


Tackling Pellet Loss: Potential Measures

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Study to Quantify Pellet Emissions in the UK

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Options for Reducing Emissions of Pre-production Plastic Pellets, Powders and Flakes

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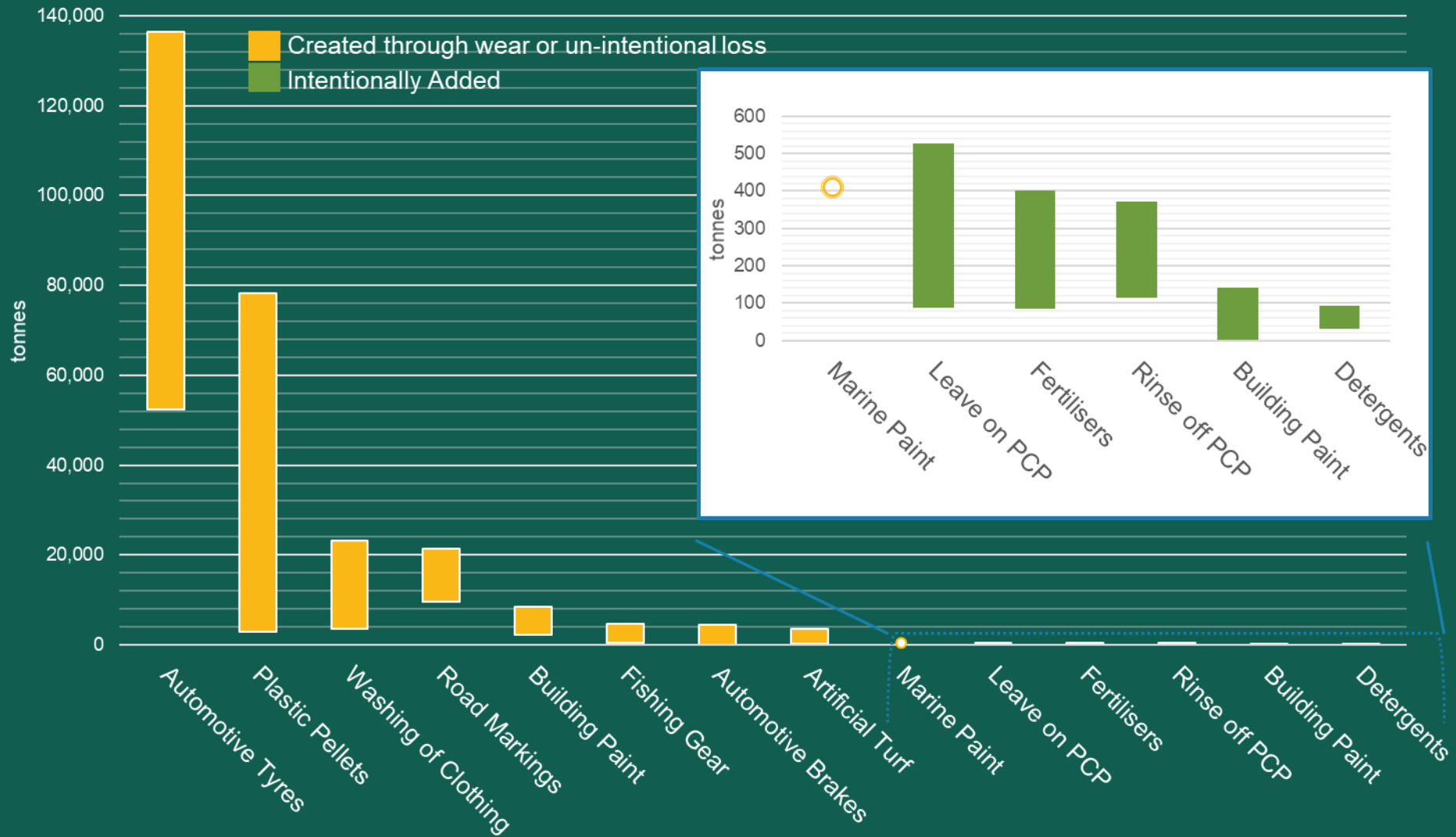
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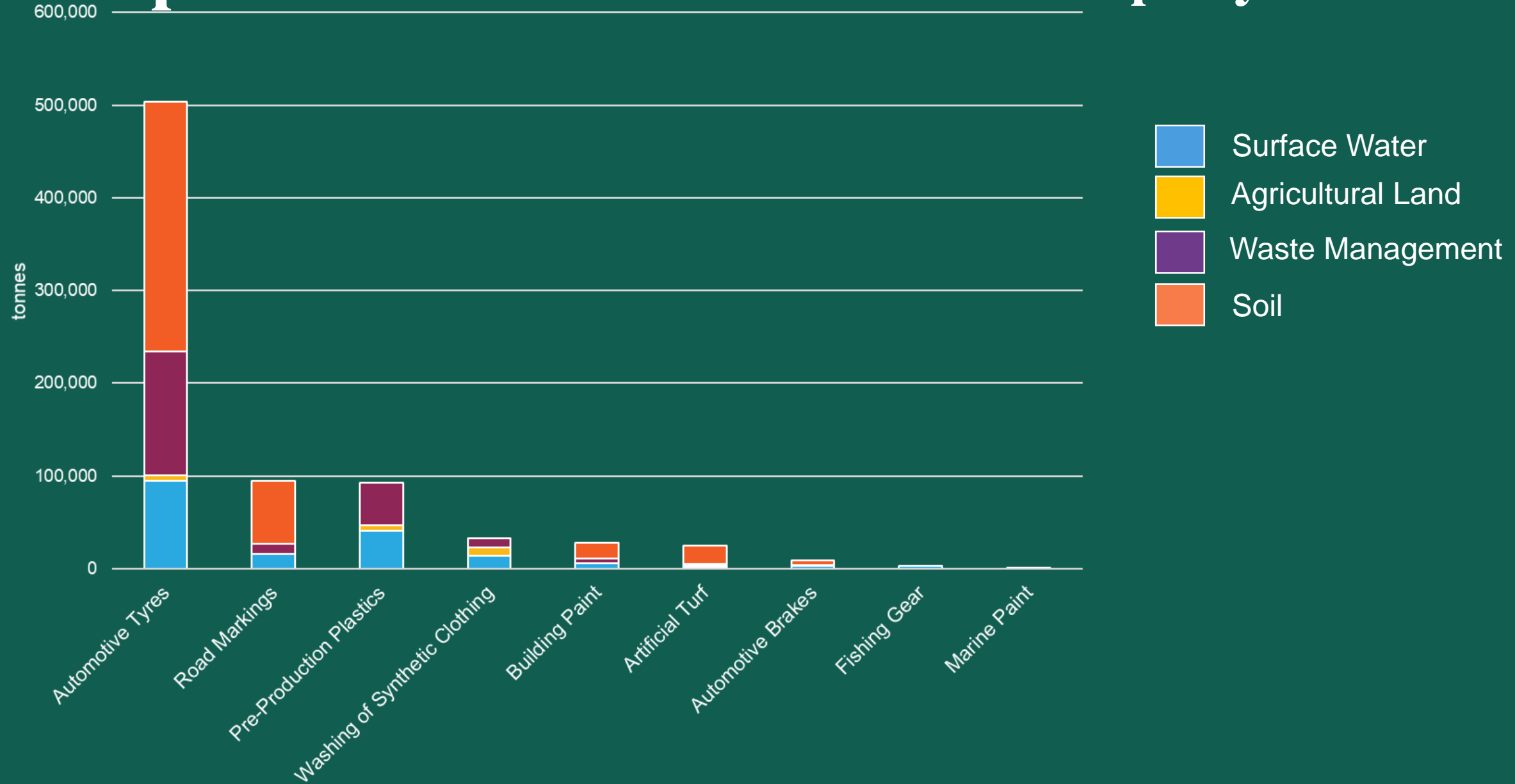
"Investigating options for reducing releases in the aquatic environment of microplastics emitted by (but not intentionally added in) products"



