

UNION Sport & Cycle here to assist you in declaring your Textiles and Footwear market entries

The 2023 market release declaration campaign is open until February 29, 2024, for the Textiles, Linens, and Footwear Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Scheme. Additionally, you may have already been contacted by Re-fashion, the only eco-organization approved by the public authorities in the sector.

To ensure compliance, Union Sport & Cycle offers you a facilitator intermediary service that allows you to cancel late penalties owed to Re-fashion on your next summary invoice of eco-contributions due in March. If you are up to date with your declaration and payment for the years 2020 to 2022 and declare your 2023 market releases directly to Re-fashion, please disregard this message. Otherwise, it is urgent to ensure compliance to join the mandatory sector and avoid sanctions.

The textile and footwear Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme has existed since 2009. Therefore, to ensure compliance, you are required to join the eco-organization and declare your market releases for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 if this has not already been done.

Penalties are charged by the eco-organization if you have not honored the payment of your ecocontributions or omitted to declare in previous years. The standard contract for market operators includes:

- A flat penalty of €40 per year of delay on each invoice from its due date.
- A late penalty of three times the legal interest rate applied semi-annually on the ecocontributions due per year of market release.

To ensure compliance without paying these late penalties for undeclared previous years, Union Sport & Cycle is by your side and offers you a facilitator intermediary service via REDISport.

Pricing for the service is as follows:

€140 for companies with a total turnover of less than €500K (€200 for non-members). €200 for companies with a total turnover of €500K or more (€250 for non-members).

To take advantage of this service and the discount on penalties, you must send us, by February 29, the Excel file attached to this email to <u>declaration.rep@unionsportcycle.com</u>. This file contains your Company's data and the quantities placed on the market for each year over the four fiscal years (2020/2021/2022/2023).

What quantities should be declared?

- Textiles and Footwear from the sports and leisure sector manufactured or imported into France, or own-brand products sold in France, constitute the market releases to be declared.
- One declaration per legal entity of the quantities placed on the market by product categories listed in the attached file and by year, totaling 4 files to be submitted if you have not made your declarations in previous years.



- Examples of textiles and footwear to be declared: running shoes, sneakers, lifestyle clothing items, football jerseys, tennis shorts, swimsuits, caps, beanies, socks, flip-flops, etc. (more information in the file or on the declaration assistance guide).
- Please note that you remain responsible for the content of your declarations in the event of random checks by the eco-organization on the declared quantities.

What happens after I send the completed files to USC?

- USC will send your details to Re-fashion, who will send you the standard Re-fashion producer membership contract to sign and return immediately to open your Syderep account.
- Upon receipt of payment for the service, USC will upload your files to the platform via its "facilitator intermediary" access, allowing you to access the penalty discount.
- After processing your declarations, Re-fashion will send you, in March, the 2024 invoice for the 2023 market releases, the forecast for 2024, as well as the invoices for previous fiscal years that have been regularized.

Please note: there will be no Re-fashion invoice for the 2022 market releases, as it is a blank year following the change in billing system, but quantities still need to be declared for proper monitoring of the sector and the reporting obligations of the eco-organization.

If your file remains incomplete for USC and, failing to receive payment to REDISport for the service before the end of the declaration period, we will be unable to provide the service, and contractual penalties from Re-fashion may apply, as provided for in the standard contract for the sector.

Also, the penalty discount is only valid for this fiscal year. In case of unpaid invoices issued in March 2024 by Re-fashion, penalties may be charged by the eco-organization in accordance with the current standard contract.

We remain at your disposal; please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions: declaration.rep@unionsportcycle.com