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UKSFA TAKE-BACK SCHEMES (TBS)

DECISION FRAMEWORK

Find the right take-back approach for your organisation.

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SELECT YOUR ORGANISATION TYPE

This decision framework applies to all organisations in the flooring value chain. Select the option that best describes your role.

1. MANUFACTURERS / BRANDS
Design, manufacture and place products on the market.

2. DISTRIBUTORS / RETAILERS / REUSE ORGANISATIONS
Sell, supply or facilitate take-back and reuse of products.

3. SPECIFIERS / DESIGNERS
Specify products and systems for projects.

4. BUILDING OWNERS & END USERS
Own or occupy buildings and generate used materials.

5. INSTALLERS / CONTRACTORS
Install, remove and segregate materials on site.

6. FM COMPANIES / BUILDING OPERATORS
Manage buildings and facilitate maintenance, refurbishment and take-back.

7. WASTE CONTRACTORS / HAULIERS
Collect, transport and segregate waste materials.

8. RECYCLERS / REPROCESSORS
Recycle and recover materials into new products.

9. REGULATORS / POLICYMAKERS
Set policy, enforce compliance and enable frameworks.

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Whichever role you play, follow the decision framework to find the right approach.

THE DECISION TREE

1 Does an approved scheme already exist for your material?
Check the UKSFA Scheme Directory and approved operators.

YES → **USE EXISTING SCHEME**
Use the approved scheme. Follow operator requirements and guidance.

Key benefits
- Proven system
- Reduced cost & risk
- Consistent standard
- Supports circularity

NO ↓

2 Can the material be reused in whole or in part?
Consider reuse organisations, refurbishment or redistribution.

YES → **USE REUSE ROUTE**
Prioritise reuse, refurbishment or repurposing to extend product life.

Examples
- Reuse organisations
- Refurbishment partners
- Resale platforms
- Community / social reuse

NO ↓

3 Can you collaborate with others using a collection or sorting hub?
Partner with others to consolidate, collect, sort and prepare materials.

YES → **USE A COLLECTION / SORTING HUB**
Use or establish a hub to consolidate materials before treatment.

Hub options may include
- Distributor depots
- Contractor yards
- Waste contractor facilities
- Regional consolidation hubs

NO ↓

4 Is a manufacturer-led scheme the most appropriate solution?
Consider scale, brand ownership, product design, volumes and market coverage.

YES → **DEVELOP OR JOIN A MANUFACTURER SCHEME**
Create or join a scheme to take back and manage your own products responsibly.

Considerations
- Brand responsibility
- Material volumes
- Product design & data
- Market coverage

NO ↓

5 Still unsure?
Contact UKSFA for guidance and support to identify the right solution.

→ **SEEK UKSFA GUIDANCE & SUPPORT**
We can help you identify partners, solutions and best practice.

UKSFA can provide
- Signposting to schemes
- Best practice guidance
- Partner introductions
- Policy & EPR updates

EXISTING SCHEME DIRECTORY

Search the UKSFA Scheme Directory for approved take-back schemes.

TAKEMYFLOORING
TakeMyFlooring Reuse & Recycling pathways for flooring materials.

OTHER APPROVED SCHEMES
Search by material type, location and operator.

uksfa.com/scheme-directory

KEY PRINCIPLES

1. REUSE FIRST
Maximise reuse and refurbishment to extend product life.

2. USE EXISTING
Use approved schemes where available before creating new ones.

3. COLLABORATE
Work together using hubs and partnerships to increase impact.

4. DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY
Capture product and material data to support future recovery and value.

5. COMPLY & IMPROVE
Meet legal requirements and continuously improve outcomes.

WHAT ARE COLLECTION / SORTING HUBS?

Hubs enable multiple organisations to collaborate, reducing cost, improving efficiency and increasing material quality.

Consolidate volumes	Improve logistics & reduce cost	Improve material quality	Enable reuse & recycling	Support regional circular systems

THE WASTE HIERARCHY – FOLLOW THIS ORDER

Always follow the waste hierarchy and prioritise the highest value outcomes.

1. **REUSE** – Extend product life where possible.
2. **RECYCLING** – Turn materials into new products.
3. **RECOVERY** – Recover value from materials or energy.
4. **DISPOSAL** – Last resort – minimise to zero.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

This decision framework sits within the UKSFA Take-Back Scheme Manual.

Use the digital links throughout the Manual to access:
- Manufacturer Guide
- Installer Guide
- Scheme Operator Guidance
- Scheme Directory
- Compliance & Reporting

Better together for a circular future. | Everyone has a role. | Every action counts. | Reuse first. Recycle next. Recover value. Close the loop.

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