

Green Gold Label

List of prohibited materials

Materials and locations of GGL Participants that cannot be used in the GGL chain of custody



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Document navigation

This operating document is part of the GGL Operating documents as part of the Overall documents, and applies to all regulations. It concerns the GGL List of prohibited materials, that may not be traded under the GGL Scheme. This document applies to all regulatory frameworks.

The Overall documents comprise the GGL Setup and Governance, GGL Standards and GGL Operating documents. Additionally, the GGL scheme offers Instructions and Guidances for specific regulations (RED, FIT/FIP, SDE+/++), which can supersede clauses in the Overall documents. This applies only when explicitly stated in the relevant Instructions and Guidances.

Refer to the **GGL Document Structure** (as part of the GGL Setup and Governance documents) for more detailed information on navigating and interpreting GGL documentation.

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Changes and transitioning

This section lists the key changes in this version v2-1 from **GGLS1 Annex – List of Prohibited Materials v1-0 (Oct. 2017)**.

No.	Change type	Section reference	Details of change
1	Content	Section C	Added possibility for prohibited origins
2	Content	Section D	Added possibility for prohibited locations of GGL Participants
3	Content	Sections C.1 and C.2	Included specific origins as prohibited source for any material as per announcement of 15-Mar-2022.
4	Content	Sections D.1 and D.2	Included specific locations of GGL Participants as prohibited per announcement of 15-Mar-2022.
5	Content	Section D.1	Included raw material from source land in prohibited locations
6	Text feature	Document navigation	Included document navigation
7	Text feature	Changes and transitioning	Included changelog and transitioning procedure between previous and current version
8	Text feature	Glossary	Included glossary
9	Formatting	All	Changed and edited formatting, text and wording for clarity and readability
10	Formatting	All	Converted layout to new templates for GGL Documents

In transitioning to this current version of this document, the following applies to Certification Bodies, Participants and Certificates:

Publication date	7 November 2025
Adoption date	For all GGL Modules <u>except</u> the SDE+ Module : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 March 2026
Effective date	For all GGL Modules <u>except</u> the SDE+ Module : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 March 2027
Transition period	For all GGL Modules <u>except</u> the SDE+ Module : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 March 2028

To clarify: For GGL Scopes with the **SDE+ Module**, only the previous version of this document can be used and remains effective until further notice.

Glossary

Term	Definition
Adoption date	New (versions of) GGL documents include an Adoption date in the transitioning section. This date indicates when certification against the GGL Scheme and the specific document becomes possible. Certifications based on previous versions will remain valid until the Effective date of the new document.
Biobased product	Biobased products are wholly or partly derived from materials of biological origin (such as plants, animals, enzymes, and microorganisms, including bacteria, fungi and yeast). They do not include materials embedded in geological formations and/or fossilised.
Effective date	New (versions of) GGL documents specify an Effective Date. This is the date after which certification can only be granted according to the GGL Scheme and the specific document that has the Effective Date. Certification based on previous versions of the document is no longer considered valid.
GGL Module	These Instructions and Guidance documents outline how GGL has been approved and recognized as a Certification scheme under various legal and voluntary frameworks (e.g., Renewable Energy Directive (RED) in Europe and FIT/FIP in Japan).
Participant / GGL Participant	An economic operator that has been certified under the GGL Regulation Section G, or under another certification scheme endorsed and approved by the relevant authorities (e.g., EU for RED or METI for FIT/FIP), holds equivalent status. This includes forest and agricultural biomass producers, waste and residue producers, first gathering points, collectors, suppliers, traders, processing plants, and conversion plants (end-users).
Point of origin	The location where the raw material directly originates, before its classification as GGL Biomass.
Publication date	New (versions of) GGL documents include their Publication date, which indicates when that version is published. Certification against a new version cannot occur until after its Adoption date.
Raw material	The batch of biomass from a single Point of origin before it is classified as GGL Biomass, for which a single Raw Material Statement is verified and that falls within a single GGL Category of biomass.
Source land	Location where the biomass was originally harvested or farmed, which precedes the Point of origin where the biogenic residues or waste arises
Suspended certificate	A suspended certificate is temporarily invalid on the request of the Certification Body (CB).
Transition period	The new versions of the GGL documents specify the end of a Transition Period. This is the time until which (re-)certification decisions made before the Effective Date (based on the previous version of the document) remain valid. During the Transition Period, audits conducted by a Certification Body must be based solely on the valid (new) version of the GGL Scheme documents.



A. Introduction

This document lists the prohibited materials that cannot be part of the GGL Chain of custody, as stipulated in **GGLS1 – Chain of custody criteria**.

B. Prohibited materials by type

B.1

All raw materials that cannot be qualified as biobased products are prohibited.

B.2

The following raw materials are an exception to B.1:

- [No exceptions]

C. Prohibited materials by origin

C.1

Any raw material from Points of origin in the following countries, and any raw material derived from biomass harvested or farmed from source land in the following countries, is prohibited under the specific GGL Modules mentioned:

- Russia – under all GGL Modules
- Belarus – under all GGL Modules

C.2

The following materials are an exception to C.1:

- [No exceptions]

D. Prohibited locations of GGL Participants

D.1

Any GGL Participant located in the following countries is prohibited from participating in GGL supply chains, and any GGL certificate for any of their GGL Scopes will be suspended:

- Russia
- Belarus

D.2

The following GGL Participants are an exception to D.1:

- [No exceptions]