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End-of-Waste for scrap metal and glass cullet

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## Introduction

This guidance provides advice on the end-of-waste criteria for scrap metal and glass cullet.

## End-of-Waste Criteria

After 1 January 2021, the UK retained the EU regulations that relate to end-of-waste for:

* [iron, steel and aluminium scrap](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2011/333/introduction)[[1]](#footnote-2)
* [copper scrap](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2013/715)[[2]](#footnote-3)
* [glass cullet](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2012/1179)[[3]](#footnote-4)

If your material is covered by one of these regulations, use them to establish if you can achieve end of waste. The regulations contain the following requirements:

1. The waste inputs must comply with technical criteria in the Regulations.
2. The waste input must be treated in accordance with the criteria in the Regulations.
3. The output must comply with the criteria set out in the Regulations.
4. The producer must issue a statement of conformity for each consignment of material which has met the relevant criteria. This must be passed on to the next holder of the material with the producer keeping a copy for a minimum of one year.
5. The producer must implement a Quality Management System (QMS) which complies with the Regulations.
6. The QMS must be verified every three years by an independent outside body that has been accredited by the UK Accreditation Service (UKAS).
7. The QMS and statement of conformity must be available for inspection by the SEPA on request.

If these requirements are met, the treated output ceases to be waste upon transfer from the producer to another holder. Another ‘holder’ means a person who takes possession of the treated output. This means that the output remains waste so long as the producer remains in possession of it.

SEPA will use the statement of conformity required by the regulations to assess whether the material has achieved end-of-waste. The statement must be properly completed and your Quality Management System verified within the last 3 years by an accredited verifier.

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