / distributing packaged goods.
- Companies which sell directly to consumers via distance communication, e.g. online retailers are also considered to be obligated producers and have to comply.

### What you need to do!

Companies obligated by the household packaging regulations can register with Citeo, the only compliance scheme for general packaging in France. By submitting annual data and paying fees, the scheme will work with local authorities to ensure the recovery and recycling of packaging waste. Data submissions are categorised by material type for each individual product.

The recycling and recovery of commercial waste must be carried out by authorised contractors and detailed records of collections kept by the producer (normally retailers). Those who do not meet the 1,100 litres per week threshold can contact their local authority/municipality and arrange for collections to be made by them for free.

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### Green Dot

It is no longer obligatory to display the Green Dot symbol in France. However, the Green Dot can be used by Citeo members if they wish

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