

Making branding sustainable, innovative and traceable.

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Weavabel's latest collection of branded garment trims showcases the essential finishing touches every fashion brand needs to define its identity.

From woven labels to metal plaques, each piece is designed to communicate quality, consistency, and style. Through Weavabel's stitch-to-store concept, your trims can be tailored to embody your brand's aesthetic.

These trims don't just finish a garment; they tell your story and create a lasting impression with every detail.

Request your free samples here.

















### Weavabel's Sustainability & Compliance updates.

### **EUDR Compliance: Supplier Onboarding via Osapiens Platform**

We have adopted the Osapiens platform to ensure full compliance with the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). The onboarding of suppliers has already begun, allowing us to collect verified due diligence data and traceability information for all relevant products. This step ensures that our supply chain aligns with upcoming regulatory requirements and remains transparent and compliant.

### ISO 9001 & ISO 14001 Recertification Achieved

We successfully completed our ISO 9001 (Quality Management) and ISO 14001 (Environmental Management) recertification audits for another three-year cycle. This achievement demonstrates our ongoing commitment to consistently delivering high-quality products while managing our environmental impact responsibly.

### Scope 1, 2 & 3 Emission Baseline Established

We have completed the baseline calculation for our Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions.

Using the NetZero platform, we are actively monitoring our carbon footprint and identifying opportunities for further reduction. This forms the foundation of our long-term climate strategy and supports our sustainability commitments.

### **Progress Towards B Corp Certification**

We are currently progressing through the assessment process to become a certified B Corp. This certification will strengthen our social and environmental performance, enhance our governance structure, and reinforce our commitment to operating as a purpose-driven, responsible business.

### ESG Policy & 2025 Targets

We have created a comprehensive ESG Policy supported by clear, measurable 2025 sustainability targets. These targets focus on reducing environmental impact, improving supply-chain transparency, enhancing social responsibility, and strengthening our long-term sustainability roadmap.





# Reflecting on 2025: A year of resilience and momentum. Josh Christie, Managing Director

As we look back on 2025, it's clear that this year has been a journey for both Weavabel and the wider fashion industry. The year began with a strong Q1, fuelled by renewed optimism and demand across many of the brands we support. Q2 presented challenges, with tariff uncertainties and national insurance increases leading to a noticeable dip in confidence across the market. But as the year progressed into Q3 and Q4, momentum returned, and we are delighted to be closing the year with double-digit growth.

### Celebrating milestones that support our brands.

A major highlight for us was the launch of our new operation in Vietnam. Being able to support brands directly within this key production hub represents a big step forward in how we serve you - bringing greater efficiency, speed, and regional expertise.

We have also significantly expanded our variable data capabilities. With investments in new machinery and the rollout of our upgraded variable data platform, we have made the process smoother, more intuitive, and more flexible for the brands we partner with. It has been fantastic to welcome 15 new brands into our variable-data family this year, helping them simplify and unify their label and packaging supply under one roof.

And in line with the values many of our clients share, we have formally begun our journey towards the B Corp certification. It is an important milestone for us, reflecting our commitment to people, planet and purpose. We look forward to sharing the results with you in 2026.

### What we've learned this year;

The challenges of the year reinforced the importance of staying agile and responsive to changing conditions. One of our key learnings has been the need to carefully phase in new variable-data programmes, particularly around peak seasons. By taking a more measured onboarding approach, we can ensure consistency, reliability and the level of service our clients expect, especially when volumes surge.

### Looking ahead to 2026 with optimism.

As we move into 2026, there is much to feel positive about. With potential interest rate cuts on the horizon and stable oil prices helping keep production and logistics costs steady, we anticipate increasing consumer confidence and, with it, greater spending across key apparel categories.

Sports and athleisure continue their upward trajectory as wellness remains important for consumers, and we expect this segment to stay strong. Meanwhile, after a softer period, the luxury sector may be poised for a rebound as affordability improves and shoppers return with renewed confidence.

### A final word of thanks.

Above everything, we want to extend a sincere thank you to our customers for your continued loyalty to Weavabel. Your trust and partnership are at the heart of everything we do, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to support your brands. This year has been shaped by growth, learning and resilience, made possible not only by our global team across nine locations, but by the collaboration and confidence you place in us. As we head into 2026, we are excited to build on this momentum and continue delivering the innovation, service and support your teams rely on.

Thank you!





for high-quality sportswear branding. Designed to be worn, the collection is engineered to seamlessly integrate with technical garments, boosting functionality and identity.

Discover the possibilities with PRO.

Request a sample of the collection.

Branding built for movement.

Our water-based heat transfers have a CO-PES adhesive, allowing them to be recycled on polyester garments.

















