



"On Extended Producer Responsibilities of Waste-Generating Products"

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Draft Law “On Extended Producer Responsibilities of Waste-Generating Products”

On January 10, 2025, the Council of Ministers submitted to Parliament the draft law “*On extended producer responsibilities of waste-generating products*” (the **Draft Law**), which is expected to come into effect on June 1st, 2026.

The Draft Law is partially harmonized with Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste.

The proposed Draft Law aims to establish an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system, requiring individuals or entities engaged in the professional production, processing, treatment, sale, or import of waste-generating products to take responsibility for enhancing their reuse, prevention, recycling, and recovery.

The Draft Law highlights the following key concepts:

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): A policy framework that holds producers accountable for the entire lifecycle of their products, including the post-consumer stage.

Extended Producer Responsibility Organization (EPRO): A company or entity established by manufacturers to fulfill their legal obligations related to the collection, recycling, and disposal of waste generated by their products. EPRO must obtain authorization from the ministry responsible for the environment to exercise its activities.

In accordance with the provisions of Law No. 10 463 dated September 22, 2011 “*On Integrated Waste Management*”, the proposed Draft Law

applies EPR requirements to the following waste streams:

- Packaging and packaging waste.
- End-of-life vehicles.
- Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)
- Batteries and accumulators.

Under the ‘*polluter pays*’ principle, producer entities as an integral part of the EPR framework, are required to fulfill their obligations through one of the following mechanisms:

1. Establishing and managing an independent system for the take-back, collection, and treatment of waste.
2. Collaborating with other producer entities to develop and operate a collective system for waste collection, processing, and recovery through a licensed waste management company.
3. Creating a dedicated waste collection and recovery center in compliance with applicable legislation.

Producer entities within the EPR system bear both financial and organizational responsibility for fulfilling the obligations outlined in this framework. This includes compliance with relevant tax provisions, financial contributions, and consumer information duties. However, producers that are subject to tax on plastic materials and on plastic/glass packaging under Law No. 9975, dated 28.7.2008 “*On National Taxes*,” as amended, are exempt from the obligation to pay the financial contribution under EPR.

The Draft Law stipulates procedures for the registration and reporting of products by EPR and EPRO manufacturers. These processes will be conducted via the e-Albania portal.

Producers must meet national targets for waste collection, recycling, and recovery, based on their market share.

The enforcement of the Draft Law will be entrusted to the Ministry of Environment, the National Environment Agency, market supervisory authorities, and the customs authority. Non-compliance with the obligations set forth in the Draft Law will result in fines ranging from ALL 100,000 to ALL 1,000,000.

The Draft Law provides that the Council of Ministers and the Minister responsible for the environment shall adopt sub legal acts for implementation of the Draft Law within 2 years from its entry into force (i.e., 15 days after publication in the Official Gazette) although the Draft law foresees to be effective on June 1st, 2026.



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