

Press release

Decathlon, H&M, IKEA, Inditex, Kiabi, Mango and Tendam create an association for the collective management of textile waste in Spain

12th January 2023. Decathlon, H&M, IKEA, Inditex, Kiabi, Mango and Tendam have created the Association for Textile Waste Management, with the aim of managing clothing and footwear waste generated in the Spanish market, through a Collective System of Extended Producer Responsibility (SCRAP). With the constitution of this association, officialised yesterday in Museo del Traje, state museum under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture and Sport, the associated companies want to give a collective boost to textile recycling in Spain, advancing towards a circular model through the correct management of waste from the sector.

The Association for Textile Waste Management will enable compliance with the Extended Producer Responsibility, which has arisen from the transposition of Directive 2008/98/CE on Waste into Spanish legislation through Law 7/2022, of 8 April, on waste and contaminated land for a circular economy.

The legislation establishes the separate collection of textile waste by local organisations by 31 December 2024. Within three years of the new Law coming into effect, the Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge (MITECO) will develop systems of extended producer responsibility for textiles, in other words, legislation that will require the separate management of textile waste flows from other municipal waste.

The Textile Waste Management Association, a not-for-profit association, has been formally incorporated in the Spanish National Register of Associations. The association members are Decathlon, H&M, IKEA, Inditex, Kiabi, Mango and Tendam, the companies that agreed to create the association and which will work on the operational, financial and data model of SCRAP for the management of clothing and footwear waste in the Spanish market.

The presidency of the Textile Waste Management Association will rotate among its members annually, starting with Mango. One representative from each company will sit on the Governing Body of the association.

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