Adventure-proof details

Design trims with
powerful visual impact
from peak to pavement,
like this GRS recycledmetal alloy zip pull with a
tumble-plated finish.

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### In The Loop:

### Key fashion legislation news.



### Courtesy of UKFT

### Italy confirms Textile EPR by 2026:

In Q1 of 2026, Italy plans to introduce Extended Producer Responsibility for textiles. The new regulation will apply to apparel, footwear, accessories, leather goods and home textiles. As a country with a deep heritage of luxury fashion, this represents a significant move within the European fashion industry.





### The UK EPR Update:

In the UK, the Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) has begun with invoicing starting in October 2025. In 2026, fees will also include a RAM assessment method, taking into consideration the recyclability of packaging placed on the UK market.

To find out more about the RAM methodology and how to avoid high fees on your packaging, read the Weavabel blog here.

### UK South Korea trade agreement:

On 31 December 2025, the current Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom, South Korea, and the European Union is due to expire.



According to UKFT, unless a further extension or new agreement is reached, from 1 January 2026, EU materials will no longer automatically be considered originating under the UK-Korea FTA. This means that goods incorporating EU content may no longer meet the rules of origin required to benefit from zero-duty access between the UK and South Korea unless they have been sufficiently transformed in the UK.

### French draft law on reducing the impact of the textile sector.

The French Decree on the Environmental Regulation of the Textile Sector and Ultra-Fast Fashion Practices has entered into force, but some provisions remain inactive until implementing decrees are made.

Upcoming provisions include defining Ultra-Fast Fashion, through product volume and more, mandatory sustainability messaging set by ADEME, and the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), which will include fees.

### Selling to France: Environmental labelling.

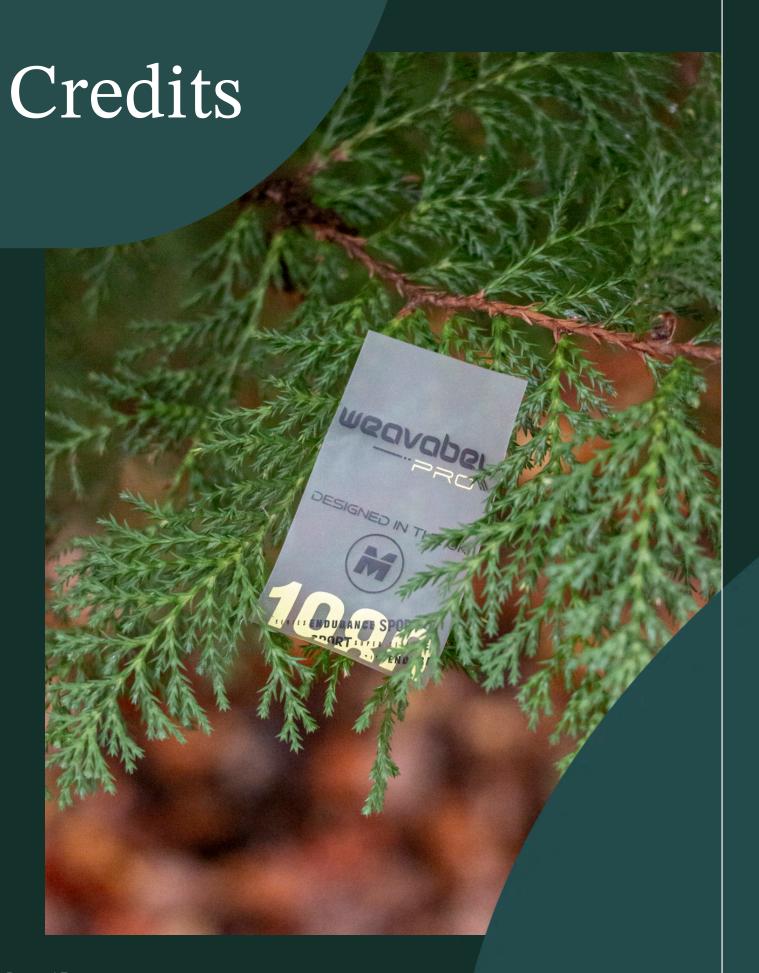
The amended decree for the French Eco-Score labelling system has been published, and the mandatory implementation date of April 2026 has been removed, meaning this is now a voluntary scheme. This applies to textile clothing items placed on the French market, and it aims to provide an environmental score for each product to promote transparency in the industry. This is done through the Ecobalyse system or another tool that aligns with the official methodology.



### The EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) is delayed.

The European Parliament is likely to provide a one-year delay for all companies, moving the implementation date of the regulation to December 2026. There will be an additional six months for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (until June 2027). There is also likely to be reduced obligations for smaller companies and simplified due diligence overall.

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