

## Checklist Symbiosis

You are looking for a high-value valorisation for your residual streams or want to replace a primary raw material with a residual stream offered. Excellent.

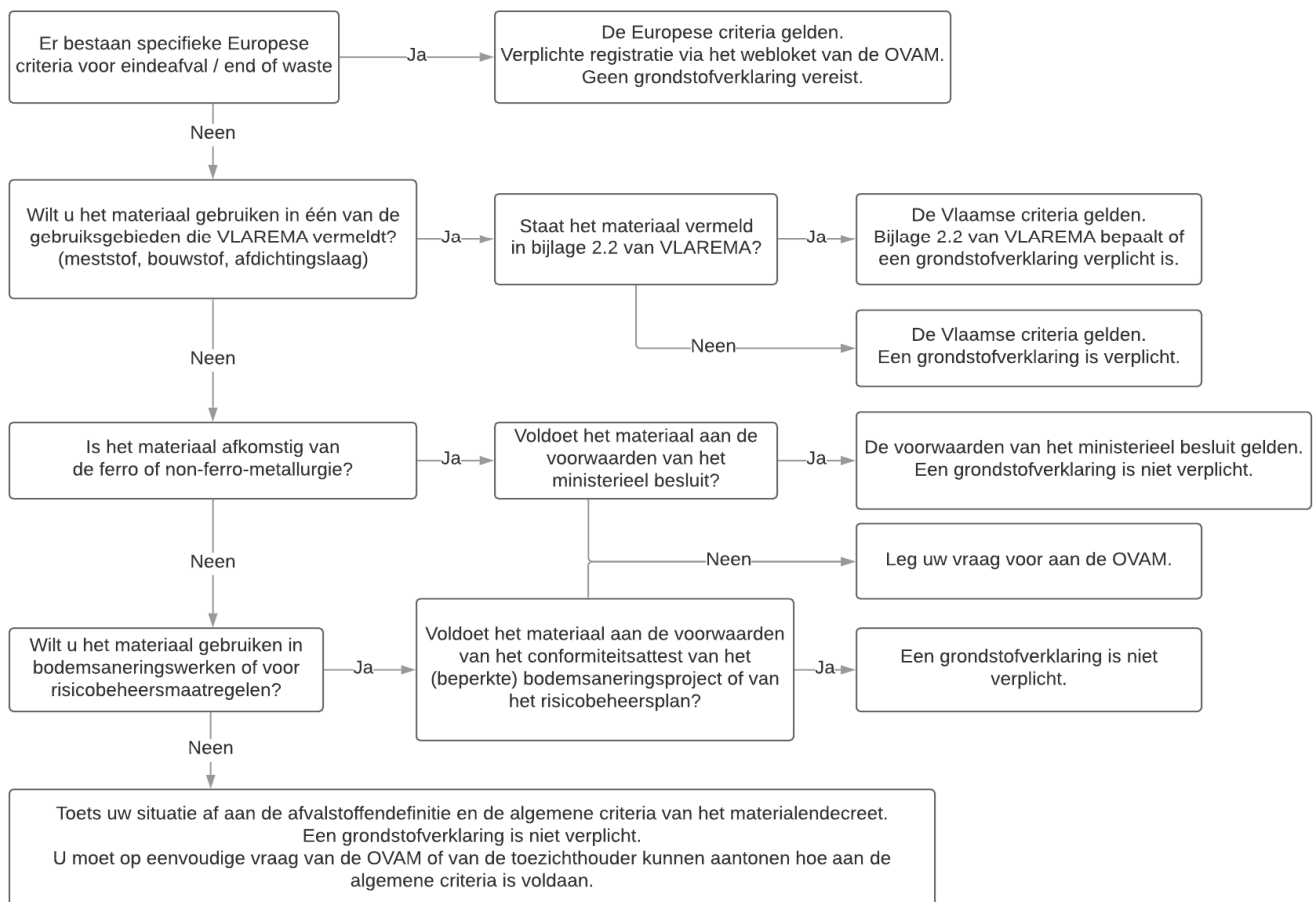
The information below is relevant when you have been in contact with another interested company and when you want to enter into a symbiosis agreement with that company. This decision tree and checklist will assist you in understanding and interpreting the conditions that have to be met in order for a material to be considered as a raw material and not as a waste.

Be sure to consult the manual '[Waste or raw material](#)' for more information and an explanation of the regulations. The general criteria are set out in [Articles 36, 37 and 38 of the Materials Decree](#). The

VLAREMA will further elaborate on the definition of the waste phase. [Appendix 2.2 of the VLAREMA](#) lists a number of areas of application, each of which indicates whether or not a raw materials declaration is required for a particular stream.

**Do you have any doubts about one of the following questions, with a view to concluding a symbiosis agreement? Then be sure to contact the symbiosis team. They are pleased to give you advice.**

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If the decision tree shows that you need to check your situation against the waste definition and the general criteria of the Materials Decree, you can use the checklist below. Please note: ticking the checklist below is not enough, it must also be justified and documented that the various conditions have been met.

**Checklist for self-assessment:**

**1. The intended use of the material is certain, the material is used for specific purposes.**

You want to make an agreement with another company to use the material for a specific purpose, through participation in the online symbiosis platform. This can be a one-off party or a long-term cooperation. The intended use is therefore certain.

**2. There is a market for or demand for the material.**

Through the symbiosis agreement there is a clearly identifiable market for the use of the material.

One or more contracts or offers for the use of the material for a specific purpose are a good indicator.

**3. The material complies with the legislation and standards for products and with technical regulations for the specific purposes.**

The provider of the residual stream has documented in detail the composition and origin of the material. The material thus meets the customer's acceptance criteria.

The material does not contain any chemical or physical contamination that poses a risk to people or the environment.

There are no substances in the material that prohibit the use in the intended application (see legislation such as REACH, POP regulation, etc.).

In terms of product standardisation, there are international standards, European standards (EN) and national standards. These standards apply to both primary and secondary raw materials.

**4. The use of the material does not have an adverse effect on the environment or human health overall.**

The material is comparable or better than the primary raw material it replaces in terms of its nature, composition and impact on humans and the environment.

Further use of the material shall not have adverse effects on the environment or human health throughout its life cycle.

Sufficient information is available to support this demand (reports may have been annexed to the online symbiosis platform).

**5. The material may be used directly without any further treatment other than normal manufacturing practice.**

The material should not undergo any treatment or preparation other than that which a primary raw material would be required to undergo.

Acts aimed at removing contaminants or prohibited substances are waste operations.

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**You're in doubt? Do you have a question? Contact the symbiosis team. They will be happy to sort it out for you.**

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The symbiosis team will check whether or not you should apply for a raw materials declaration (GV) from OVAM.

All information about raw material declarations can be found on [the OVAM website](#).

When applying for a GV, OVAM will verify for you whether the material meets the product standards for the intended use and what substantive views have already been expressed on the intended use of the material. You can call on the symbiosis team for assistance with this application.

Whatever the status of your material, we advise every company to use primary raw materials efficiently in order to reduce waste. This brings nice cost savings.

It is important to note that the symbiote team can never be held responsible for legal irregularities or inaccuracies regarding the quality of the exchanged flows. Nor can the online symbiosis platform be held responsible at any level for any agreements that users make with each other.

For specific waste streams and material cycles, OVAM offers you additional information, click [here](#). You can find all the information about end-of-waste materials [here](#).

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