

FRENCH REPUBLIC

The Ministry of Transport

Decree

aimed at explicitly prohibiting the fitting of airbags obtained from re-use or recycling operations in vehicles, and amending the French Highway Code

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Target audiences: *economic operators in the construction, demolition (end-of-life vehicle (ELV) treatment centres), vehicle maintenance and repair sectors, and members of the public.*

Subject: *explicit prohibition in the French Highway Code on the fitting of airbags obtained from re-use or recycling operations in vehicles, given the risk of them malfunctioning and, consequently, the significant risk to road safety.*

Entry into force: *the text shall enter into force on the day after its publication.*

Application: *this Decree is issued pursuant to Article L. 311-1 of the French Highway Code.*

The Prime Minister,

On the report of the Minister for Transport,

Having regard to the French Highway Code, in particular Articles L. 311-1 and R. 317-23 thereof;

Having regard to Article L. 541-1-1 of the French Environment Code;

Having regard to the opinion of the permanent inter-ministerial group for road safety dated 4 June 2026;

The Council of State (Public Works Section) having been heard,

Hereby decrees:

Article 1

A paragraph worded as follows shall be inserted after the second paragraph of Article R. 317-23 of the French Highway Code:

‘The fitting of one or more airbags obtained from re-use or recycling operations in vehicles, within the meaning of Article L. 541-1-1 of the French Environment Code is prohibited. ’

Article 2

The Minister for the Economy, Finance and Industrial, Energy and Digital Sovereignty, the Minister for Ecological Transition, Biodiversity and International Negotiations on Climate and Nature and the Minister for Transport are each responsible, within their respective areas of competence, for the implementation of this Decree, which will be published in the *Official Journal* of the French Republic.

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