



# Discount announcement — the reference price

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## Fictional document — demonstration example

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**Fictional document**, produced for demonstration. **Announcing a discount is allowed: it is the reference price that must be the right one.** **Article L112-1-1 of the French Consumer Code** requires any announcement of a price reduction to state the prior price, and that prior price must be **the lowest price applied over the thirty days** preceding the reduction. **This holds for a social media post exactly as for a shop window sign: what counts is the announcement, not the medium.**

## What the till says

| Data point                                | Value         | Source                               | Consequence                                   |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Price displayed in store                  | €28.00        | Till, standard price                 | —                                             |
| <b>Lowest price over the last 30 days</b> | <b>€24.00</b> | <b>3-9 August push, till records</b> | <b>This is the reference price to display</b> |

| Data point                              | Value  | Source                          | Consequence                                            |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Selling price during the announced push | €19.20 | 20 % discount applied to €24.00 | The real discount is still 20 %                        |
| Lowest price over the last 24 months    | €19.20 | Till records                    | <b>Allows the wording “our best price of the year”</b> |

**A 20 % discount announced against €28.00 would be inaccurate**, when the product sold at €24.00 three weeks earlier. **The lawful path costs nothing and says the same thing: the discount is calculated on the right price.**

## The two wordings written, both correct

| Wording                                                                                   | What it displays                      | When to prefer it                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>“Tasting box €19.20 instead of €24.00 — lowest price applied in the last 30 days.”</b> | The reference price and the discount  | When the house wants to show a percentage                         |
| <b>“Tasting box €19.20, our best price of the year.”</b>                                  | A verifiable fact, with no percentage | <b>When the owner would rather stay out of discount mechanics</b> |

## What was checked in the same place

| Point             | Finding                           | Effect on the text                                                                                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dates of the push | Aligned with the commercial diary | Dates written out in full                                                                                |
| Shops covered     | <b>2 of 3</b>                     | <b>Stated explicitly — a discount announced for three shops and served in two ends up at the counter</b> |
| Stock on hand     | <b>142 boxes</b>                  | <b>An announcement that promises more than the stock costs more than a cautious one</b>                  |

**The division of roles stays clean:** the owner settles the price and whether to discount at all; the agent makes sure what is written matches what was sold, and supplies the reference price with its period.

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