

Press release

## PRESS DISTRIBUTION

### Arcep launches a public consultation on the cost accounting rules that apply to approved press distribution companies

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Act No. 2019-1063 of 18 October 2019, on the Modernisation of press distribution, provides that Arcep will stipulate the cost accounting rules that apply to approved press distribution companies, and establish the specifications of the accounting systems – commonly referred to as “regulatory accounting” – that they must put into place and use.

Today, Arcep is publishing for public consultation its draft decision setting out the cost accounting rules that apply these players, along with the accounting information that must be kept updated, and the rules governing their monitoring and submission. Interested parties are invited to send their contributions to Arcep by 7 July 2023.

#### **The implementation of regulatory accounting will create the ability to ensure the transparent, efficient and non-discriminatory nature of the services being provided by approved press distribution companies**

As provided for under the legislative framework, this mechanism must enable Arcep to ensure the transparent, efficient and non-discriminatory nature of the services being marketed by approved press distribution companies.

Following the public consultation, Arcep will adopt a Decision that details the cost accounting rules that apply to approved press distribution companies, which will be required to submit the requested accounting information to the Authority every year.

#### **Associated document:**

[Arcep public consultation of 8 June 2023 on the Arcep draft decision setting out the cost accounting rules that apply to approved press distribution companies.](#)

#### **Arcep at a glance**

The Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications, Postal Affairs and Print Media Distribution (Arcep), a neutral and expert arbitrator with the status of independent administrative authority (IAA), is the architect and guardian of internet, fixed and mobile communications and postal networks in France.