postmetry

What's inside the newsletter from

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La Maison du Whisky

Sender	contact@newsletter.whisky.fr
Sending platform	Brevo
Sector	Food
Emails read	1 campaign, 1 transactional
Period	October 2026

Our address was subscribed in August 2026, after the CNIL recommendation was published (April 14, 2026).

Overall score

A B C **D** 65/100 E F

The main finding

An open-tracking pixel is present on 1 campaign.

It is the first of 8 points to fix. The highest score is technical (100/100), the lowest compliance (35/100), better than 16% of the 503 brands measured.

Marketing

1 campaign

October 2026 · calculated on 24 October

Compliance

35 /100

better than 16% of the 503 brands measured

Deliverability

82 /100

better than 4% of the 503 brands measured

Technical

100 /100

better than 89% of the 503 brands measured

Experience

65 /100

better than 56% of the 503 brands measured

8 points to fix

Each line leads to the criterion in its family, with the excerpt that establishes it and how to fix it.

Priority

An open-tracking pixel is present

Criterion “No open-tracking pixel” · Compliance · on 1 campaign

−30 pts
out of 30 in Compliance

```
<img style="display:none" src="https://r.newsletter.whisky.fr/tr/op/***">
```

Brevo: open tracking is turned off in the campaign's advanced settings.

Priority

The recipient has no control over tracking

Criterion “The recipient keeps control over tracking” · Compliance · measured on 1 campaign

−20 pts
out of 20 in Compliance

A path separate from the unsubscribe link leads to a preference centre where the recipient can refuse tracking (opens, clicks) without unsubscribing.

To review

Some links become invisible when images are blocked

Criterion “All links stay visible with images blocked” · Experience · on 1 campaign

−15 pts
out of 15 in Experience

Every important action (main button, unsubscribe) exists as text or as an HTML button, not only as a clickable image.

To review

The published DMARC policy keeps out no impersonation

Criterion “DMARC policy that helps keep out some impersonation” · Deliverability · on 1 campaign

−15 pts
out of 15 in Deliverability

To review

No plain-text version accompanies the message

Criterion “The message can be rendered outside HTML” · Experience · measured on 1 campaign

−15 pts
out of 15 in Experience

To review

No untracked path leads to the site

Criterion “An untracked path leads to the site” · Compliance · on 1 campaign

−10 pts
out of 10 in Compliance

Secondary

Some content images are not described

Criterion “The message stays readable with assistive technology” · Experience · measured on 1 campaign

−5 pts
out of 20 in Experience

Secondary

No address allows a reply to the message

Criterion “The message says who is writing and under which rules” · Compliance · measured on 1 campaign

−5 pts
out of 15 in Compliance

16 criteria met, including « Unsubscribing is possible and announced » and « DKIM signature validated ». They are listed in their family, below.

Every send, at the time it arrived

One dot per message received by our subscription since October. Tap a dot to open it; the arrows move from one send to the next.