Microplastic Release to Surface Water



Microplastic Sinks ~ 0.8million tonnes per year



Option 1 – Horizontal Measures

Amending the Polymer Production BREF to include best practice pellet loss prevention measures as BAT, *plus* a Regulation on the Transport of Pellets, *plus* a Regulation on Plastic Converters

Option 2 – Regulation Requiring Supply Chain Accreditation

With a focus on supply chains, rather than on horizontal ‘stages’, this Option would reinforce vertical integration of best practices within the supply chain

Pre-Production Plastics Regulation which mandates Supply Chain Standards

- A regulatory measure
- Tackles all elements of the supply chain from end user to converter to producer
 - End users would be brands placing plastic on the market such as Danone, Coca Cola, BMW etc.
- Applied in a way familiar to business in the supply chain that already have to commit to certain standards for their customers
 - Product quality, safety standards etc.

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- Regulation would require those placing plastics on the market (large businesses in the first instance) to ensure their entire supply chain demonstrates 'best practice measures'
- Best practice measures, building on OCS, to be determined by an expert group
 - (industry experts, Commission, NGOs)

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- **Brand owners demonstrate compliance through the use of:**
 - one of a number of accredited, independent, privately operated standards organisations
 - with independent audit, repeated annually, ensuring continued compliance
- **The Commission and National Regulators would have oversight of the standards organisations and the audits**
 - Reviewing a sample
 - Regulators need not directly audit each facility and transport provider

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- Which end-users should be covered?
 - In principle anyone who places plastics on the EU market
 - However, sensible to start with large businesses to avoid burden on SMEs

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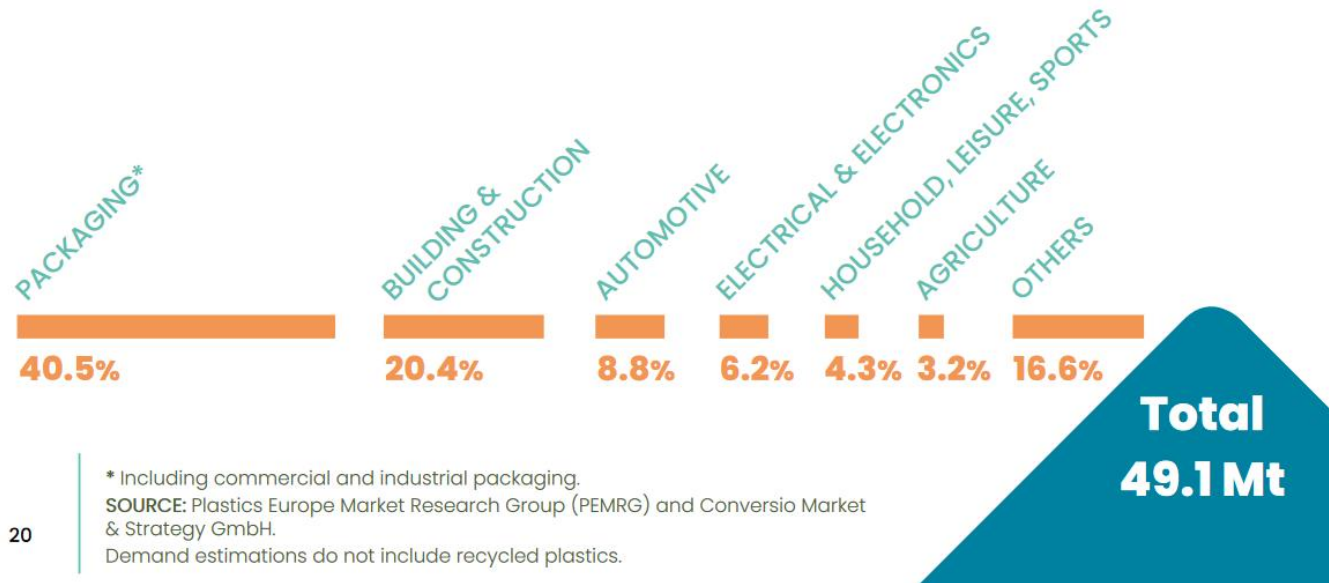
EU27+3 converters plastics demand **BY SEGMENTS 2020**



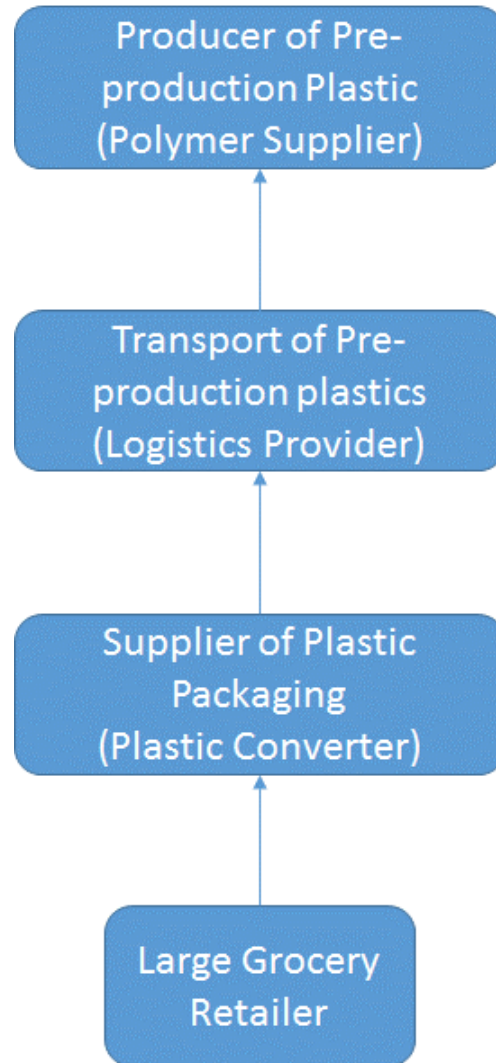
Packaging and Building & Construction by far represent the largest end-use markets.

