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Belgium – Environmental Information Cars



Full title:	Royal Decree of 19 March 2004 laying down product standards for vehicles
Title of relevant section:	Articles 1.7, 5 and 7 Annex III
Article 1.7	<p>For the purposes of this decree:</p> <p>Promotional literature: printed materials and web pages, used within the meaning of Article 22 of the Law of 14 July 1991 ¹(definition of advertising: “any communication directly or indirectly that promotes the sale of products or services, including immovable property, rights and obligations, regardless of location or the means of communication used”) and in the context of the placing on the market of new vehicles in Belgium.</p>
Article 5	<p>§ 1. Each manufacturer and / or importer shall publish via the internet, information on:</p> <p>a) the design of vehicles and their components with a view to their recoverability and recyclability</p> <p>b) the environmentally-friendly treatment of end-of-life vehicles, in particular regarding the removal of all fluids and dismantling</p> <p>c) the development and optimisation of ways to reuse, recycle and recover end-of life vehicles and their components</p> <p>d) the progress achieved with regard to recovery and recycling to reduce the waste to be disposed of and to increase the recovery and recycling rates.</p> <p>§ 2. At the very least, the information specified in § 1 (a) is brand-specific.</p> <p>§ 3. With regard to the information to be included as required by § 1, a, b, c and d, the minimum requirements set out in Annex III shall be met</p>
Article 7	All promotional literature must clearly include the following text/ statement: “Environmental Information (AR 19/03/04): (the website address for the brand or type of vehicle displayed)” ² , so that every potential purchaser or lessee can have prior knowledge of the information listed in Article 5, § 1 (a)-(d).
Annex III	<p>Minimum requirements for the information to be made available on the Internet (Article 5 § 3)</p> <p>1. The information must be permanently available on the network website.</p> <p>2. The information must be easily searchable: either directly accessible via a URL address that lends itself so mnemonic to be inserted in promotional literature or indirectly but then by a limited number of connections accessible via such a URL address.</p>

¹ Please be aware that this Law has been repealed (Law on Trade Practices and Consumer Information and Protection); replaced by Market Practices and Consumer Protection Act (LMPC) – dated 6th April 2010. This Act has since been replaced by Book VI "Market Practices and Consumer Protection" from the Code of economic law.

LMPC – Art. 2(19) defined advertising as: "any communication for the direct or indirect purpose of promoting the sale of products, irrespective of the place or the means of communication used". This same definition is used in the Code on Economic Law – Book 1 (Definitions); Chapter 4 (Specific definitions in Book VI); Point 13 (Definition of advertisement)

² French: “**Informations environnementales (AR JJ/MM/2004): (adresse internet relative à la marque ou type de véhicule concerné)**”; Dutch: “**Milieu-informatie (KB DD/MM/2004): (internetadres van toepassing op betrokken merk of voertuigtype)**”

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3. The information must be structured according to classification stated in Article 5 § 1
 4. The information must be truthful
 5. The information must contain a clear identification of the publisher, author or a representative of the manufacturer or importer, stating their name, address and telephone number
 6. The information must be easily printable
 7. The information must be dated
 8. A link is provided to the www.environment.fgov.be site or to any other address determined later by the Minister (now <http://www.health.belgium.be/eportal> - Federal Public Service (FPS) Public Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment)
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