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Article 11(1) of the Waste Framework Directive (WFD)¹ requires Member States to set up separate collection for textiles by 1 January 2025.

The organisation and enforcement of waste collection and treatment systems fall primarily within the competence of Member States and, where relevant, of their regional and local authorities, including as regards to which textiles are covered by the separate collection system. Therefore, it is for the Italian competent authorities to ensure that textile waste in Sicily is collected and treated in compliance with EU waste legislation.

To support Member States in managing used textiles and textile waste, Directive (EU) 2025/1892 recently amended the WFD and introduced mandatory national extended producer responsibility (EPR) obligations for textiles. Under the revised rules, producers² falling within the scope of EPR obligations will have to bear the costs of collecting used textiles and textile waste, and their subsequent treatment (Article 22a(8) of the WFD). Member States must transpose Directive (EU) 2025/1892 by 17 June 2027 and put the EPR obligations in place by 17 April 2028.

The Commission may assess compliance with the WFD based on sufficiently substantiated information indicating structural or persistent breaches.

¹ Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives, OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, p. 3–30, as amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May, OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 109–140 and Directive (EU) 2025/1892 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 September 2025, OJ L, 2025/1892, 26.9.2025.

² Article 3(4b) of the WFD.