

# Sustainability, Environment and Packaging in Health Care

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# Agenda

Mölnlycke Green mindset

Net zero company

Science based targets

Sustainability achievements and targets

Packaging standards

Why are they important

Which standards are we using

# Mölnlycke at a glance

World-leading MedTech company that specializes in sustainable solutions for wound care and surgical procedures.

Global HQ

in Gothenburg, Sweden

8,427

employees worldwide

99%

owned by Investor AB

100

countries where Mölnlycke is present

Revolutionise care  
for people and planet

## Our Business Areas



Wound Care



Operating Room Solutions



Gloves



Antiseptics

# Operating Room Solutions and Products



BARRIER® Drapes  
and Staff clothing



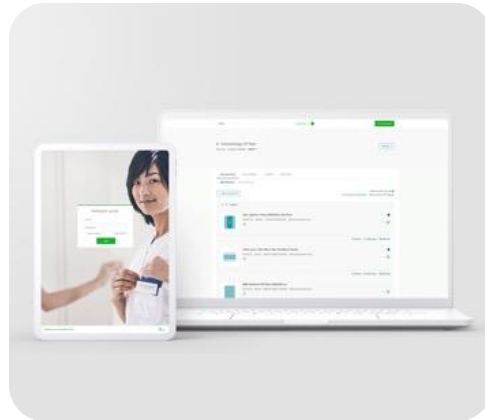
EasyWarm  
Patient Warming



Surgical  
instruments



ProcedurePak®  
customised trays



Digital  
services

*Sterile products and  
non-sterile products*

# Sustainability Roadmap



In relation to UN Sustainable Development Goals



## Green mindset

→ We are constantly innovating to offer our customers the most sustainable solutions, while not compromising on safety and quality of our products

Reduce our Environmental and Climate impact

## Mölnlycke committed to Science Based Targets Initiative – SBTi

- Science-based targets
  - provide a pathway for companies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions,
  - set reductions targets in line with what is needed to keep global heating below catastrophic levels, 1,5 degree C
  - reach net-zero by 2050 at latest

→ Mölnlycke near-term GHG reduction targets validated by SBTi

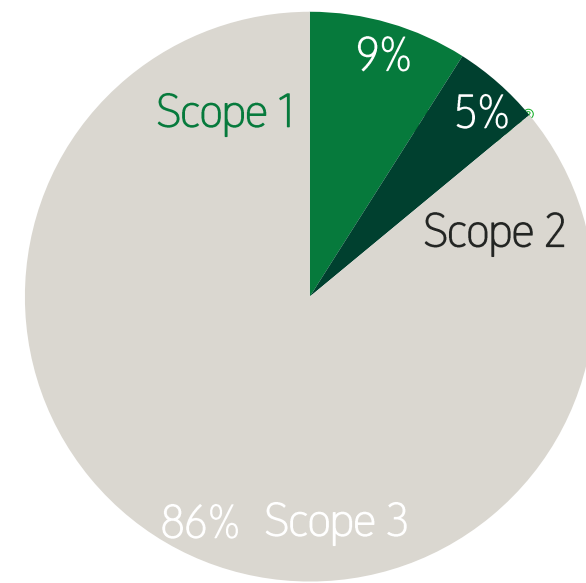


SCIENCE  
BASED  
TARGETS

DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION



Green  
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## Reduce our Environmental and Climate impact – Targets

	GHG emissions (Science Based Targets, SBTi)			Resource efficiency	Sustainable portfolio
Targets	Net Zero 2050 Scope 1, 2, 3	50% reduction 2030 Scope 1, 2 *	20% reduction 2028 Scope 3 *	95% recyclable packaging 2030	Assess sustainability profile of our product portfolio by 2025
2023 achievements	20%	28%	18%	90%	30% Mölnlycke products Life Cycle Assessment

\* Scope 1: Emissions from own facilities, Scope 2: Emissions from purchased energy, Scope 3: all emissions from upstream and downstream processes