Technical reading of the send of Oct. 16, 2026 →

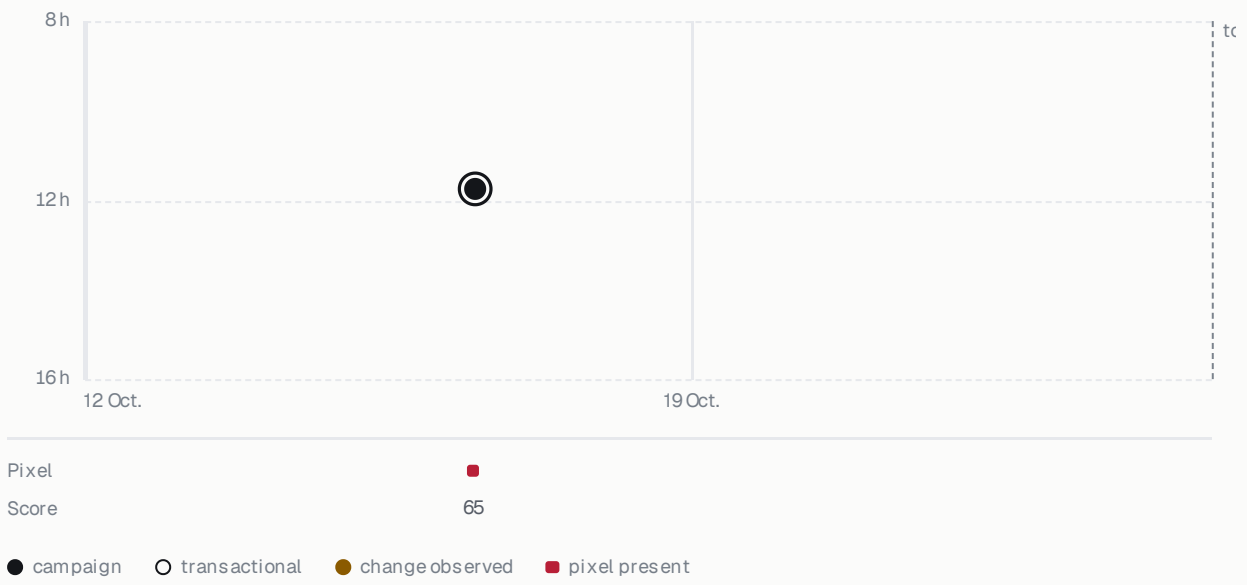
1 **No fixed day**

campaign in 1 week
about one a week, in October

sending day
Friday leads, 1 of the 1 campaigns

11 h – 12 h
arrival window
1 of the 1 campaigns

16 Oct.
last send received
« Nos calendriers de l'Avent sont disponibles ! »



Campaign 1 of 1

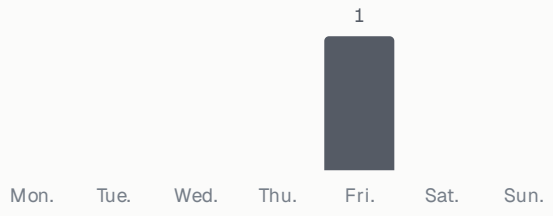
Friday 16 Oct., 11:45

Nos calendriers de l'Avent sont disponibles !

Type	Marketing campaign
Score	65 / 100
Pixel	Present, detected by the form of its address

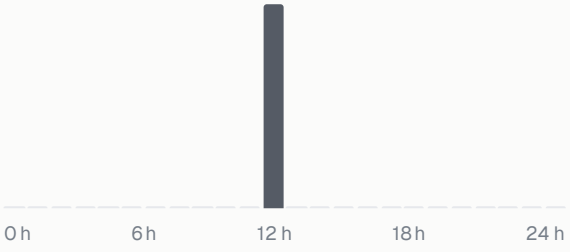
Sending day

Tap a bar to find its sends on the timeline.



Arrival time

Hour by hour, on the campaign received.



No change observed since October

Each campaign is compared with the previous one, criterion by criterion.

Criteria in detail

The 24 criteria + 1 bonus

16 met · **2** partly met · **6** not met · **0** not observable

35
out of 100

Compliance

These checks cover what the send imposes on the recipient and what it leaves them: measurement of their behaviour, ways to leave, tracking of their objection.

Tracking pixels: the CNIL rule · Method, Compliance family

better than 16% of the 503 brands measured

The calculation · 35 pts out of 100 — 2 met · 1 partly met · 3 not met

30	15	20	15	10	10

Weight of each criterion in the score.

No open-tracking pixel — Not met

0/30 pts

Open-tracking pixel detected on the only campaign concerned

0 points out of 30 — met on 0 of 1 campaign concerned.

An invisible image tells the sending platform that the message was opened, when, and from which device: this is individual tracking of reading behavior, and the recipient sees none of it. The message does not say whether they consented or objected — that choice lives in the sending platform, not in the email.

Served from `whisky.fr`.

The excerpt that establishes it

```
<img style="display:none" src="https://r.newsletter.whisky.f
r/tr/op/***">
```

How to fix it

Brevo: open tracking is turned off in the campaign's **advanced settings**. For transactional emails, the setting is in the account's SMTP settings.

Specific to brevo — not yet re-opened in the tool

Met when no tracking pixel is present. A single pixel is enough for the criterion not to be met on an email.

CNIL 14/04/2026 · LIL art.82 · PM-PRIV-001 · The detection rule

Loi Informatique et Libertés, article 82 (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article_lc/LEGIARTI000037813978/)

CNIL, délibération n° 2026-042 du 12 mars 2026, publiée au JO le 14 avril 2026 — champ d'application (https://www.cnil.fr/sites/default/files/2026-04/recommandation-pixels_de_suivi.pdf)

CNIL, foire aux questions du 22 juillet 2026 (https://www.cnil.fr/fr/faq-recommandation-pixels-courriers-electroniques)

CNIL, délibération n° 2026-042 du 12 mars 2026, publiée au JO le 14 avril 2026 — retrait du consentement (https://www.cnil.fr/sites/default/files/2026-04/recommandation-pixels_de_suivi.pdf)

Unsubscribing is possible and announced Met

15 pts

Unsubscribing is announced, in the header and in the body on a single campaign

15 points out of 15 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

Met when the message announces unsubscribing in its headers, through a page rather than an email to write, and in its body. The detail says which of the two is missing. Not applicable to a transactional email.

