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In order to reduce the amount of waste being disposed of in landfills, a natural resource tax for textiles will be introduced from July 1, 2024 - 0.50 euros per kilogram.

Collection targets:

in the period from 1 July to 31 December 2024 – 20%; (collected - 25%)

in 2025 - 22.5%;

from 2026 – 25%;

Second-hand clothing

Included after long discussions and campaigning by second-hand stores

25% of textile consumed in Latvia is second-hand



How much does it actually cost?

EPRs are asking 0.10 - 0.13 euros per kilogram. In more practical terms:

Male T-shirt - 0,02 EUR

Winter jacket - 0.26 EUR

Pants - 0.08 EUR



Current discussions

Explanation of different types of containers and what can be placed in them

Existence of different type of charity organisations, some of them - suspicious

Too low collection targets resulting in lower number of containers

Discussion on inclusion of extra flows (textile scraps from production processes) and extra responsibilities for EPRs

Textile containers are quite attractive for illegal access



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