\* Reduction in absolute GHG emissions vs 2021 baseline

# Sustainability examples from products

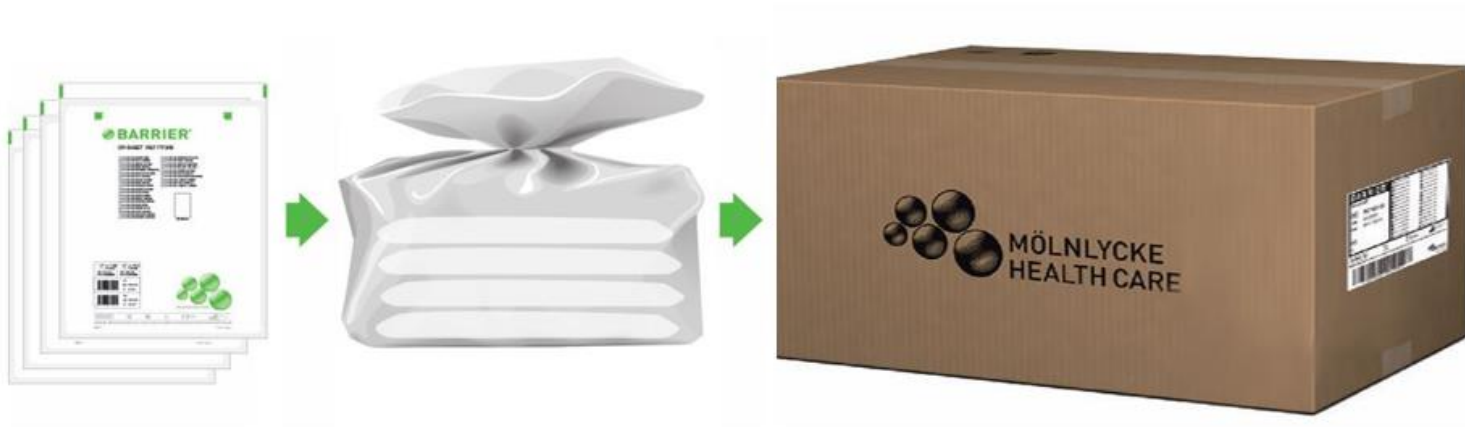
- Biobased raw material, ISCC-certified in several products
  - BARRIER ISCC Primary Plus surgical gown  
14% lower CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions\*.
- Reduced weight with preserved product function
  - BARRIER ISCC Mayo Stand Cover - weight reduction exceeding 20%\*
- Moving from single packed items to Mölnlycke® ProcedurePak® trays can reduce surgical packaging waste by up to 90%
- FSC certified (sustainable forestry) Paper/cardboard packaging





# Packaging for Operating Room Solutions

- Three-layer principle, preserve function and sterility



Or:



Primary packaging  
/ Sterile barrier

Secondary packaging  
Retail box

Tertiary packaging  
Transport box

# Mölnlycke Packaging sustainability targets



- Reduce amount of packaging material, without compromising functionality of the packaging
- > 95% of our packaging recyclable by 2030
- > 80% of our packaging consist of renewable and/or recycled (PCR) material by 2030
- > 80% of our paper/cardboard packaging to be FSC/PEFC certified (sustainable forestry) by 2030
- Work with suppliers and external partners to improve packaging solutions (incl input to sustainability assessment and Life Cycle Assessment)

*Mölnlycke packaging sustainability targets are aligned with the new EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR).*

*PCR: Post consumer recycled, FSC: Forrest Stewardship Council, PEFC: Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification.*

