

Guidance for CCS and BCS Participants to Understand each UK Nation's EoW Positions and Requirements

This guidance will help compost producers and AD operators from across the UK understand which End-of-Waste positions they must comply with when producing certified compost and digestate.

Introduction

Before the publication of the Compost and AD Resource Frameworks in October 2025, Scheme participants in England, Wales and Northern Ireland all complied with the same End-of-Waste (EoW) positions. This has now changed with these publications.

This guidance will outline the individual EoW positions for each UK nation to ensure that Scheme participants, no matter which country they operate in, continue to comply with the right requirements for producing certified compost and digestate. It is important to note that Scheme participants must comply with the EoW position of the country to which they are supplying and not where they operate.

England

The Environment Agency (EA) replaced the previously enforced Compost and AD Quality Protocols with the Interim Compost and Anaerobic Digestate Resource Frameworks (CRF and ADRF) for both waste derived compost and anaerobic digestate. These Frameworks were published alongside two Regulatory Position Statements (RPSs), one that provides Scheme participants two years to comply with the new tightened plastic limits and one to provide Scheme participants a 12-month 'exemption' period to get any environmental permits in place for their storage areas/infrastructure. You can find both Resource Frameworks and RPSs here:

- Compost from waste: resource framework GOV.UK
- Anaerobic digestate: resource framework GOV.UK
- <u>Using PAS 100 or PAS 110 compliant material outside resource frameworks: RPS 317 GOV.UK</u> (expires 20th October 2027)
- Storing PAS 100 or PAS 110 compliant material at site of production: RPS 358 GOV.UK (expires 20th October 2026)

Scheme participants in England must comply with the relevant Resource Framework, PAS and Scheme Rules, ensuring they are complying with any specific 'EoW England' requirements. It is important for English Scheme participants to regularly check all three documents to ensure they are up to date with any changes or updates.

The table below outlines the requirements for Scheme participants supplying to English markets:



CCS Producers	Compost Resource Framework	PAS 100	CCS Scheme Rules
BCS Operators	AD Resource Framework	PAS 110	BCS Scheme Rules

Scotland

SEPA's EoW positions for compost and digestate can be found below. Compost producers and AD operators producing certified compost and digestate must comply with the requirements outlined in the below SEPA positions:

- Regulation of Outputs from Composting Processes (ROCP)
- Regulation of Outputs from Anaerobic Digestion Processes (ROADP)

Scheme participants operating in Scotland must comply with the relevant SEPA EoW position above, PAS and Scheme Rules, ensuring they are complying with any SEPA specific requirements. It is important for Scottish Scheme participants to regularly check all three documents to ensure they are up to date with any changes or updates.

The table below outlines the requirements for Scheme participants supplying to Scottish markets:

CCS Producers	SEPA ROCP	PAS 100	CCS Scheme Rules
BCS Operators	SEPA ROADP	PAS 110	BCS Scheme Rules

Wales

Certified compost producers and AD operators in Wales must continue to comply with the Compost and AD Quality Protocols, which can be found here:

- Compost Quality Protocol
- AD Quality Protocol

Scheme participants operating in Wales must comply with the relevant Quality Protocol, PAS and Scheme Rules, ensuring they are complying with any specific Welsh EoW requirements. It is important for Welsh Scheme participants to regularly check all three documents to ensure they are up to date with any changes or updates.

The table below outlines the requirements for Scheme participants supplying to Welsh markets:

CCS Producers	Compost Quality Protocol	PAS 100	CCS Scheme Rules
BCS Operators	AD Quality Protocol	PAS 110	BCS Scheme Rules



Northern Ireland

As is the process in Wales, certified Northern Irish compost producers and AD operators must comply with either the Compost Quality Protocol or the AD Quality Protocol. They are linked below:

- Compost Quality Protocol
- AD Quality Protocol

Scheme participants operating in Northern Ireland (and the Republic of Ireland if supplying to Northern Ireland) must comply with the relevant Quality Protocol, PAS and Scheme Rules. Regarding the Scheme Rules, compost producers and AD operators in Northern Ireland must ensure they are complying with any specific Northern Irish EoW requirements. It is important for Northern Irish Scheme participants to regularly check all three documents to ensure they are up to date with any changes or updates.

The table below outlines the requirements for Scheme participants supplying to markets in Northern Ireland:

CCS Producers	Compost Quality Protocol	PAS 100	CCS Scheme Rules
BCS Operators	AD Quality Protocol	PAS 110	BCS Scheme Rules