What was measured — 2 met out of 2

- Unsubscribe announced in the header, through a page on a single campaign Met
- Unsubscribe link in the body on a single campaign Met

RFC 2369 · PM-PRIV-002

RFC 2369 — The Use of URLs as Meta-Syntax for Core Mail List Commands (https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2369)

The recipient keeps control over tracking Not met

0/20 pts

The recipient has no control over tracking — none of the 2 measures is met

0 points out of 20 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

How to fix it

A path separate from the unsubscribe link leads to a preference centre where the recipient can refuse tracking (opens, clicks) without unsubscribing. Most email platforms offer this page; otherwise it goes in the template footer, with its own link, named for what it does ("manage my preferences", "refuse tracking").

The page takes an afternoon to set up and then serves every send. It is what the CNIL recommendation expects from an email that measures how its readers behave.

Two measures: does the unsubscribe link go through a tracker, and does a separate path lead to a preference center or to refusing tracking? Neither establishes that a refusal succeeds — checking would require following the link, which would record a click on the sending platform's side. They describe the control left to the recipient, not the result they would get.

What was measured — 0 met out of 2

- Tracked unsubscribe link on the only campaign concerned Not met
- No separate path to refuse tracking on the only campaign concerned Not met

CNIL 14/04/2026·Postmetry · PM-PRIV-003

The message says who is writing and under which rules Partly met

10/15 pts

No address allows a reply to the message on the only campaign concerned (2 of 3 measures met)

10 points out of 15 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

How to fix it

The footer of the message names the sender (company name, postal address) and links to its privacy policy with a direct link to the website, not through a tracking domain. These details go once into the base template and then appear in every send.

Nothing to lose: these lines already exist on the website; they only need to be carried over.

A commercial email must make it possible to identify the advertiser (CPCE, article L. 34-5), and the recipient must be able to know who processes their data. This indicator groups what a message can show of it.

What was measured — 2 met out of 3

- The message names its sender on a single campaign Met
- No address allows a reply to the message on the only campaign concerned Not met
- A link leads to the privacy policy on a single campaign Met

CPCE L.34-5 · directive 2000/31 art.6 · CAN-SPAM · PM-PRIV-004

An untracked path leads to the site Not met

0/10 pts

Every link to the site goes through a tracker on the only campaign concerned

0 points out of 10 — met on 0 of 1 campaign concerned.

A recipient who simply wants to visit the site has no option but to go through the click counter.

How to fix it

At least one link in the message points directly to the brand's domain, without going through the platform's redirect domain: the logo, the legal notice or the privacy policy will do. In the editor this is set link by link ("do not track this link", "disable click tracking") or through an exclusion list in the account settings.

An untracked link does not count in measured clicks; choosing the logo or the footer takes nothing away from the clicks that matter.

Met when at least one link in the message leads to the brand's site without going through a click counter.

Postmetry · PM-PRIV-005

No recipient identifier in the message Met

10 pts

No recipient identifier in the message on a single campaign

10 points out of 10 — met on 1 of 1 campaign concerned.

Met when the recipient's address appears — neither in clear, nor encoded, nor hashed — in no URL and no proprietary header. Addressing headers do not count: they carry it by design.

Postmetry · RGPD art.4 en repère · PM-PRIV-020

Deliverability

82
out of 100

These checks read the authentication verdict set by our server when the message arrived. This verdict is dated by construction: we never recalculate it, which would query today's DNS rather than the DNS of the day the email was sent.

Gmail sender requirements ↗ (https://support.google.com/a/answer/81126)

Yahoo requirements ↗ (https://senders.yahooinc.com/best-practices/) Method, Deliverability family

better than 4% of the 503 brands measured

The calculation · 70 pts out of 85, scaled to 100

5 met · 1 not met

Weight of each criterion in the score.

DKIM signature validated — Met

20 pts

Valid DKIM signature on a single campaign

20 points out of 20 — met on 1 of 1 campaign concerned.

Met when our receiving server validated the DKIM signature of the email.

