

EEA webinar on resource efficiency

*Recent initiatives
addressing longer
product life span in
France*

Legislation

- Consumption law 2014
- Law on energy transition and green growth adopted by Parliament on 23 August

New measures

Consumption law 2014:

- Obligation for manufacturers and retailers to inform consumers about how long spare parts will be available for
- Extension of the legal product compliance guarantee to 2 years (instead of 6 months):
 - before 6 months, burden of proof on the seller
 - after 6 months burden of proof on the buyer

New measures

Law on energy transition and green growth: chapter on circular economy

- Promotion of eco-design, notably through incentives in the EPR schemes (levies for the waste collection and treatment can be differentiated for eco-designed products)
- Promotion of an extension of product lifetime:
 - Consumer information : organisation of pilots with voluntary companies on the provision of product lifetime information to consumers. Promoting the development of horizontal and sectoral guides and standards.
 - Legal sanction against planned obsolescence, defined as such: « practices by which a manufacturer aims to deliberately reduce the lifetime of a product in order to increase its replacement rate ».