

France's Anti-Waste and Circular Economy Law (AGEC)

Textiles and Footwear



Article 13 of France's 'Loi AGEC' (Anti-Waste for a Circular Economy Law) went into effect on January 1, 2023 in France, with the aim of empowering shoppers with more transparent product information across many sectors, including Apparel. For brands selling products in the French market, complying with Loi AGEC is now only a legal imperative, and an opportunity to build customer trust.

This whitepaper is intended to provide a helpful guide to the AGEC law, and share how the EON Product Cloud platform can enable brands to efficiently manage required product data and comply with confidence.

What you'll learn:

- Overview of France's AGEC law
- How EON Product Cloud supports compliance
- Detailed overview of AGEC's data requirements

Understanding the Loi AGEC

What is the AGEC law?

France's Anti-Waste and Circular Economy ("AGEC") legislation and Décret n° 2022-748 aims to help companies embrace more circular production, and shoppers move toward more sustainable consumption.

Who is impacted?

This decree impacts all companies selling products in France and applies to all new consumer goods put on the French market (except second-hand products).



When will AGEC go into effect?

Disposing of unsold products, and the use of some marketing and production claims, such as "biodegradable" and "environmentally-friendly", were immediately banned for all companies when the decree was published in 2022, while disclosure requirements have progressively been implemented since January 1, 2023.

The chart below provides further details about when companies were required to follow AGEC requirements based on their annual turnover and volume of products sold within France.

Date	Jan 1, 2023	Jan 1, 2024	Jan 1, 2025
Turnover + Volume	>50M€	>20M€	>10M€
	>25,000 units	>10,000 units	>10,000 units

Are there penalties for not complying?

Penalties for not complying with this law include a €15,000 EUR fine and risk of reputational damage.

¹ https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article_lc/LEGIARTI000041554554/2020-02-12

https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000045726094

Key Requirements

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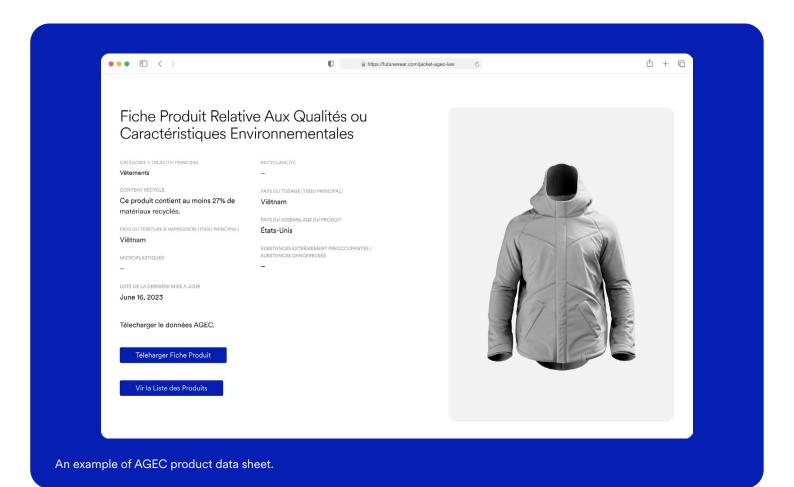
Brands must share required data with customers at time of sale

- Brands must inform consumers about the environmental characteristics of their products, including provenance and materials information.
- Required data must be made available to consumers in an aggregated "product sheet", accessible free of charge at the time of purchase on their website.
- All data must be provided in the French language.
- The information must be publicly available for two years after bringing the last unit of the product to market.

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Brands cannot use forbidden claims in association with products

- Environmental claims cannot be used in association with products, either on the product page or packaging.
- Some of these include: Environmentally friendly (Écologique), Eco (Éco), Green (Verte) and Sustainable (Durable).



All the tools you need for Loi AGEC Compliance

EON Product Cloud

The EON Product Cloud platform provides a secure, central repository for all product and material data, enabling brands to efficiently standardize, validate and share information across the value chain.



