



Mandatory and harmonised Extended producer responsibility for textiles



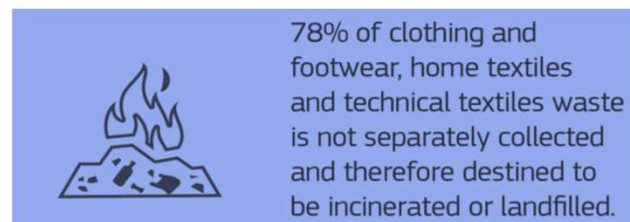
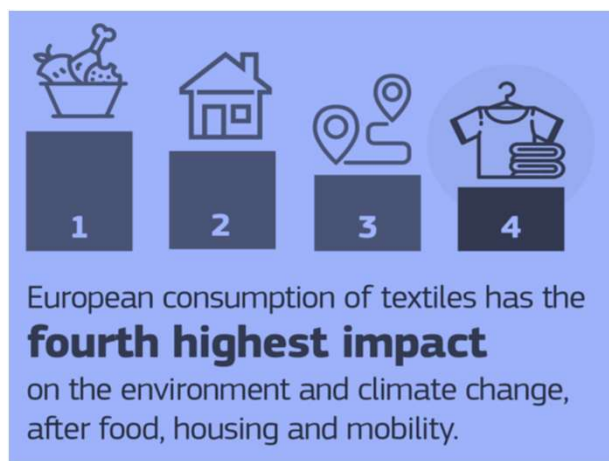
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Policy context

- The [European Green Deal](#) aims to accelerates the **transition to a circular economy**
- The [Circular Economy Action Plan](#) and the [EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles](#) call for reinforced action preventing textile waste and improving the circularity of textiles
- **On 5 July 2023, the Commission proposed a [targeted amendment of the Waste Framework Directive \(WFD\)](#)**