The third biggest end-use market is the **Automotive Industry**.

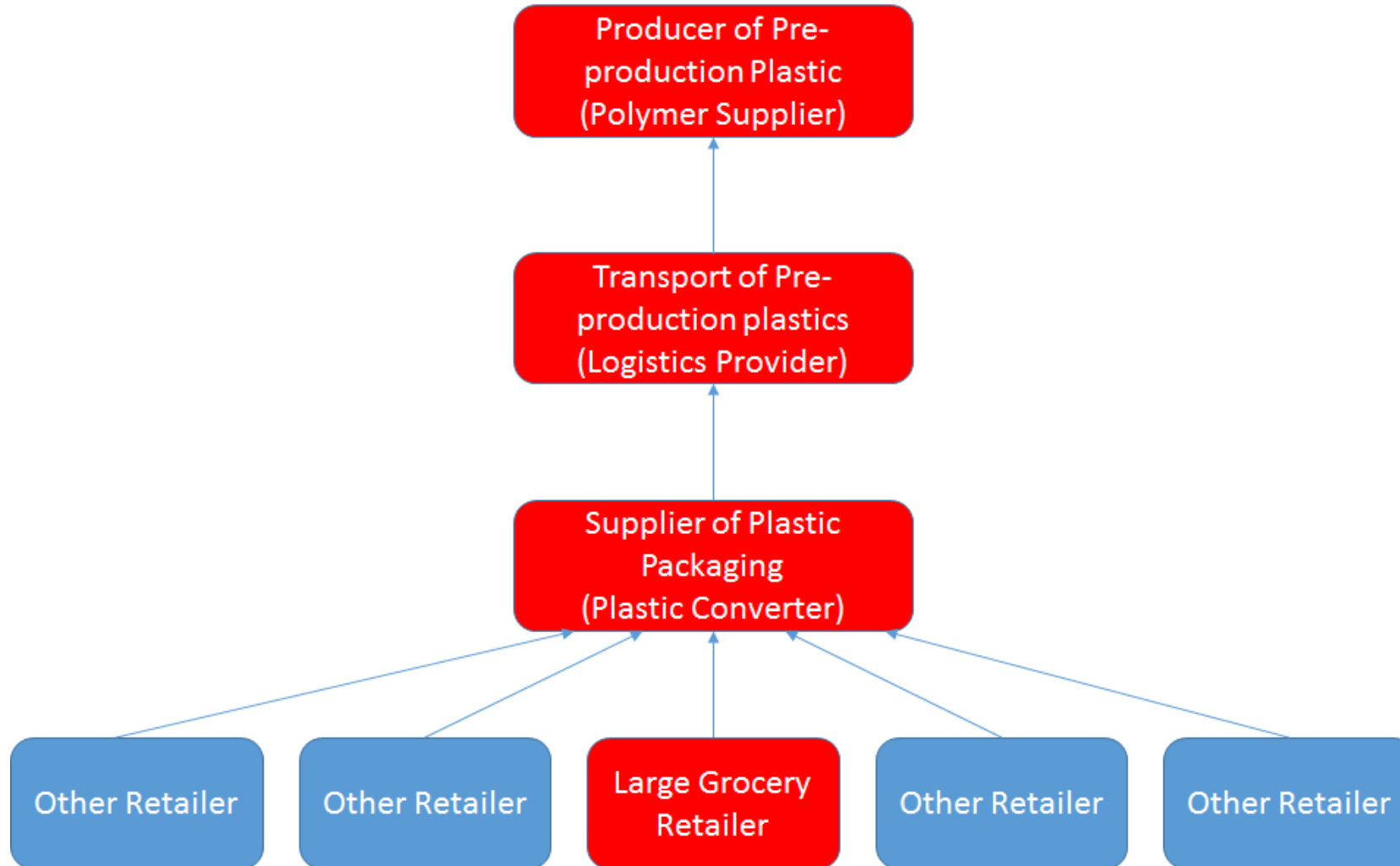
"Others" includes plastics for furniture, medical applications, machinery and mechanical engineering, technical parts etc.



