

Weavabel Quarterly





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Sustainability + the news



WRAP October 2025: How to minimise the fees.

As part of the UK Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulation, companies will be charged for the management of the packaging they produce and use. The fees will be introduced in October 2025.

How can you reduce the effect of the EPR Packaging fees?

Firstly, reducing the amount of packaging you use annually will reduce costs - this could mean using new, creative types of packaging that differ from standard polybags and e-commerce boxes, such as FSC paper wraps and more.

Businesses can also reduce the fees by using packaging that is 100% recyclable, resulting in the lowest possible fees, which are measured through the RAM system. This includes materials such as FSC certified paper & card etc.

See our blog on the Recyclability Assessment Methodoly (RAM) for more details on what materials to avoid, and which will have less impact on your budget and the environment.

[See the blog here.](#)

M&S x Ebay pre-loved partnership

M&S has entered the resale world with a partnership with eBay and Reskinned, through an official online store.

The new programme accepts rewearable items including footwear, handbags, belts, hats and scarves, which were previously excluded from M&S’s in-store recycling scheme, which only accepted clothing.

Customers are able to fill in a form and send their items for free to Reskinned, who then sort and add the items to the Ebay store.

Items that cannot be sold are repurposed or recycled, and customers receive monetary rewards for the return of M&S items.



Sustainability in footwear: the challenges & solutions for recyclability.

Footwear has notoriously been a challenge at end-of-life, due to the complex construction with multiple materials, some recyclable and others not.

‘Of the 23.8 billion pairs of shoes produced globally in 2023, around 95% went to landfill or incineration, market research firm World Footwear reports.’

The industry is having to change, with upcoming legislation like The Waste Framework making producers responsible for the waste they create.

Brands such as Vivobarefoot are considering the end-of-life at the design stage, a concept that enhances the circularity of a product.

Other methods include designing & producing shoes that can be easily dissassembled, allowing the separated parts to be recycled, composted or repurposed.

Using fewer and less impactful materials is also a goal for many, as well as the growing demand for brand-led takeback and repair schemes, such as Veja and more.

UK Grown Cotton by Good Drop at London Fashion Week

In a sustainability first, a garment at Camden High Street runway in London Fashion Week was made with UK grown cotton.

This was done in partnership with Good Drop Cotton, a company researching the ability to grow cotton vertically indoors to help reduce the impact of growing cotton, through water usage and more.

[Good Drop Cotton](#)



CONNECT

These products are designed for the modern sustainable fashion landscape, with recycled materials, NFC and QR codes. With the growing need for transparency and traceability in fashion, this collection provides physical solutions to inspire you.

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Meet our Team:

Saqib Ihsan, CSR & Sustainability Manager



What is your job role at Weavabel & how long have you been a part of the team?

I joined Weavabel in 2024 as the CSR & Sustainability Manager within the Operations Team. My role is both strategic and hands-on, ensuring that our business meets the highest standards of sustainability, certification, and compliance. I oversee a portfolio of global certifications, including ISO 9001, ISO 14001, FSC, GRS, RCS, and OEKO-TEX, while also managing SEDEX, Higg Index reporting, GDPR compliance, and supplier social audits. More recently, my focus has expanded to navigating emerging legislation such as the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), Digital Product Passport (DPP), and the UK Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme, ensuring Weavabel remains at the forefront of regulatory alignment. I am also spearheading our B Corp certification journey, embedding purpose and impact into the very fabric of our operations.

How has your job evolved since you joined?

When I first joined, my primary responsibility was to manage and maintain certifications. Over time, my role has evolved to encompass shaping the company's global sustainability and compliance strategy. Today, I work at the intersection of operations, legislation, and sustainability, helping to future-proof the business while driving initiatives that strengthen our impact. The shift from compliance management to actively influencing long-term direction has been both challenging and deeply rewarding.

What is something we might not know about your role?

Although my role sits within Operations, its reach extends across the entire organisation. It is not only about managing certifications and meeting legal obligations, but about aligning compliance with purpose and ensuring that every audit, policy, and regulation strengthens Weavabel's long-term sustainability vision.

Tell us about some of the tasks that make up your day-to-day.

- Managing corporate certifications (ISO, FSC, GRS, RCS, OEKO-TEX).
- Leading external and internal audits across multiple sites.
- Ensuring GDPR compliance through robust documentation and procedures.
- Overseeing supplier engagement via SEDEX and SMETA audits and compliance with SSCP policy.
- Collecting and analysing sustainability data for Higg Index and Retraced platforms.
- Interpreting and implementing new global legislation (EUDR, DPP, UK EPR).
- Driving the B Corp certification process.
- Delivering training sessions on ESG, FSC, Net Zero, and compliance awareness.

What are some of your recent highlights from Weavabel?

Recent highlights include finalising our ESG policy and objectives, strengthening GDPR procedures, and completing certification renewals. I am particularly proud of preparing both our teams and suppliers for upcoming regulations such as EUDR and EPR, helping the business remain compliant and competitive. Perhaps the most exciting milestone, however, has been embarking on the B Corp certification journey, which positions Weavabel not only as a leader in compliance but a company committed to measurable positive impact.

What are you most looking forward to in the near future?