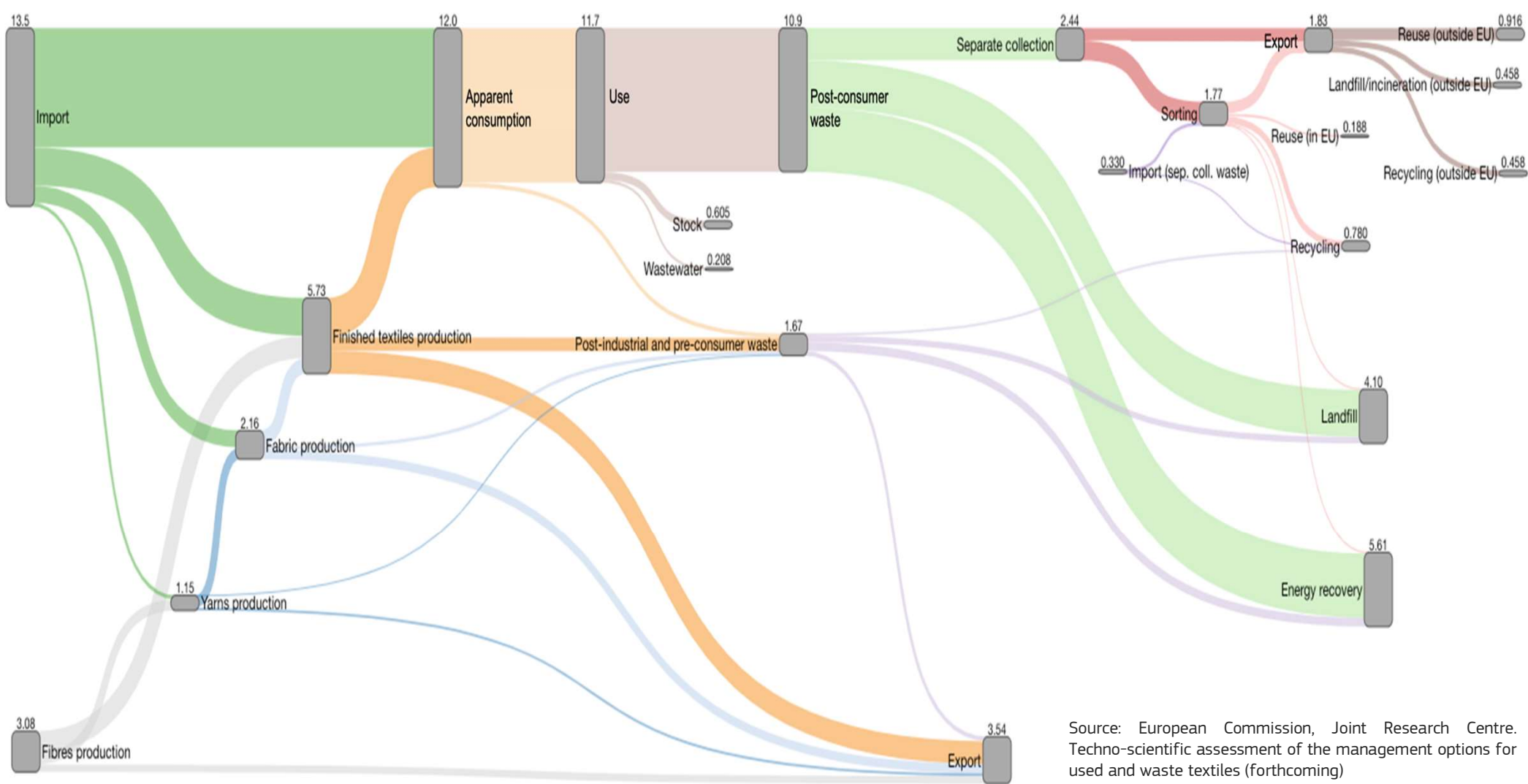


Textile waste in figures



- **12.6 million tonnes of textile waste** (covering clothing and footwear, home textiles, technical textiles, and post-industrial and pre-consumer waste) **per year are generated in the EU**, of which 5.2 million tonnes are clothing and footwear
- **Only 22% of post-consumer textile waste is separately collected** for re-use or recycling
- In 2021, the EU textiles, wearing apparel and leather manufacturing market consists of around **226 600 companies (>99% SMEs)**, with **1.7 million employees and a gross turnover of €191 billion**

Mass flow analysis for textile generation and waste management in the EU (in 2019 and Mt/year)



Taking responsibility for textiles waste


Mandatory & harmonised

Extended Producer Responsibility for textiles across all Member States

Rules on textiles waste management in line with the waste hierarchy

-  Provide incentives for producers to **increase the circularity of their products & address the negative impacts of fast fashion**
-  Support circular design of textiles by '**eco-modulation of fees**'
-  **Finance** waste management in line with the 'polluter-pays-principle' – **separate collection, sorting, re-use and recycling**
-  **Promote R&I** into innovative technologies, **create jobs**, enhance the **markets for second-hand textiles** and boost **circular economy business models**
-  **Create cost-saving opportunities for EU citizens**
-  **Support the important role of social enterprises** in the separate collection, sorting, re-use and recycling of textiles
-  **Help reduce illegal shipments** of textile waste to non-EU countries

Content of the legal proposal

	Article 3	Definitions
	Article 22a	Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for textiles
	Article 22b	Producer register
	Article 22c	Producer Responsibility Organisations (PROs) for textiles
	Article 22d	Management of textile waste
	Article 37	Reporting requirements

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

- **Scope**: EPR on producers of textile products (apparel, footwear, blankets, bed linen, curtains, etc.) that are made available on the market for the first time within the territory of a Member State (including online platforms and excluding microenterprises)
- **EPR fees**: Member States to ensure that producers cover the costs of:
 - (separate) collection of used and waste products, and their waste management
 - compositional survey of collected mixed municipal waste
 - Information to citizens, data gathering and reporting
 - support to R&D
- **Eco-modulation**: EPR fees eco-modulated in accordance with ESPR and other Union law
- **Implementation**: Producer register and mandatory use of producer responsibility organisations (organising the system based on cost-efficiency requirement)
- **Social enterprises**: Special role in the system, being able to use EPR system for free

Management of textile waste

- **Existing obligation:** Separate collection of textiles by 1 January 2025
- **Proposed obligations:**
 - Separately collected textile products are **waste upon collection**
 - **Textile waste must be sorted with minimum requirements** for (preparing for) re-use and recycling in line with waste hierarchy
 - **Textile waste must be protected** from weather conditions and other sources of contamination
 - Obligations supporting **reducing illegal shipment** of waste textiles disguised for re-use by improving **inspections** by competent authorities and **requirements for the shipment of used textiles** (invoice & contract, evidence for prior sorting, declaration, record keeping, etc.)

Thank you



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ANNEX IVc

Products that fall within the scope of the extended producer responsibility for certain textile, textile-related and footwear products

Part 1

Household textile products, and textile articles of apparel and clothing accessories that fall within the scope of Article 22a

CN code	Description
61 – all listed codes within the chapter	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted
62 – all listed codes within the chapter	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted
6301	Blankets and travelling rugs (except 6301 10 00)
6302	Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen
6303	Curtains (including drapes) and interior blinds; curtain or bed valances
6304	Other furnishing articles, excluding those of heading 9404
6309	Worn clothing and other worn articles
6504	Hats and other headgear, plaited or made by assembling strips of any material, whether or not lined or trimmed
6505	Hats and other headgear, knitted or crocheted, or made up from lace, felt or other textile fabric, in the piece (but not in strips), whether or not lined or trimmed; hairnets of any material, whether or not lined or trimmed

Part 2

Footwear, and articles of apparel and clothing accessories whose main composition is not textile within the scope of Article 22a

CN code	Description
4203	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, of leather or composition leather (excl. footwear and headgear and parts thereof, and goods of chapter 95, e.g. shin guards, fencing masks)
6401	Waterproof footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or of plastics, the uppers of which are neither fixed to the sole nor assembled by stitching, riveting, nailing, screwing, plugging or similar processes
6402	Other footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics
6403	Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics, leather or composition leather and uppers of leather
6404	Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics, leather or composition leather and uppers of textile materials
6405	Other footwear