

FRENCH REPUBLIC

Ministry for the Ecological Transition,
Biodiversity, Forestry, the Sea and
Fisheries

Order of 23 January 2025

amending the Order of 7 October 2023 on the methodology for the calculation of the environmental score and the minimum score value to be achieved for eligibility for the environmental bonus for new electric passenger cars

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Relevant audiences *purchasers and lessees of vehicles; automotive professionals.*

Subject: *amendment of the methodology for the calculation of the environmental score.*

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

Notice: *this Order amends, for the calculation of the environmental score, the definition of the assembly site by replacing it with the concept of manufacturing site, in order to include, beyond the final assembly as currently defined, the stages of stamping, assembly of the body in white, and protection and painting for the realisation of the painted assembled body of the vehicle version. It therefore provides for the provision of a new supporting document and also extends the possibilities for carrying out on-site audits.*

References: *this Order, adopted pursuant to Articles D. 251-1 and D. 251-1-A of the Energy Code, can be consulted on the Légifrance website (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr>).*

The Minister for the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, the Minister for Spatial Planning and Decentralisation, the Minister for Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forestry, the Sea and Fisheries, and the Minister for Transport,

Having regard to Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services;

Having regard to the French Energy Code, in particular Articles D. 251-1 to D. 251-13 thereof;

Having regard to the Order of 7 October 2023 on the methodology for the calculation of the environmental score and the minimum score value to be achieved for eligibility for the environmental bonus for new electric passenger cars

Having regard to the observations made during the public consultation carried out between 4 December 2024 to 26 December 2024, pursuant to Article L. 123-19-1 of the Environmental Code;

Having regard to notification No 2025/X/FR addressed to the European Commission on 23 January 2025,

Hereby order the following:

Article 1

The aforementioned Order of 7 October 2023 shall be amended as follows:

1) Article 2 is amended as follows:

- a) The words: ‘‘Assembly site’: site where the electric motor and battery are installed on the chassis of the vehicle version’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘‘Manufacturing site’: site where the stamping, assembly of the body in white of the vehicle version, protection and painting of the said body, and final assembly of the reference vehicle are carried out. Where this/these step(s) are carried out at several industrial sites, the manufacturing site selected shall be the one that results in the highest total carbon footprint calculation for the reference vehicle among the sites chosen for the steps of stamping, assembly of the body in white, and protection and painting of that body, as defined in this Article;
- b) In the last paragraph, the words: ‘equivalent methods.’ shall be replaced by the words ‘equivalent methods;’;
- c) The following paragraphs shall be added after the last paragraph:

‘‘Stamping stage’: the stage during which the steel and aluminium coils are transformed to form the stamped parts involved in the assembly stage of the body in white of the reference vehicle. Where this/these step(s) are carried out in several industrial sites, the site chosen for the stamping stage shall be the one in which the largest share of the total mass of the stampings is produced. In the absence of the supporting document referred to in Article 10(1)(8) of this Order, the industrial site chosen for the stamping stage shall be the one which leads to the calculation of the highest total carbon footprint of the reference vehicle;

‘Assembly stage of the body in white’: the stage during which the stamped parts are assembled to form the main structure of the reference vehicle, i.e. the body in white;

‘Protection and painting stage’: the stage during which the surface treatment and the application of primers, lacquers and varnishes are carried out on the white body of the reference vehicle to obtain the painted assembled body;

‘Final assembly stage’: the stage during which all the components of the reference vehicle are assembled on the painted assembled body, including in particular the installation of the electric motor and the battery.’

2) In Article 4, all occurrences of the words: ‘assembly site’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing site’;

3) In Article 5, all occurrences of the words: ‘assembly site’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing site’;

4) In Article 6, all occurrences of the words: ‘assembly site’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing site’ and all occurrences of the words: ‘assembly sites’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing sites’;

5) Article 8 is supplemented by point 3, worded as follows:

‘3) Audits to verify the information made available by the manufacturer under the terms of Articles 9 to 11 may be carried out on-site by the French Environment and Energy Management Agency or by any entity appointed by it for this purpose.’

6) In Article 9, all occurrences of the words: ‘assembly site’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing site’, all occurrences of the words: ‘assembly sites’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing sites’ and the words: ‘inter-assembly sites’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘inter-manufacturing sites’;

7) Article 10 is amended as follows:

a) All occurrences of the words: ‘assembly site’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing site’, all occurrences of the words: ‘assembly sites’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing sites’ and the words: ‘assembly site(s)’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing site(s)’;

b) Point 1 is supplemented by the following provisions:

‘- a document, signed by the general management or regional general management of the company submitting the file under Article D. 251-1-A(I) of the Energy Code, certifying that each of the mentioned manufacturing sites of the version or group of versions under consideration meets the definition provided for in Article 2 of this Order. For each version or group of versions considered, the document must specify:

a) The exact addresses of the industrial sites involved in its manufacture;

b) For each of these industrial sites, the stages mentioned in the definition of the manufacturing site, provided for in Article 2 of this Order, that are carried out there;

c) Where the stamping stage is carried out in several industrial sites, for each stamped part involved in the assembly stage of the body in white of the reference vehicle, its total mass and the exact address of the industrial site in which the stamping stage for that part is carried out.’

8) Article 11 is amended as follows:

a) All occurrences of the words: ‘assembly site’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing site’;

b) Point 9 is deleted.

9) In Annex I, all occurrences of the words: ‘assembly site’ shall be replaced by the words: ‘manufacturing site’.

Article 2

Where they are more advantageous, the provisions of the above-mentioned Order of 7 October 2023 in their wording prior to Article 1 of this Order shall remain applicable until 7 April 2025 inclusive.

Article 3

The Director-General of Companies and the Director of Climate, Energy Efficiency and Air shall each be responsible for the implementation of this Order, which shall be published in the Official Journal of the French Republic.

Dated 23 January 2025

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