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Changes to the method of calculating Environmental Fund contributions and taxes

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The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development issued Order no. 1607 dated 17 December 2008 amending Order no. 576 dated 6 June 2006 regarding the Methodology for calculating the contributions and taxes owed to the Environmental Fund.

Among the most important provisions are:

- Operators introducing carrier bags not made of biodegradable materials, on the national market are obliged to calculate and pay an ecotax of RON 0.2/per bag;
- The provision above applies:
 - to producers - for bags manufactured in Romania,
 - to importers - for bags imported from non-EU countries,
 - to Romanian legal persons and individuals authorised to bring bags from EU member states to Romanian market;
- Bags made of paper, textiles or other materials with biodegradable nature, are not subject to ecotax.

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