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## **Newsagent remuneration:** Arcep consults the sector's stakeholders on two modernisation measures

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The Bichet Act [1] entrusts Arcep with setting the terms of newsagents' remuneration, with the goal ensuring vast and balanced coverage for the point of sale network. To this end, the Authority began a workstream on making changes to their remuneration and held a public consultation that ran from June to October 2023, to gather feedback from stakeholders on their expectations and priorities.

In light of the responses to this public consultation and discussions with the sector's stakeholders. Arcep is publishing a draft decision for public consultation on two planned changes. The consultation will run until 22 January 2025:

- An indexation of revenue-based increase tiers compared to the national change in single-issue press sales (excluding self-distribution);
- Payment of the totality of the increases to newsagents according to the same schedule as base remuneration, with the possible exception of the revenue-based increase.

This proposal is part of the guidelines on newsagent remuneration that Arcep published in November 2024. In these guidelines, the Authority invited the sector's stakeholders to engage in negotiations to increase the minimum rate of commission for certain points of sale. The proposal resulting from these negotiations is expected on 14 March 2025.

To find out more about the guidelines for business negotiations over newsagents' remuneration (in French).

## **Associated document:**

Document published for public consultation on reviewing the methods for calculating and collecting newsagents' commission rate tiers

[1] Act No. 2019-1063 of 18 October 2019 on modernising press distribution.

## 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, postal networks and press distribution in France.