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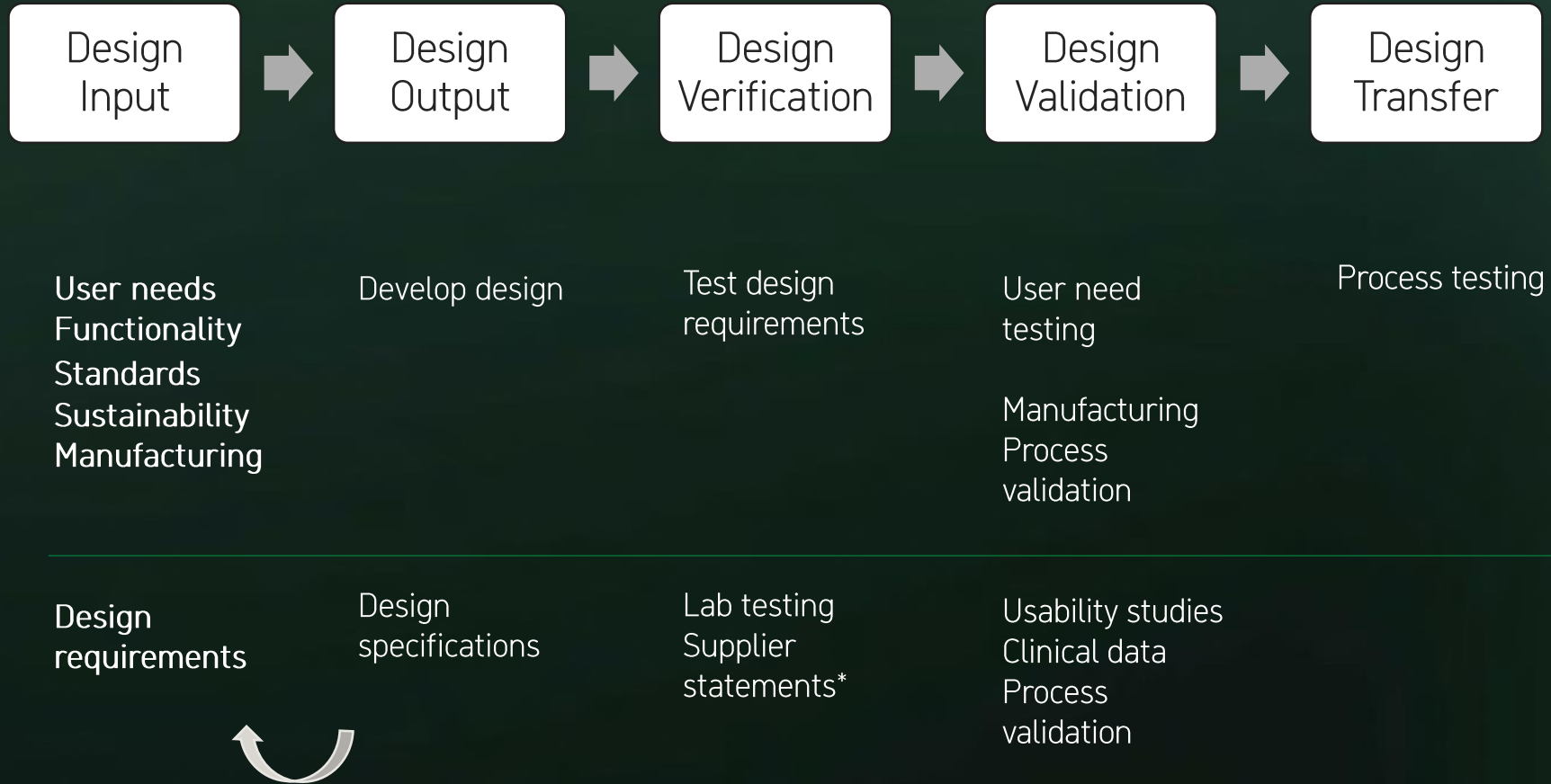
# Why are standards important

- Ensures compliance with **regulations**
- Provides a common **language and expectations**
- Ensures product **quality** and patient **safety**
- Improves the **usability** of medical devices by ensuring that instructions, labeling, and handling processes are clear and consistent.
- Less confusion
- Peace of mind

