



# FACTSHEET NL

Title/topic: standards, certification & norms

## Details (Maks 3 text lines):

*Importing materials is challenging due to differing certifications and standards across countries, with products approved elsewhere often requiring additional testing to be used in the Netherlands.*

## Enabler (arguments):

*Biobased building is supported by certification systems, new circular economy standards, and the availability of approved products in other EU countries. Requirements are unique to the Netherlands, which limit access to some foreign materials.*

## Disabler (arguments):

- *Unique Dutch Requirements: Products approved in other EU countries often require additional testing to meet Dutch standards, limiting their use.*
- *Small Market Size: The Dutch market is too small for foreign suppliers to cover costly testing and approvals, restricting access to biobased materials.*

## Suggested alternative:

See the recommendation below.

## References:

Based on a self-conducted study among members of Circular Friesland Association

## NOTES

This Factsheet is a condensed version paragraph 2 of Circular Friesland Association's policy recommendations.

See recommendations below

1. On the Dutch market, European labels and product approvals for building materials and installations are permitted and made importable for the National Environmental Database and BENG, provided they meet Dutch standards.
2. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology will be established at the European level.
3. The preparation of an LCA will receive financial support.
4. A minimum percentage of 70% biobased material will be established for a product to be labeled as 'biobased.' This percentage will increase, taking market feasibility into account to accelerate the transition.
5. There will be a label at the building level indicating the mass percentage of biobased material.
6. Circularity must become part of building permits, for example, through minimum percentages of circularity, take-back guarantees, and reuse potential.
7. Encourage circular and biobased building through an investment deduction in corporate tax for housing corporations.
8. The architectural advisory board will provide advice and promote circular and biobased building.