RFC 6376 · RFC 8601 · PM-DELIV-001

RFC 6376 — DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) Signatures (https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc6376)

RFC 8601 — Message Header Field for Indicating Message Authentication Status (https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc8601)

DMARC alignment validated — Met

20 pts

DMARC alignment verified on a single campaign

20 points out of 20 — met on 1 of 1 campaign concerned.

Met when the domain shown in the sender matches the one that authenticated the message.

RFC 9989 · PM-DELIV-002

RFC 9989 — Domain-Based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance (DMARC) (https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc9989)

DMARC policy that helps keep out some impersonation — Not met

0 / 15 pts

DMARC policy in observation only on the only campaign concerned

0 points out of 15 — met on 0 of 1 campaign concerned.

How to fix it

A `_dmarc.<domain>` TXT record declares the policy: `v=DMARC1; p=quarantine; rua=mailto:…` at the very least, `p=reject` once the sending sources are aligned. The move happens in stages (p=none with reports, then `quarantine`, then `reject`) over a few weeks, reading the reports to find the tools that send on behalf of the domain.

A none policy prevents no spoofing of the domain; `quarantine` or `reject` closes the door and meets the Gmail and Yahoo requirements for bulk senders.

Met when the published policy is “reject” or “quarantine”. A “none” policy asks nothing of mail providers: it is published with no effect on messages that impersonate the domain.

RFC 9989 §4.7 · PM-DELIV-003 · RFC 9989 — section 4.7, “p” tag (https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc9989#section-4.7)

No SPF failure — Met

10 pts

No SPF failure on a single campaign

10 points out of 10 — met on 1 of 1 campaign concerned.

Met when SPF does not fail. An SPF “none” alongside a valid DKIM and DMARC is a common and legitimate configuration: it is not penalized.

RFC 7208 · PM-DELIV-004

RFC 7208 — Sender Policy Framework (SPF) for Authorizing Use of Domains in Email (https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7208)

One-click unsubscribe, as defined by RFC 8058 — Met

15 pts

One-click unsubscribe as defined by RFC 8058 on a single campaign

15 points out of 15 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

Met when the “List-Unsubscribe” header carries an https address and “List-Unsubscribe-Post” is exactly “List-Unsubscribe=One-Click”. This is what Gmail and Yahoo require of bulk senders: the mailbox's button then acts without opening a page. Not applicable to a transactional email.

What was measured — 2 met out of 2

- The unsubscribe header carries an https address on a single campaign Met
- One-click unsubscribe announced on a single campaign Met

RFC 8058 · Gmail et Yahoo · PM-DELIV-005

A DKIM signature that covers what matters Met

5 pts

The DKIM signature covers what matters in the message on a single campaign

5 points out of 5 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

What the signature covers, not only that it passes: an algorithm accepted by RFC 8301, the whole body signed, the From, Subject, Date and List-Unsubscribe headers signed, a signature not expired on receipt. Not applicable without a DKIM signature.

What was measured — 3 met out of 3

- Accepted signing algorithm on a single campaign Met
- Whole body signed on a single campaign Met
- Essential headers signed on a single campaign Met
- Signature valid on receipt Not applicable

RFC 6376 · RFC 8301 · PM-DELIV-006

Technical

100
out of 100

These checks cover what email clients actually do with the message: truncation, style blocks removed, resources never loaded. Each threshold states where it comes from: the documented behaviour of an email client, a specification, or our own method.

Support by email client (caniemail) ↗ (https://www.caniemail.com/) Method, Technical family

better than 89% of the 503 brands measured

The calculation · 85 pts out of 85, scaled to 100

6 met

Weight of each criterion in the score.

HTML under Gmail's clipping threshold Met

25 pts

HTML under Gmail's clipping threshold on a single campaign

25 points out of 25 — met on 1 of 1 campaign concerned.

Met when the HTML part stays under 102 KB. Beyond that, Gmail cuts off the end of the message — and the end is where the unsubscribe link and the notices are.

Gmail · PM-TECH-001

A shallow template ■ Met

20 pts

Shallow template on a single campaign

20 points out of 20 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

Met when layout tables are nested no more than 6 levels deep. Beyond that, the Word engine shared by desktop Outlook and the diverging clients each render the template their own way.

What was measured — 1 met out of 1

- Lightly nested layout tables on a single campaign Met

Postmetry · PM-TECH-002

Well-formed HTML ■ Met

15 pts

Well-formed HTML on a single campaign

15 points out of 15 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

A doctype, a character set declared in the document, balanced tags and unique identifiers. Each client repairs incomplete markup its own way, which is what makes rendering unpredictable. End tags that HTML makes optional do not count.