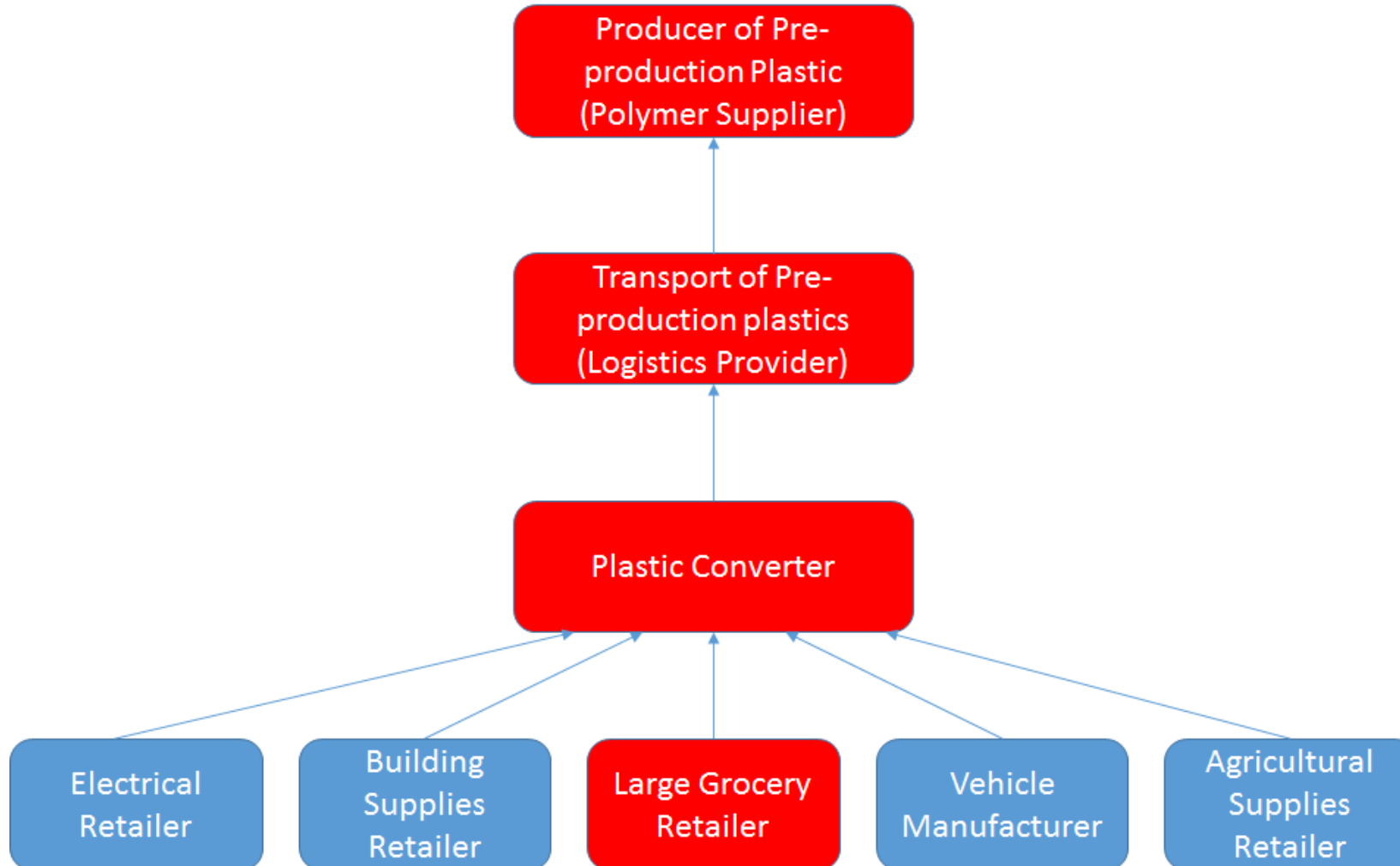
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