# We have an infrastructure

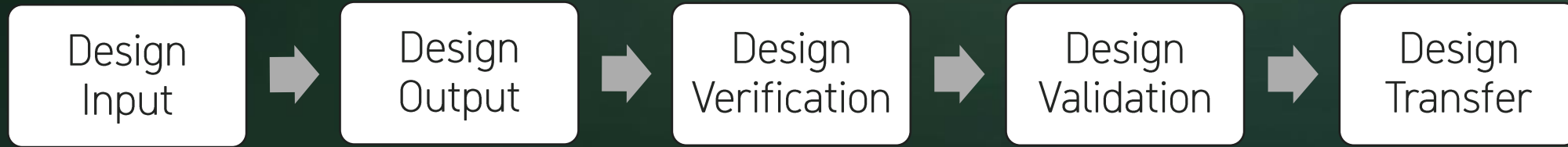
- Quality Management **System**  
**Policys, procedures, work instructions**
- **Documentation** system
- **Declaration of conformity** DoC (CE marking)
- **Third party Audits** to ensure compliance
- Staff training and internal **certification** (regularly)

# Which standards are we using?



We have standards in all phases of development

\* Incl REACH statements and specific chemical statements



EN ISO 14971 Medical devices  
Application of risk management to medical devices

ISO 11607 Packaging for Terminally Sterilized Medical Devices.  
Part 1: Requirements for Materials, Sterile Barrier Systems, and Packaging Systems.  
Part 2: Validation Requirements for Forming, Sealing, and Assembly Processes.

ASTM D4169 (from ISO 11607)  
Standard Practice for Performance Testing of Shipping Containers and Systems.

ISO 10993-1 Biological Evaluation

EN 13430 Packaging - Requirements for packaging recoverable by material recycling

# EN ISO 14971

## Medical devices - Application of risk management to medical devices

**A framework for managing risks associated with medical devices throughout their entire lifecycle.**

1. Risk Management Process
2. Perform Risk Analysis
3. Perform Risk Evaluation
4. Perform Risk Control
5. Perform Residual Risk Evaluation
6. Perform Risk Management Review
7. Review and update Production and Post-Production Information





# ISO 11607

## Packaging for Terminally Sterilized Medical Devices.

### **Input to Material selection**

Sterilization

Compatibility with device

Labelling and worse case testing

Integrity after distribution

Continuous quality during production

**Part 1: Requirements for Materials, Sterile Barrier Systems, and Packaging Systems.**

**Part 2: Validation Requirements for Forming, Sealing, and Assembly Processes.**



# ASTM D4169 (from ISO 11607)

## Standard Practice for Performance Testing of Shipping Containers and Systems.

**Packaging Systems:** Should be designed to protect the sterile barrier system and the device during transportation. Maintain integrity

**ASTM D4169** defined as the method best describing our worst case Simulation of supply chain routes ,  
Distribution cycle (DC-1 DC-2 DC-13)

Shock Vibration Compression Environmental hazards  
(temperature pressure)



# ISO 10993-1

## Biological Evaluation

**Risk Management Process:** Evaluation and testing must be part of a structured risk management process.

**Material Characterization:** Identify and characterize materials used in packaging to assess potential biological risks.

### **Biological Evaluation Plan**

Perform biocompatibility testing or provide a rationale for why certain tests are not needed based on existing data

- Cytotoxicity
- Sensitization
- Systemic toxicity
- etc



# EN 13430

## Requirements for packaging recoverable by material recycling

**Material Composition:** Packaging must be made from materials that can be effectively separated and recycled.

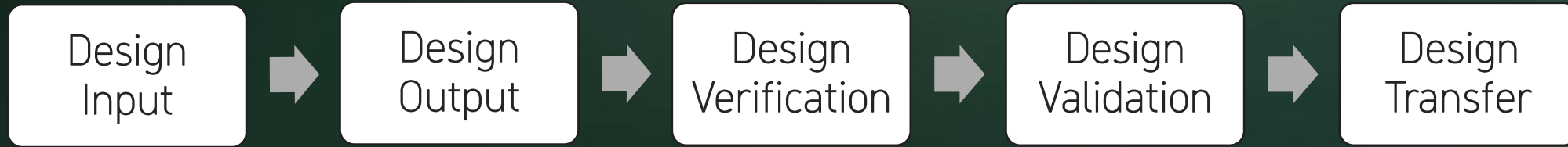
**Design for Recycling:** The design of the packaging should facilitate easy recycling.

