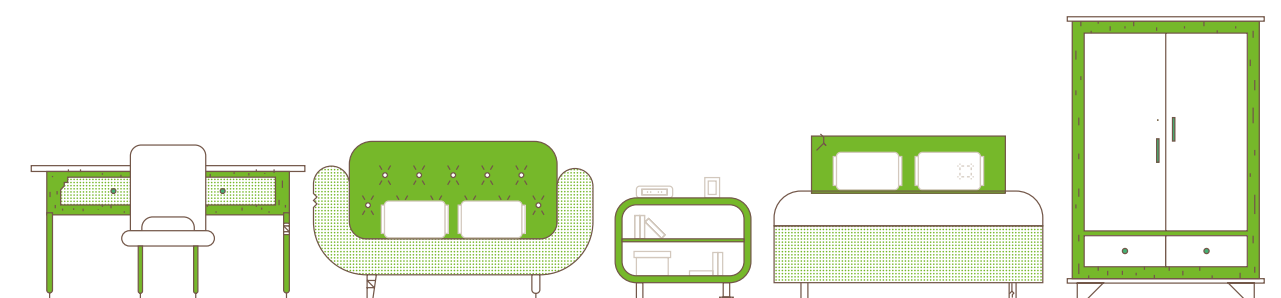


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## INFORMATION FOR THE ATTENTION OF **EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL** **FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS**

**French regulations on the collection and recycling  
of furniture: what are the obligations with which  
your clients, manufacturers, importers  
and distributors in France must comply?**



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## REGULATORY OBLIGATIONS FOR FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS AND DISTRIBUTORS IN FRANCE: FURNITURE END-OF-LIFE MANAGEMENT

In France, the *Engagement national pour l'environnement* (national pact for the environment) Act of 2010 stipulates that **“all legal and natural persons manufacturing, importing or bringing to market furniture items will take charge of collecting and processing the waste generated by these products at the end of their life cycle.”** This is the principle of “extended producer responsibility (EPR)” applied to the furniture sector.

In order to meet this obligation, a dedicated environmental body known as **Éco-mobilier** was formed by a consortium of 12 manufacturers and 12 distributors. Éco-mobilier received official accreditation from the government on 1st January 2013 for a 5-year period, renewed for a further 6 years from 2018 to 2023. Éco-mobilier is a partner for all businesses working in France, helping to organise the collection, recycling and recovery of used furniture.

Those who trade in furniture, particularly by importing products from abroad, must assign an eco-fee to each product, calculated as per the process shown in Section 2.

The value of the eco-fee is determined using a unique, nation-wide pricing scale for all products.

**It is therefore essential that French importers should have all of the necessary information required for the implementation of the regulation.**

## INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE PASSED ON TO YOUR CUSTOMERS: FRENCH IMPORTERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

As for the electrical goods sector (WEEE), an eco-fee payable by consumers is applied to all furniture products, calculated using the national pricing scale.

This eco-fee pricing scale covers three major categories: seats, beds and other furniture. The applicable eco-fee is calculated by the importer and added to the sale price of the product. The eco-fee is unchanged throughout the distribution chain, from the manufacturer/importer to the final consumer, ensuring that it is clearly understood by the latter. The value of the eco-fee is then transferred by the importer to Éco-mobilier, and used to fund and organise the collection and recycling of used furniture.

**All items of furniture falling into the 11 categories shown here are covered by this system:**

- ① Lounge /Dining Room;
- ② Occasional Furniture;
- ③ Bedroom;
- ④ Mattresses and Other Beds/Bedding;
- ⑤ Office;
- ⑥ Kitchen;
- ⑦ Bathroom;
- ⑧ Garden;
- ⑨ Seats;
- ⑩ Technical Furniture;
- ⑪ Duvets and Pillows.

The eco-fee does not apply to: decorative objects, toys or products already covered by other EPR regulations (WEEE, clothing etc.)

**If a product falls into one of the categories above, then an eco-fee must be added when it is brought to market in France.**

**The value of this eco-fee is calculated as follows:**

- **For furniture:** the eco-fee is determined by the **weight of the product**;
- **For beds/bedding:** the eco-fee is determined by the **dimensions of the product**;
- **For seats:** the eco-fee is determined by the **number of places**.

The pricing scales presented in the next section can be used to calculate the eco-fees applicable to specific products.

Since manufacturers, importers and distributors are obliged to calculate the eco-fee for each product put on sale, and declare their sales to Éco-mobilier quarterly or annually, it is essential that your clients should have all of the information they need, i.e.:

- **For furniture: the majority material (by weight) and weight of each item of furniture;**
- **For beds/bedding: dimension, majority material (by weight) and weight;**
- **For seats: number of places and weight.**

The table shown below should be filled in by foreign manufacturers selling to manufacturers, importers and distributors in France:

Product reference	Product description	Majority material (by weight)	Properties (dimensions, number of places, weight)	Weight
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To help you better understand the requirements of your clients, a guide to calculating eco-fees and Éco-mobilier product codes is presented hereunder.

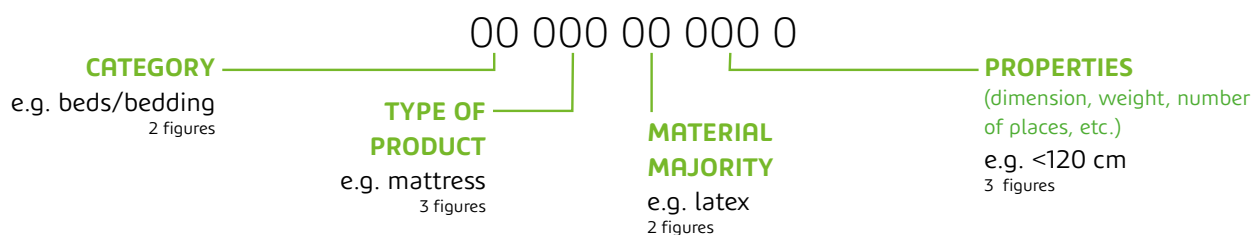
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## WHAT CODES DO YOUR CUSTOMERS REQUIRE?

**Each manufacturer, importer or distributor trading in France** must assign an Éco-mobilier product code to all items of furniture offered for sale.

This 11-digit code corresponds to the classification system created by Éco-mobilier to categorise items of furniture based on their properties, as legally required by the French environment agency (ADEME) and Éco-mobilier.

To find the product codes required for your declaration, use the simulator available at [eco-mobilier.fr](http://eco-mobilier.fr). For information purposes, the product code is composed as follows:



The product code in detail

This code allows users to declare their quarterly or annual sales, as required.

You must also declare, for each product, the total number of products sold.

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