Capture

Capture product information from internal data systems (PIM, PLM etc.) to create a unique data profile or Digital ID for every product at the item-level.



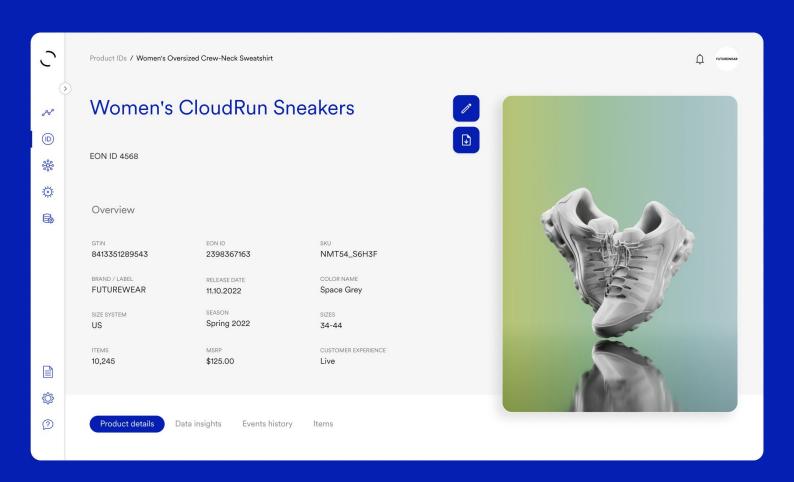
Connect

Connect serialized items with a data carrier such as a QR code or NFC tag, enabling customers to scan for access transparent information and services.



Capitalize

Embed services and capabilities into your products — from easy resale to efficient policy compliance and smart authentication.



EON Compliance Solutions for AGEC

The vast amount of data required for AGEC compliance can be collected, stored, and managed in the EON platform to help you stay organized and minimize the risk of non-compliance.

STEP 1

Capture required product data

EON's data management tools make it easy to ingest data from a variety of sources and unify this data into serialized Digital IDs.

- Understand the data requirements of AGEC with pre-built data templates.
- Data meeting the requirements listed below can be ingested into the EON platform via document upload or API integration.
- Pre-built integrations +90 systems make it easy to capture data from PLM, ERP, Material Traceability partners and more.
- Once in the platform, it can easily be formatted, structured, and confirmed.

STEP 2

Gauge compliance level

EON's Policy Management tools help brands understand their overall level of compliance, identify which products are not compliant, and get actionable reporting on what specific data fields must be corrected.

- Validate your existing AGEC data against requirements.
- Receive alerts when products are not compliant.
- Get notified if AGEC requirements change, and what data provided must be updated in response.
- Real-time reporting means you can identify and resolve issues quickly and efficiently.
- Screen product descriptions for forbidden claims including:
 - Sustainable (Durable)
 - Biodegradable (Biodégradable)
 - Compostable (Compostable)
 - Environmentally friendly (Écologique)

- Eco- (Éco-)
- Green (Verte)
- Environmentally responsible (Eco Responsable)
- Conscious



Share required product data with customers

EON enables brands to efficiently create aggregated product data sheets, and bring data forward to customers through digital product scan experiences.

- Receive an AGEC sheet in French for every product by default.
- Provide an easy access point to your AGEC compliance data through an embedded QR code or NFC tag on the product.



Get to know the data requirements of Loi AGEC

Apparel & Footwear



Recycled Content



Product Recyclability



Hazardous substances



Microplastics



Upstream traceability

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION	
Description	Specifies which product all subsequent information relates to.
Required Data Points	 Product name Example: Chelsea Boots Product category Example: Footwear Product Reference ID e.g. Unique SKU, GTIN, or other identifier Example: 1962779
How to collect	This information can be sourced from your PLM or other core product data platform, or uploaded via csv.
Level of data granularity	SKU
Required data attributes	There are no standard values, but companies should be as precise as possible.

