

SB 707 (NEWMAN)

RESPONSIBLE TEXTILE RECOVERY ACT OF 2024

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Textile Extended Producer
Responsibility program

SB 707 (Newman, 2024)
creates a responsible
industry-funded textile
recovery program
to repair and recycle
unusable textiles back
into new products.



Clear definitions of Producers and Covered Products.



Stakeholder engagement in the workshops, regulations, needs assessment, and Plan reviews.



Incentives for circularity, such as Eco-modulated fees, subsidies, and grants.



Global accountability and transparency to final disposition.



Local governments have attempted to include textiles in curbside programs, but the cost and logistics are too burdensome.



Textiles at Material Recovery Facilities are considered a costly contamination as they can absorb fluids, tangle in equipment, and combust when exposed to prolonged friction when entangled.



California's truth-in-labeling law bans the use of chasing arrows on products without effective recycling programs.

A Textile EPR program will support services of thrifts, collectors, sorters, and alteration and cleaning businesses. Requirements are open to various collection methods to meet required convenience standards.

EPR program operators can provide brands with flexibility to support established textile circularity programs and assist with meeting sustainability goals.

TEXTILE WASTE IN CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND

Textiles are 3% of the total waste stream in CA, the fifth most common material in residential and commercial waste streams. This does not include textile waste exported to other markets.

1,234,711
TONS

EPR PROGRAMS
support
JOBS



Responsible Textile Recovery Act 2024 Timeline

January 1: Applications to serve as PRO are due

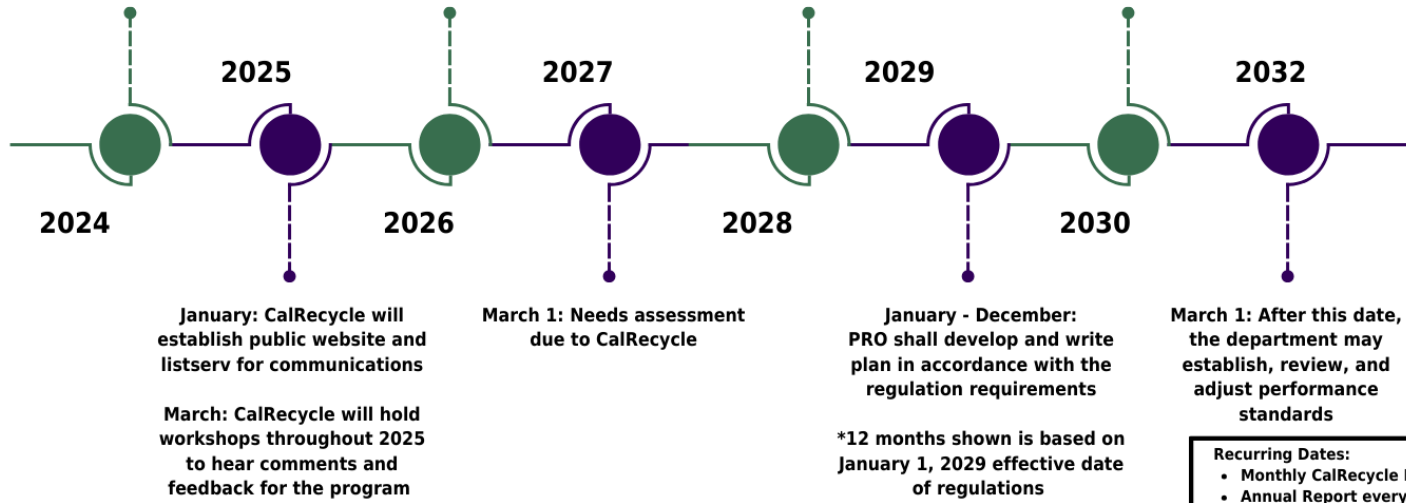
March 1: CalRecycle must approve PRO; needs assessment is estimated to begin after approval

July 1: The CalRecycle is required to adopt regulations to implement the program no earlier than this date.

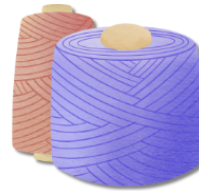
July 1: Deadline for PROs to submit an approved plan or producers will face civil penalties if not compliant with the program.

September 29: SB-707 (Newman) signed into law by Governor Newsom

July 1: All producers must join approved PRO



Provisions in SB 707 ensure that recycling is done safely. Recycled materials are required to flow to responsible end markets that benefit the environment and minimize the risk to public health. Specific provisions have been included to ensure that PFAS (per- polyfluoroalkyl substances) and other chemical contaminants are appropriately addressed in the recycling process, and CalRecycle is required to promulgate regulations that encourage recycling that minimizes the generation of hazardous waste, generation and greenhouse gases, while also minimizing environmental impacts, environmental justice impacts, and public health impacts.



Market development incentives are built into the eco-modulated fees, performance standards, and grant requirements.

Retail takeback is not required and established programs with aligned goals are taken in consideration.

JOIN CPSC'S TEXTILE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Collaborate with industry experts and stakeholders in shaping the future of textile EPR. As a member, you'll have the opportunity to provide valuable insights and recommendations on various textile-related issues.

Involvement in this committee is free of charge.

ATTEND CALRECYCLE WORKSHOPS



Monthly public meetings accessible in-person and virtually, along with regularly scheduled workshops and hearings during the implementation and oversight processes. All documents are posted online.

DEVELOP COALITIONS AND COLLABORATIONS



Cross-pollinate outside of industry groups to foster innovation and drive positive change. By bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise, these coalitions address complex challenges more effectively.

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