What was measured — 4 met out of 4

- Doctype declared on a single campaign Met
- Character set declared in the HTML on a single campaign Met
- Balanced tags on a single campaign Met
- Unique identifiers on a single campaign Met

WHATWG · PM-TECH-030

Every link leads somewhere ■ Met

10 pts

Every link leads somewhere on a single campaign

10 points out of 10 — met on 1 of 1 campaign concerned.

Met when no link is empty, reduced to "#" or written as "javascript:". Such a link leads nowhere, and most clients neutralise it. Not applicable if the message contains no link.

Postmetry · PM-TECH-031

No remote stylesheet ■ Met

10 pts

No remote stylesheet on a single campaign

10 points out of 10 — met on 1 of 1 campaign concerned.

Met when the message calls no external stylesheet, through "link" or "@import". Several clients never load them. A font stylesheet does not count: without it, the text falls back to another font.

caniemail · PM-TECH-020 · <link> in an email — support by client (https://www.caniemail.com/features/html-link/)

The message follows the shape of an email ■ Met

5 pts

The message follows the shape of an email on a single campaign

5 points out of 5 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

Lines of 998 bytes at most, readable Message-ID and Date, a character set announced on every text part, a transfer encoding consistent with the content (RFC 5322, RFC 2045). Most servers tolerate these deviations, each in its own way.

What was measured — 5 met out of 5

- Lines of 998 bytes at most on a single campaign Met
- Well-formed Message-ID on a single campaign Met
- Readable date on a single campaign Met
- Character set announced on every text part on a single campaign Met
- Consistent transfer encoding on a single campaign Met

RFC 5322 · RFC 2045 · PM-TECH-010

65
out of 100

Experience

Four questions about what becomes of the message once received: does it stay understandable, can the recipient still act, can a client render it, can a screen display it. Automatic detection only covers what is declared in the message.

WCAG 2.2 ↗ (https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG22/) Method, Experience family

better than 56% of the 503 brands measured

The calculation · 65 pts out of 100 — 3 met · 1 partly met · 2 not met · 1 bonus

25	15	15	10	20	15

Weight of each criterion in the score.

The message makes sense without its images, from the inbox on — Met — 25 pts

The message reads without its images and announces itself in the inbox on a single campaign

25 points out of 25 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

Met when the message keeps at least 200 readable characters with images blocked, and a preheader of 40 to 130 characters announces it in the message list. Without a preheader, the inbox shows the first text of the body instead — often “View in browser”.

What was measured — 2 met out of 2

- At least 200 characters remain readable with images blocked on a single campaign Met
- Preheader of 40 to 130 characters on a single campaign Met

Postmetry · PM-EXP-001

The message can be rendered outside HTML — Not met — 0/15 pts

No plain-text version accompanies the message on the only campaign concerned (0 of 1 measures met)

0 points out of 15 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

How to fix it

The text version (`text/plain`) comes with the HTML and carries the content and the links, not just a sentence saying “open this message in your browser”. Email platforms generate it from the HTML when the option is on (“auto-generate plain text”).

This is the version that watches, screen readers and some business clients read; spam filters also use it, comparing the two versions.

Met when a text version comes with the email and carries the essentials: at least 60% of its text and 80% of its links. A client that does not display HTML falls back on it; reduced to “view the web version”, it renders nothing.

What was measured — 0 met out of 1

- No plain-text version accompanies the message on the only campaign concerned — Not met
- The text version carries the message's text — Not applicable
- The text version carries the message's links — Not applicable

Postmetry · PM-EXP-002

All links stay visible with images blocked — Not met

0/15 pts

Some links become invisible with images blocked on the only campaign concerned

0 points out of 15 — met on 0 of 1 campaign concerned.

How to fix it

Every important action (main button, unsubscribe) exists as text or as an HTML button, not only as a clickable image. For an image button, an `alt` that names the action and a background colour on the cell keep the area visible even without the image.

With images blocked, an image button becomes an empty rectangle: the reader does not know where to click.

Met when no link is carried by a single image without alternative text: such a link leaves nothing on screen. Not applicable if the message contains no links.

Postmetry · PM-EXP-003

Tap targets large enough — Met

10 pts

Tap targets of sufficient size on a single campaign

10 points out of 10 — met on 1 of 1 campaign concerned.

Met when no sized tap target falls below 24 px a side (WCAG 2.2, criterion 2.5.8). Only targets with a declared dimension are measured; the criterion's exceptions — a target within a line of text, sufficient spacing — are not. Not applicable if the message declares no dimensions.