**Recycling Processes:** The packaging must be compatible with existing recycling processes

**Plastic:** RecyClass (A-B), Cyclos-HTP Institute, CEFLEX

**Paper Cepi:** (Confederation of European Paper Industries)





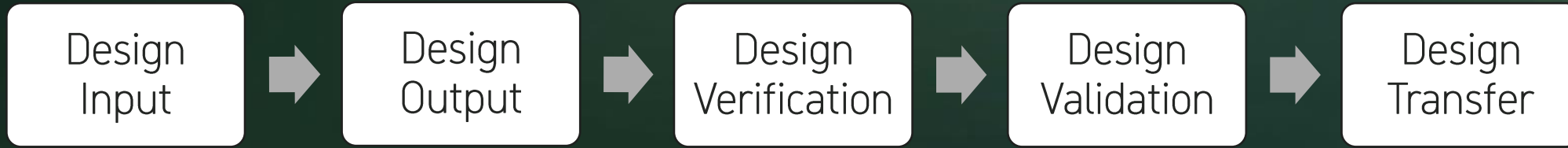
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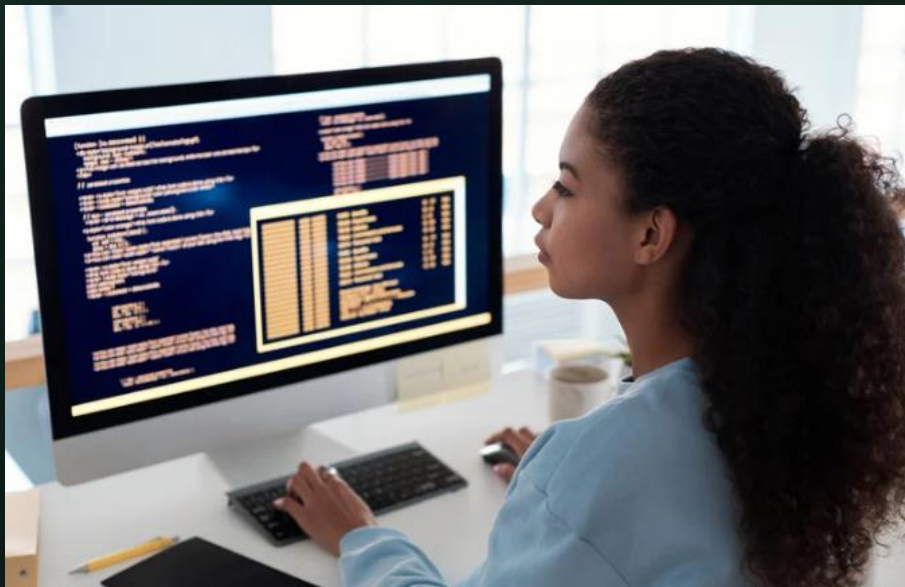
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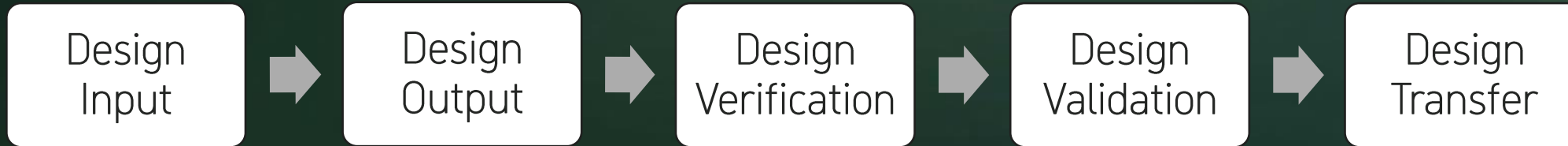
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## Design Verification

- Standardized testing in climate controlled laboratories
- Trained staff assigned for specific methods
- Validated equipment





**Flex durability (Mölnlycke T-2111)**

ASTM F392/F392M - 11

**Seal strength (Mölnlycke T-232)**

SS-EN ISO 9073-4 : 1997

**Puncture resistance (Mölnlycke T-2108)**

ASTM F1306 - 16

and many more...

