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Guidelines to understand if and when an adhesive tape and film are considered packaging and their categories under the PPWR to comply with.

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Scope

This document aims to help Afera members to understand the requirements the PPWR poses on their products. It includes two decision trees to understand what are the requirements that a product needs to comply, either if the product is used in a packaging application or in general for all products independently of their application.

Target audience

This document is targeted to manufacturers and converters of adhesive tapes and films.

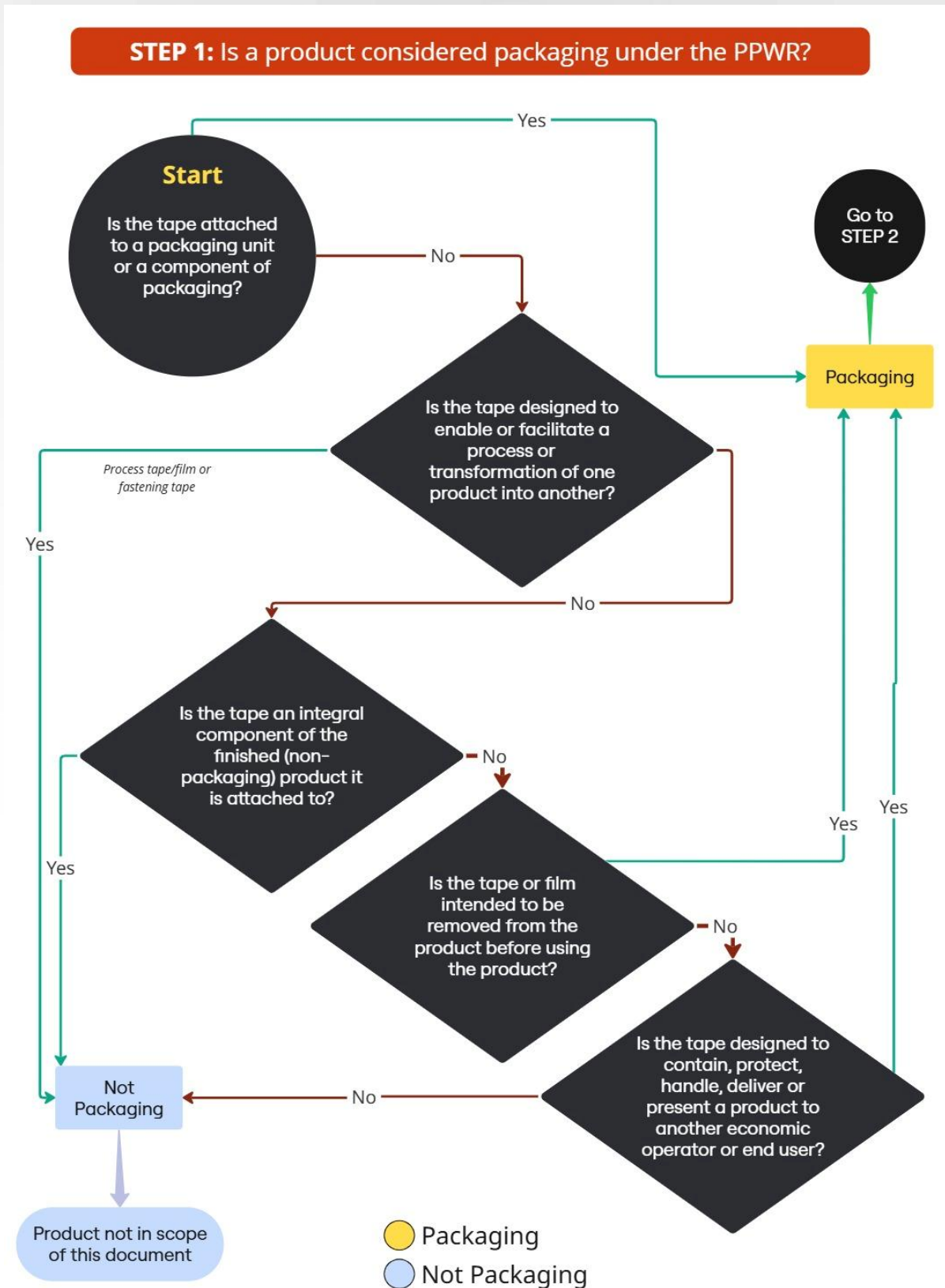
Decision trees

Application of a tape or film as packaging

To understand if a product is packaging or not, and what type of packaging it is. At the end of decision tree, reader would know for a packaging product what recycling stream would need to be assessed for DfR requirements.