WCAG 2.2 — 2.5.8 · PM-EXP-004

WCAG 2.2 — Target Size (Minimum), success criterion 2.5.8, level AA (https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG22/#target-size-minimum)

The message stays readable with assistive technology — Partly met

15/20 pts

Some content images are not described on the only campaign concerned (3 of 4 measures met)

15 points out of 20 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

How to fix it

Four fixes, all in the template: declare the message language on the `<html>` tag (`lang="en"` for an email in English), describe each content image in its `alt` attribute, mark layout tables with `role="presentation"`, and write links that say where they lead rather than “click here”.

The criterion detail shows which ones are missing from your emails; the others are already met.

A decorative image — divider, spacer — keeps an empty `alt=""`: that is what keeps it silent, not an oversight.

Declared language, described content images, layout tables marked as such, link texts that say where they lead: what a screen reader needs to render the message. The detail says which of these measures is missing.

What was measured — 3 met out of 4

- Message language declared on a single campaign Met
- Some content images are not described on the only campaign concerned Not met
- Layout tables marked as such on a single campaign Met
- Every link says where it leads on a single campaign Met

WCAG 2.2 · RGAA · PM-EXP-005

HTML Standard — The lang and xml:lang attributes (https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/dom.html#the-lang-and-xml:lang-attributes)

HTML Standard — Requirements for providing text to act as an alternative for images (https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/images.html#alt)

The message declares its adaptation to screens Met

15 pts

The message declares its adaptation to screens on a single campaign

15 points out of 15 — share of observations met across 1 campaign.

Met when the message declares its viewport and its adaptation to screen width. Without them, it displays on a phone at its original width, and is read by zooming and scrolling sideways.

What was measured — 2 met out of 2

- Viewport declared on a single campaign Met
- Adaptation to screen width declared on a single campaign Met

W3C · PM-EXP-026 · CSS Device Adaptation — the viewport tag (https://www.w3.org/TR/css-device-adapt-1/)

Media Queries Level 4 (https://www.w3.org/TR/mediaqueries-4/)

Dark mode declared Bonus point not earned

+0 pts

The message does not declare its support for dark mode on the only campaign concerned

0 points out of 5 — met on 0 of 1 campaign concerned.

Earned when the message declares `color-scheme` or a `prefers-color-scheme` rule. No standard requires it — clients that force dark mode invert the colors themselves — but declaring it leaves control to the template rather than to the mail client.

caniemail · PM-EXP-027

FINDINGS OUTSIDE SCORING

Observed, not scored

These findings are not part of any score: their threshold has no citable source. They are still shown in full.

Every link in the message goes through a tracker

recognized by a tracking subdomain under the brand's name

Each click is recorded and tied to the recipient before being redirected. No link leads directly to the site: there is no way to visit the brand from this message without being measured.

▼ The evidence — excerpt from your email

```
https://r.newsletter.whisky.fr/tr/cl/***
```

Sector comparison

Food — 43 brands with at least one campaign analyzed. The shares below are counted on them, never on the catalog.

43 brands analyzed in this sector

Reserved for the Pro version

Reading notes

How to read this page

01 **A criterion that is not observable or not applicable leaves the calculation.** It stays listed, never counted as zero: its weight leaves the denominator rather than weighing as a failure.

02 Each line describes an **observable finding**, with the excerpt that establishes it. No legal qualification is ever attached to it.

03 The measurements come from **deterministic analyzers**: the same message always gives the same result, and a disputed finding can be redone identically from the archive.

04 Every share is published **on an observed basis**, and names it: "26 of 30 brands analyzed." A brand with no email received enters no denominator.

05 The **deliverability score is borrowed**: its verdict comes from the server that received the message. All the other families come from our own analyzers.

Does this analysis speak to you?

Let's go through it together, in 20 minutes.

We go over the 8 points with you, the evidence for each and the order in which to fix them. By video call, no commitment.

Pick a time slot : https://cal.com/noam-ouaknine-ecibnn/20min (https://cal.com/noam-ouaknine-ecibnn/20min)

Get La Maison du Whisky's changes

One email when a criterion changes state, nothing else.

Do you work at La Maison du Whisky?

Claim the brand: transactional emails, alerts, dated evidence.

The Pro version

Full history, before and after, alerts.

This report can also be read online, with a preview of each email:

https://postmetry.com/en/marque/la-maison-du-whisky/