# Challenges

Time

Space

Lacking instructions

Many variants of packaging

Poorly designed packaging  
difficult to open

To many layers of packaging

Sorting confusion





# PPWR

Packaging and packaging waste regulation

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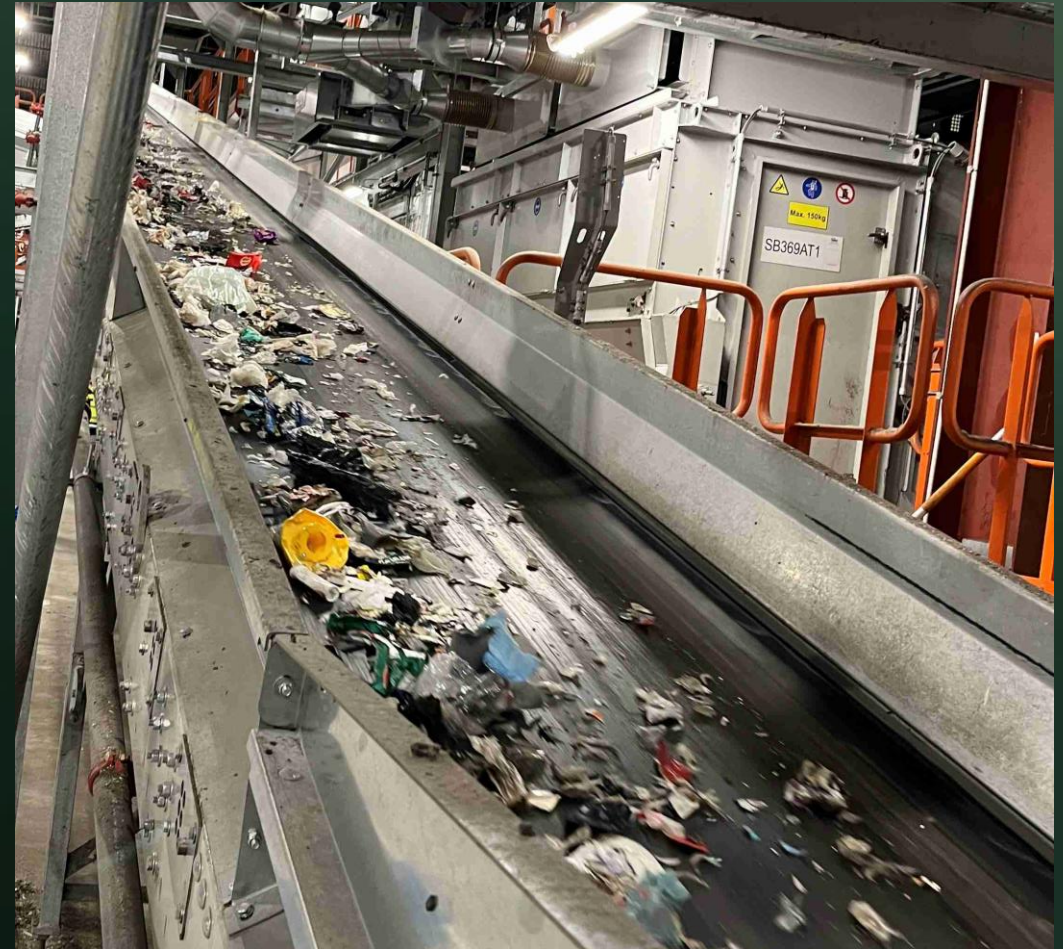
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Standardization

Simplifies for all  
Stakeholders

Reduce amount  
of choices



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