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Implementation of SEPA's new End-of-Waste Position

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has published its new 'WAS-G-DEF-06: End-of-Waste for compost' document. This document sets out the End-of-Waste criteria for compost produced from waste in open and in-vessel processes and replaces the previous position titled 'wst-g-050-regulation-of-outputs-from-composting-processes.'

As of today, Monday 26th January, Annex 4 of the CCS Scheme Rules has been updated and published to reflect this change and is available on the CCS website [here](#).

All Scheme Participants operating in, or supplying material into, Scotland are strongly advised to review the updated position and assess whether any changes are required to their processes or documentation, including in relation to accepted waste inputs.

From Monday 9th February onwards, all audits will be conducted against the new SEPA End-of-Waste position and updated CCS Scheme Rules. Producers are expected to be operating in line with any additional regulatory requirements introduced by SEPA from today. If any Scheme Participants have questions or concerns regarding an upcoming audit, they are advised to contact their Certification Body.

Implementation of NRW's new End-of-Waste Position

As covered in our [December 2025 update](#), Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has published its new 'End-of-Waste position for compost: GN022'. This position closely aligns with the Environment Agency's Compost Resource Framework introduced in October 2025.

Alongside GN023, NRW has issued Regulatory Statement RS122, which allows a temporary exemption in respect of the reduced plastic limit introduced by GN022. RS122 remains valid until December 2026 unless withdrawn earlier. RS122 may be applied automatically to processes in Wales where required, and no registration is necessary, unlike with the Environment Agency's RPS 317. RS122 is available on both the [NRW website](#) and the [CCS website](#).

As of today, Monday 26th January, Annex 2 of the CCS Scheme Rules has been updated and published to reflect these changes and is available on the CCS website [here](#).

All Scheme Participants operating in, or supplying material into, Wales are strongly advised to review GN022 and RS122 and determine whether any changes are required to their processes or documentation, including in relation to accepted waste inputs.

From Monday 9th February onwards, all processes certified for End-of-Waste in Wales will be audited against GN022 and updated CCS Scheme Rules. If any Scheme Participants have questions or concerns regarding an upcoming audit, they are advised to contact their Certification Body.

Cross-border supply of compost between Wales and England

NRW and the EA have confirmed that cross-border supply of certified compost is permissible without additional assessments, meaning material that meets the End-of-Waste criteria in one nation may be supplied into the other without additional certification or assessment. This position is covered under Part 1 of the UK Internal Market Act 2020, which provides for the mutual recognition of goods across the UK.

Producers are expected to comply only with the End-of-Waste requirements of the nation where their production site is located. Therefore, certified producers in Wales must comply with NRW's End-of-Waste

position (GN022), while producers in England must comply with the Environment Agency's Compost Resource Framework; material certified under these nations' standards may be supplied across the England/Wales border using only the original nation's certification mark, provided all other Scheme requirements are adhered to.

This also applies to the use of the EA's Regulatory Position Statement (RPS) 317 and NRW's Regulatory Statement (RS) 122, which were published alongside their respective End-of-Waste positions. In the same way that each regulator has recognised certification to the other nation's End-of-Waste position for the purposes of cross-border supply, NRW and the EA have also recognised the corresponding RPS and RS. As such, compost produced in England by producers using RPS 317 may be supplied into Wales, and compost produced in Wales by producers using RS 122 may be supplied into England, without additional assessment or certification, provided that all other relevant Scheme requirements are met and the material continues to comply with the applicable conditions.

If you have any queries regarding the cross-border supply of material, or the application of regulatory End-of-Waste positions, please contact info@realschemes.org.uk.

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