MATERIAL COMP	POSITION
Description	Specifies the main material used in the manufacturing of the product, including natural, synthetic, and blended fibers.
How to collect	Only necessary to include the main material, not all materials included in the product. EON Exchange partners: FiberTrace Inspectorio TextileGenesis Worldly
How to disclose	Main material must be expressed as a material type. If no recycled material is present, these fields can be left blank.
Level of data granularity	SKU level
Required data attributes	 Main material Example: Coton (Cotton) Recycled content Example: 32% Recycled content disclosure Example: Produit comportant au moins 30% de matières recyclées (Product contains at least 30% recycled materials)

RECYCLABILITY	
Description	Information regarding the product's ability to be recycled, including the recycling processes it is compatible with.
How to collect	Specific methodology for Apparel and Footwear has not yet been provided by Refashion. This attribute can be ignored until the methodology is released. It will not be required for leather goods.
How to disclose	Companies can explain that at this point the methodology has not been made available for apparel and footwear by Refashion. Once there is a methodology, disclosure requirements will most likely include the following: Recyclability information must be disclosed with the phrase "mostly recyclable product" ("produit majoritairement recyclable") if the product fulfills the recyclability requirements below. If the product fulfills all these requirements and if the recycled material produced represents more than 95% of the weight of the collected waste, then the claim"entirely recyclable product" can be used.
Level of data granularity	SKU level
Required data attributes	 Recyclability disclosure Refashion considère qu'il n'y a donc aucune information relative à la recyclabilité à faire figurer au sein de la fiche intitulée « fiche produit relative aux qualités et caractéristiques environnementales » concernant les produits textiles d'habillement, linge de maison et chaussures. A la suite de cet conseil, aucune information à la récyclabilité est figurée ci-desous pour l'instant. (Refashion considers that there is therefore no information relating to recyclability to be included in the product sheet concerning textile clothing, household linen and shoes. Following this advice, no recyclability information is listed below at this time.)

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES	
Description	Declaration of whether the product contains hazardous substances.
How to collect	Ask your suppliers whether their products contain any substances of very high concern in greater than 0.1%. The substances which are determined as hazardous are listed here: https://www.askreach.eu/ EON can integrate with testing and quality companies to manage evidence of compliance. EON Exchange partners: Inspectorio TextileGenesis
How to disclose	Must be expressed as a disclosure statement. If a hazardous substance is present at a concentration higher than 0.1% (in weight) in the product, the statement must be followed by the name of all the harmful substances present in the product. If the product does not contain hazardous substances, this can be left blank.
Level of data granularity	SKU
Required data attributes	 Hazardous substances disclosure Contient une substance préoccupante: le plomb <1000ppm (Contains a hazardous substance: Lead <1000ppm)
Other Notes	As this is an existing regulation, no action is needed if you are already in compliance with the EU REACH Regulation.

MICROPLASTICS	
Description	% plastic microfibers contained in the product, along with a specific disclosure regarding their potential release during washing.
How to collect	Determine the total % of synthetic materials in your product. This may be captured in a product's Bill of Materials.
How to disclose	If a product contains more than 50% synthetic fiber by weight, the disclosure must mention, "this product releases plastic microfibers in the environment during washing". If the product contains less than 50% synthetic fibers, the disclosure can be left blank. Negative statements are not required.
Level of data granularity	SKU Level
Required data attributes	Plastic microfibers Example: 51% Plastic Microfibers Disclosure Example: Rejette des microfibres plastiques dans l'environnement lors du lavage (This product releases plastic microfibers in the environment during washing)

PRODUCT TRACEABILITY	
Description	Details the country where each relevant production process took place.
How to collect	Determine the product's main material (by weight) and identify the countries where the relevant processes took place. Suggested partners: Worldly TextileGenesis GreenStory Gruppo Florence ID Factory Tersus
How to disclose	List the country where the processes above took place for a majority of the product. • For apparel: Weaving, Dyeing / Printing, and Assembly • For shoes: Stitching, Finishing, and Assembly
Level of data granularity	SKU level or item level in the case of a 50/50 split on material composition
Required data attributes	Apparel only Country of Weaving: VNM (Vietnam) Country of Dyeing and Printing: TUR (Turkey) Country of Assembly: USA (United States of America) Footwear only Country of Stitching: VNM (Vietnam) Country of Finishing: TUR (Turkey) Country of Assembly: USA (United States of America)

