

Scope of the EPR Scheme for DIY and Garden Products (Categories 3 and 4)

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The producer responsibility organizations accredited for categories 3 and 4 by the public authorities clarify, in this note, the scope of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for DIY and Garden Products (ABJ) under categories 3 and 4, in line with the letter sent by the General Directorate for Risk Prevention (DGPR) in May 2025. The rules set out in this note apply as of July 1, 2025.

Regulatory Reminder

Article R543-340 of the French Environmental Code states that DIY and garden products « falling within the following product categories: [...] 3° DIY equipment, including hand tools, other than those referred to in 1° and 2°; 4° Products and equipment intended for garden maintenance and development, excluding decorative ornaments and swimming pools covered under Article L.541-10-1, 12° or 4°. [...] Products designed exclusively for professional use are excluded from the scope of this section. »

General Rule of Inclusion

By default, all products within the following categories and types are included in the scope of the ABJ EPR.

DIY products	Hand tools, PPE, accessories, and tarps
	Large items, non-electric and non-fuel-powered machines and tools, tools and platforms for working at height
	Pots and containers
Garden Maintenance and Development	Hand tools, PPE, accessories, and tarps
	Outdoor structures, outdoor equipment, and accessories
	Pots and containers

The ABJ EPR is based on the product itself, not on its intended use. This means that only the intrinsic characteristics of the products determine their inclusion. Distribution channels or end users are not valid criteria.

Thus, all tools and equipment used in general or fine construction and landscaping are included.

Example: Tools for plumbers, plasterers, electricians, tilers, masons, roofers, landscapers, etc. Exclusions must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis according to the criteria in the following section.

Exclusions from categories 3 and 4 of the DIY and garden products sector :

Accessories and consumables associated with powered (electric or fuel) products

Products meeting a technical standard addressing constraints only faced by professionals

Examples:

- PPE for nuclear radiation protection
- High-visibility PPE for road work
- Firefighting PPE for firemen
- Explosion-proof tools compliant with EN1127, EN13463-1, EN13463-5 standards

Products whose size or function addresses professional-only needs

Examples:

- Large-scale scaffolding for public works
- Equipment used to handle heavy or bulky construction materials (e.g. lino rollers, panel lifts, drum pumps, pallet stackers)
- Equipment for professional agricultural use (e.g. large greenhouses, permanent irrigation systems)
- Tools for highly specific tasks (e.g. hydrant wrenches)
- Marking and signage equipment (e.g. cones, info signs)

Products designed solely for the following sectors :

- Automotive (e.g. hose clamp pliers, telescopic mirrors)
- Wastewater treatment (e.g. sewer tools)
- Shoemaking and sewing (e.g. marking/measuring tools, needles)

A more complete (yet non-exhaustive) list of professional exclusions is provided in the annex.

Case of “Multipurpose” Products

Multipurpose products, if they do not meet any exclusion criteria, fall within the EPR scope—even if one possible use is in a professional sector.

Example: A tool usable on construction sites, in auto garages, or for industrial machine maintenance is by default covered under ABJ EPR category 3.

Responsibility of Market Operators and Eco-organizations

Producers must declare in good faith based on the criteria above and are responsible for their decisions.

If doubt remains despite this clarification, a dedicated form may be filled out. The product’s features will be reviewed by the ABJ working group (producer responsibility organizations and trade federation reps). If a product is deemed excludable, it will be added to the non-exhaustive exclusion list in the annex.

Annex: Examples of Professional Exclusion Products

Category	Sub-category	Excluded Products
All hand tools	Explosion-proof tools (ATEX-compliant)	Explosion-proof tools compliant with EN1127, EN13463-1, EN13463-5 standards
Fastening	Sockets	Impact tools
Fastening	Adjustable wrenches	Wrenches over 250mm in length
Pliers	All pliers	All pliers over 250mm in length
Measurement	Precision metrology	Micrometers
Measurement	Precision metrology	Depth gauges
Measurement	Precision metrology	Dial indicators and accessories
Measurement	Precision metrology	Thickness gauges and calipers
Measurement	Precision metrology	Surface plates and V-blocks
Measurement	Measuring tapes	Measuring tapes longer than 5m
Measurement	Long-distance measurement	Measuring tapes longer than 30m
Measurement	Levels	Optical levels
Striking tools	Pin punches	Pin punches
Cutting	Drilling	Taps and dies
Lifting tools	Professional standards	Tools compliant with 2006/42/EC standards
Irrigation tools	Hose reels	Hose reels over 70m
Irrigation tools	Hose reels	Hitch arms for hose reels
Vegetation equipment	Tree protection	Tree corsets
Irrigation	Hoses	Hoses with diameter ≥ 40 mm