This year, my priority is to deepen supplier engagement, advance our B Corp certification progress, and enhance our sustainability reporting to make achievements more visible and measurable. I am also focused on ensuring Weavabel remains fully prepared for new regulatory frameworks, supporting the Operations team in driving efficiency, resilience, and long-term value creation.

Which parts of your role do you enjoy the most?

I find the greatest satisfaction in bridging business operations with sustainability ambitions. Whether I'm preparing the company for external audits, supporting suppliers through complex requirements, or driving forward the B Corp agenda, I thrive on solving complex challenges and turning them into opportunities for growth and impact. Above all, I value the collaborative spirit within Weavabel and shaping shared responsibility into meaningful progress.



A season of shows.

Innovation and technology were central themes at the September edition of Premiere Vision Paris, with an emphasis on digital design, virtualisation, AI and new production methods. The event employed a multi-sensory approach, integrating cosmetics, fragrance, music, and art to create a holistic experience in fashion. The colour trend emphasis focused on sustainable colours, dye innovations, and cross-sector palettes.

There was a focus on sustainability and circularity with production scaled globally and cost-effectively. Reliable sourcing and certifications are becoming essential. Responsible materials, low-impact fibres, recycling and eco-innovation were seen throughout the show, as was the growing attention to regulation, traceability, and supply integrity.



AW26-27 trends.

Premiere Vision introduced three major creative directions shaping the season, each reflecting shifts in aesthetics, materiality, and culture: New Dynasties, Ego-Eco, and Territories of Expression.

New Dynasties

Mood: Dramatic, rebellious, dystopian, architectural, gothic influences.
Materials: Structured heavy fabrics, layered tailoring, polished or reflective finishes.
Colours/finishes: Deep moody palettes, dark tones, oxidised metallics.



Ego-Eco

Mood: Wellness, transparency, ethical, nature-driven.
Materials: Natural fibres, bio-based alternatives, hypoallergenic blends.
Colours/finishes: Soft earthy tones, muted natural shades, matte finishes.



Territories of Expression

Mood: Inclusivity, mixed heritages, craft, bold individuality.
Materials: Artisan techniques, embroidery, lace, surface decoration.
Colours/finishes: Bright accents, clashing combinations, oversized expressive silhouettes.

Key fashion legislation news you should know.

Courtesy of UKFT

TLR EU update:

In the EU the revision of the TLR has been postponed. This was originally expected in September 2025, but the finalisation is now expected in November 2025.

What is it?
The EU Textile Labelling Regulation seeks to standardise labelling practices across the EU through composition testing methods, rules on leather, and sizing standards. This will also include digital labels, through QR codes & Digital Product Passports. An introduction of a standardised set of fibre codes may also help simplify translations, leading to more concise care labels.

The Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) & The Waste Framework Update:

The ESPR is a new EU law that is designed to make sustainable products the default across the EU, including textiles, apparel and footwear. The European Commission has recently confirmed that any delegated act adopted as part of the ESPR cannot be implemented earlier than 18 months after its adoption. This means that if the delegated act for textiles is adopted in early to mid-2027, the earliest possible implementation date for businesses would be late 2028, including the Digital Product Passport (DPP) delegated act.

On 8 September 2025, the European Parliament adopted the revised Waste Framework Directive, introducing mandatory EPR schemes for textiles, clothing, footwear & accessories. Producers, including online and non-EU sellers, will be responsible for financing the collection, sorting, and recycling of textile products. Implementation is required within 30 months of entry into force, with 42 months for micro-enterprises. EPR systems should be in place by 2028 at the latest.



EPR Update:

In the UK, the EPR scheme for packaging has progressed. In August 2025, PackUK published the confirmed 2025 base fees, which will apply from October. A fee modulation policy has also been introduced.

The Recyclability Assessment Methodology (RAM) will be used to categorise the fees producers must pay depending on the materials used.
Financial impact: The reforms are expected to stimulate an estimated £10 billion investment in recycling services across the UK over the next decade. In England alone, these reforms are projected to support up to 21,000 new jobs.

Key dates:

- December 2025: PackUK must finalise the arrangements for modulated fees, which will begin in 2026.
- 28 February 2026: PackUK must publish its operational plan for the upcoming financial year, including priorities, forecasts of disposal costs, and public information campaigns.

Modulated Fees: Starting in 2026, the fees companies pay will change based on how recyclable their packaging is. Packaging that is harder to recycle will incur higher fees, while packaging that is easier to recycle will have lower fees.

What do you need to do?

- Reporting Requirements: Businesses must report detailed data on the packaging they place on the UK market, including the volume and type of materials used, and their recyclability. This data must be submitted annually. The next deadline for submitting data for the first half of 2025 is 1 October 2025.
- Fee Payments: Producers are required to pay various fees, including charges for waste management, contributions towards the costs of the scheme administrator (PackUK), and standard registration fees.
- Registration: Businesses must register their organisation and submit the required data to comply with the EPR scheme.



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Credits

Our dedication to transparency, compliance and responsible business practices.

EUDR:

We are already compliant with EUDR (European Union Deforestation Regulation) through our partnership with Osapians.

DPP:

We are DPP (Digital Product Passport) compliant and actively work with the retraced platform to meet all DPP requirements.

Carbon footprint:

Our carbon footprint is being measured via the Net Zero platform, supporting our long-term environmental commitments.

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