

## EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEXTILES AS PER JANUARY 1, 2023

As part of the circular economy, and specifically a circular textile chain, an extended producer responsibility (EPV) for textiles will go into effect January 1, 2023. With this, the government hopes to achieve a fully circular textile chain by 2050. By 2030, the government already wants 50% of collected textiles to be recycled.

With the EPV for textiles, textile companies, specifically producers and importers of clothing and household textiles, become responsible for, among others, (the cost of) collecting and recycling textiles. This will be achieved by imposing a levy on textile producers and importers on the total number of kilograms of textiles they put into the Dutch market. The current draft decree on extended producer responsibility for textiles states that the levy will be between EUR 0.24 and EUR 0.57 per kilogram put into the market. We note that this may change.

The EPV will go into effect January 1, 2023, but there is still much uncertainty. One question that arises is exactly which companies will face the EPV for textiles. In addition, how should returns and second-hand clothing be handled? It is clear however that within six weeks after 1 January 2023, the authorities need to be notified if you are obliged to report for the EPR. Action is therefore required.

We are currently awaiting the final version of the decree as the concept is still at parliament and the ministerial guidance. Through our newsletter we will keep you informed of developments regarding the actual completion of the extended producer responsibility for textiles. Should you have any questions in the meantime? The specialists at HVK Stevens will be happy to assist you.



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