

2025 Retail Product Quality Compliance Guide:

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With increasing pressure to reduce waste and promote recycling, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations require manufacturers to take accountability for their products' lifecycle, from production to disposal. Global EPR policies are expanding, with new requirements for textiles, packaging, and electronics. This section explores key EPR regulations, deadlines, and strategies to help brands navigate compliance and sustainability goals.

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Extended Producer Responsibility Compliance



Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

EPR policies require manufacturers to take responsibility for the entire lifecycle of their products, particularly their environmental impact. These policies are designed to promote recycling, reduce waste, and encourage product design changes that minimize environmental harm.

EPR vs. CSR: What's the Difference?

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a mandatory regulatory framework that requires manufacturers to manage the entire lifecycle of their products, including waste collection, recycling, and disposal. It enforces compliance through laws and financial obligations.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a voluntary business strategy focused on ethical, environmental, and social impact. Companies adopt CSR to enhance their brand, improve sustainability, and engage stakeholders beyond legal requirements. While EPR ensures compliance, CSR builds reputation—together, they create a stronger, more sustainable business model.



Current Legislation:

European Union

- [EPR Textile Proposal \(July 2023\)](#): Part of the broader EU efforts under the European Green Deal and Circular Economy Action Plan, this proposal makes textile producers responsible for circular design and significant waste reduction.
- March 14, 2024, Legislation Update: The European Parliament voted in favor of revising the Waste Framework Directive, requiring clothing and footwear manufacturers to cover the costs of collecting, transporting, and sorting products for reuse or recycling.
- *See section on the [Omnibus Simplification Proposal](#)

France

- French Circular Economy Law (February 2020)
- Climate and Resilience Law (July 2021)

Netherlands

- [Dutch EPR Decree \(July 2023\)](#): Implements EPR policies specific to the Netherlands, ensuring environmental responsibility throughout the product lifecycle.

United States

- EPR policies in the U.S. are primarily enacted at the state level, with active legislation in key states such as California, Colorado, Maine, Minnesota, and Oregon.

California

[SB 707 – Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024:](#)

- Requires brands to contribute to an EPR program managed by Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs), which facilitate recycling programs in partnership with CalRecycle.
- PRO Membership: Companies must join a PRO, which will oversee the collection, sorting, and recycling of textile products.

Timeline:

- January 1, 2026 – PRO application due.
- January 1, 2031 – Full program implementation.



How Texbase Helps solve EPR challenges:



Maintain Compliance: Our tools help ensure that your products meet global EPR standards. With Supply Chain Mapping and Certification Tracking, Texbase makes compliance management straightforward.



Customer Engagement Through DPPs: Texbase supports Digital Product Passports (DPPs), offering consumers detailed product insights that promote informed and sustainable choices.



DPP Data Management with Texbase

- Detailed Tracking: Comprehensive tracking of product materials and lifecycle data.
- Communicate EPR Data: Texbase's DPP solution enables seamless communication of EPR compliance data.
- Promotes Circularity: Facilitates sustainable practices by providing material content data and recycling information.



Your Data Holds the Key to Compliance

Texbase Helps You:

- Get Control of Your Data – Organize and centralize supplier certifications, test reports, and compliance records.
- Stay Ahead of New Regulations – Be proactive, not reactive, with structured data that's ready for audits and reporting.
- Simplify Complex Compliance Tasks – Automate certification tracking, lab test imports, and documentation processes.

Take Action Today:

If compliance feels like a moving target, the real issue might be your data. Let's fix that.

A quick demo can show you how to get your compliance data in order.

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Join Us at an Upcoming Event:

We'll be hosting a series of webinar with insights on compliance, data management, and what's coming next.

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