Get to know the data requirements of Loi AGEC

Packaging

PACKAGING IDENTIFICATION	
Description	Specifies which packaging all subsequent information relates to and type of packaging used.
How to collect	Request this information from your packaging supplier.
How to disclose	There are no standard values, but companies should be as precise as possible.
Required data attributes	Packaging Type Example: Garment bag Packaging Reference ID Example: ID123456
Level of data granularity	SKU

MATERIAL COMPOSITION	
Description	Specifies which materials the packaging uses and the % of recycled content.
How to collect	Request this information from your packaging supplier.
How to disclose	Should be expressed as a % amount. If the packaging does not contain recycled materials, the attribute can be left blank — negative statements are not required.
Required data attributes	 Main material Example: Plastic, Cardboard, Glass Recycled content Example: 50%
Level of data granularity	SKU

RECYCLABILITY	
Description	Information regarding the packaging's ability to be recycled, including the recycling processes it is compatible with.
How to collect	Packaging recyclability is determined by CITEO (packaging EPR) companies can assess the recyclability of their packaging using the TREE tool available here: https://www.citeo.com/le-mag/recyclabilite-tree-souvre-tous
How to disclose	Must be expressed as a recyclability rate: Fully recyclable product, Mostly recyclable product or Not recyclable.
Level of data granularity	SKU
Required data attributes	 Recyclability Example: Produit majoritairement recyclable (Mostly recyclable product)

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES	
Description	Declaration of whether the packaging contains hazardous substances.
How to collect	Ask your suppliers whether their products contain any substances of very high concern in greater than 0.1%. The substances which are determined as hazardous are listed here: https://www.askreach.eu/
How to disclose	Must be expressed as a disclosure statement. If a hazardous substance is present at a concentration higher than 0.1% (in weight) in the product, the statement must be followed by the name of all the harmful substances present in the product. If the product does not contain hazardous substances, this can be left blank.
Level of data granularity	SKU
Required data attributes	 Hazardous substances Example: Contient une substance préoccupante: le plomb <1000ppm (Contains a hazardous substance: Lead <1000ppm)
Other Notes	As this is an existing regulation, no action is needed if you are already in compliance with the EU REACH Regulation.

REUSABILITY AND RE-FILLABILITY	
Description	Declaration of whether the packaging is reusable and/or refillable.
How to collect	Reusable packaging is packaging designed for at least one second use, in a non-cumulative manner: For a use in the same nature as that for which it was designed, and whose reuse is organized by or on behalf of the producer; Refillable packaging is defined as: Packaging that is refilled at the point of sale in the context of bulk sales, or at home if it is a refill device organized by the producer. Some examples include: A reusable tote bag for clothing purchases, designed for multiple uses. A refillable container for accessories, part of a returnable system. A garment bag that can be returned and reused for multiple purchases.
How to disclose	A simple statement is required in both cases. No further guidance or systems need to be in place. Negative statements are not required.
Level of data granularity	SKU
Required data attributes	 Reusability disclosure Example: emballage réemployable Refillability disclosure Example: emballage réutilisable

COMPOSTABILITY	
Description	Ability of packaging to break down into natural elements under composting conditions.
How to collect	Only collection bags (paper/cardboard or domestically compostable plastics) that are eligible for joint collection and valorization with source-separated biowaste are considered "compostable." This is according to the decree of March 15, 2022, which lists compostable, methanisable, and biodegradable packaging and waste that can be jointly collected with source-separated biowaste.
How to disclose	If the packaging is compostable, a disclosure statement is needed. If the packaging is not compostable, this can be left blank.
Level of data granularity	SKU
Required data attributes	 Compostability Example: Emballage compostable (packaging compostable)
Other notes	It is forbidden to call the packaging compostable if the product does not meet the definition of compostable under French law.



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