French new food waste prevention regulatory framework

EU Platform on Food Losses and Waste
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National legal framework

20 kg of waste / person / year

National objective: reducing food wastage by 50% for 2025

- Framework:
  - National Program for Food
  - National Program for Waste Prevention
  - A national «Pact» on combating food wastage signed in 2013 (renewed in 2017) between the Government and actors of the food chain
A specific Act on combating food wastage

Parliamentary construction

- **April 2015**: Parliamentary report from Mr Garot
- **36 proposals for a public policy on food waste**
- **June 2015 to February 2016**: Discussions within both chambers from - *large political consensus*
- Stakeholders involvement
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1/ Including in the Environment Code a **hierarchy in combating food wastage**

Prioritization of actions against food waste, for a better efficiency throughout the whole food chain:

- Prevention
- Human consumption (donation or transformation)
- Feed valorization
- Use for composting or energy recovery
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2/ Reinforced actions within the retail sector *
   *only for retailers whose saling area exceeds 400m²
   
   ● Destruction of edible food forbidden

   ● Obligation, before February 11th 2017, to look for a partnership with at least one food aid charity - the retailer must find a charity able to manage the food donated

   ● Obligation to manage donations through a mutual document specifying donation arrangements - a model of this agreement is now available
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3/ Wide range actions

- Information and education on combating food wastage in schools
- Integration combating food wastage into companies’ social and environmental reporting
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Work in progress

- A mapping of food aid charity
- A list of authorized and forbidden food for donation (according to health regulation)
- Launching and implementation of the renewed national Pact on combating food wastage

Thanks for your attention
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