STEP 1: Is a product considered packaging under the PPWR?

For full details, we refer readers to [Afera's position on tapes under PPWR](#).

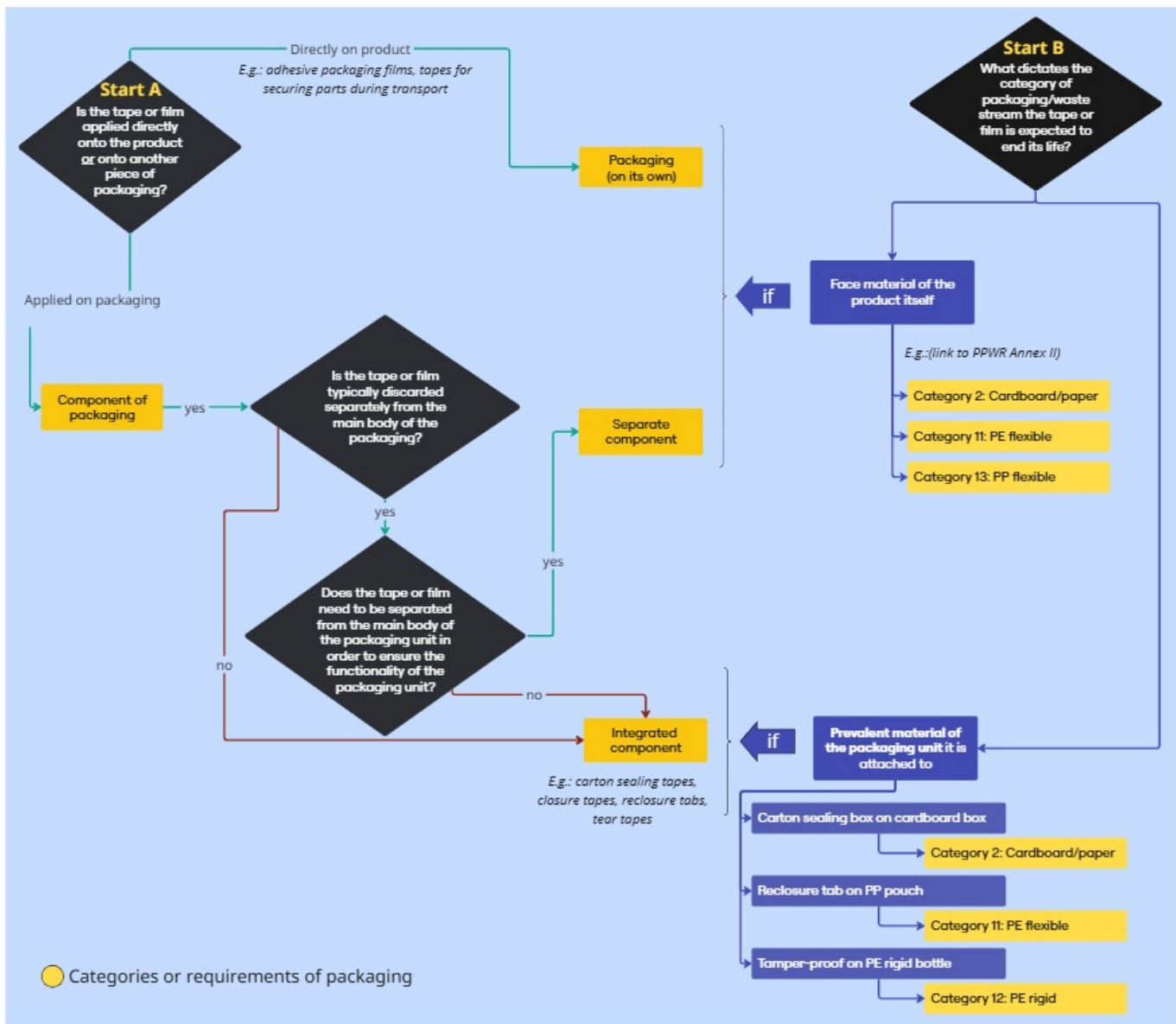


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STEP 2: What categories of requirements under the PPWR should the product comply with?

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The below decision trees (indicated by a colour shade) are independent from each other.
 The grey decision tree indicates the function(s) of the packaging unit the product is incorporated on.
 The purple decision tree indicates (Start A) if the specific product is packaging on its own or a component of packaging, and (Start B) what material category of DfR guidelines the product needs to comply with.



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