

# Community masks testing for France



Eurofins has been nominated by the [French DGE \(Direction Générale des Entreprises\)](#) as an approved laboratory to perform the mandatory tests to sell community masks (for non-sanitary usages) in France.

## Background

Starting from 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020, it has become mandatory to wear face masks in France in some public areas, such as transport. To cope with the high demand on non-sanitary usages masks, the French government has issued the cross-ministry [information note](#) on April 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 to provide a clear framework on how to use and test this new category of fabric masks (community masks) for the French market.

## Selling community masks in France

It is mandatory for any seller, importer or manufacturer that sells community masks in France to observe below three requirements laid out by French DGE:

### (1) Testing requirement

Sellers are required to conduct two performance tests on the products, namely filtration (against EN 13274-7:2019) and breathability (against ISO 9237:1995 or EN 13274-3:2019) at a laboratory approved by French DGE.

### (2) Logo display

With reference to the test results, sellers should display corresponding logo on the products or on the packaging to well inform the consumers. The logos below indicate how many washing cycles the community masks are expected to live up to, ranging from zero wash to 50 washes.



### (3) Notice of use

The sellers are required to provide a notice of use to the consumers. A sample can be obtained [here](#).

Upon random surveillance check in the market, sellers will be required by the French authorities to provide document proof including test reports on the community masks they sell.

## Our services

Eurofins has been nominated by French DGE to perform the necessary tests on community masks outlined above.

Apart from requirement by French DGE, our tests are also in compliance with the [technical recommendations by the Belgian government](#).

Don't hesitate to contact us for tests set-up and technical support.

## Enquiry

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