



Trade Assurance Schemes Joining up the agricultural supply chain



Increasingly, the supply chains providing inputs to UK farms and taking produce to first processors rely on assurance to meet an increasingly complex legal environment. The Agricultural Industries Confederation manages four schemes to provide assurance and security along supply chains dealing with food, livestock feeds and fertiliser.

Delivering real benefits to businesses involved with food, feed ingredients and fertilisers:

- ✓ manage risk
- ✓ comply with regulation
- ✓ join up with farm and food assurance schemes
- ✓ provide due diligence defence
- ✓ mutual recognition with many European schemes

These schemes are primarily designed for:

- Feed compounders
- Fertiliser manufacturers
- Agricultural merchants

However, many other businesses are eligible to participate including: hauliers, storekeepers, ports, shipping operators, and testing facilities.

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AIC schemes joining up the food



FEMAS deals with a diverse range of feed ingredients including: fishmeal, surplus food, natural minerals and feed additives. Assurance by FEMAS or another recognised scheme is a requirement of UFAS. The scheme has high market coverage.



FARM



FIAS addresses fertiliser security and traceability. The pioneering scheme is now being looked at by other parts of Europe. Participation is high amongst UK fertiliser manufacturers and merchants and an increasing number of hauliers are joining.



Assurance Checker – online and real time

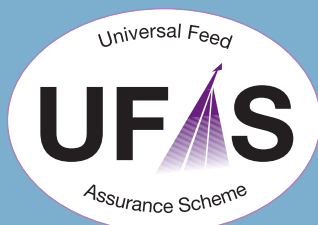
Anyone who needs be sure that a company is a current participant in the AIC schemes can use the online 'Assurance Checker'.

This shows whether companies are currently certified or suspended. This service helps you manage your supply chain and meet your customers requirements.



Assurance Checker is available at www.agindustries.org.uk

and feed supply chains



UFAS covers feed compounding and feed merchenting. It helps achieve 'safe feed' for both the feed and food supply chains. Participants: approx 700 in UK and Ireland. Market coverage: c. 95%.



Food industry and consumer



TASCC deals primarily with combinable crops (cereals, oilseeds, pulses, etc). It covers trading, testing, transport and storage of crops and other feed materials. Participants: approx 1030. Market coverage: over 95%



Practical schemes run by the industry, for the industry...

The Agricultural Industries Confederation is responsible for the overall management of these schemes. However, each scheme engages with industry and regulators through steering and working groups.

This approach ensures schemes:

- are practical to operate
- are up to date with regulations
- avoid unnecessary red tape
- reflect current working practices
- meet the needs of food and feed customers

All codes of practice are regularly updated with industry input to ensure any changes in requirement from governments, industry or customers are taken fully into account.

...and independently audited

Each year companies participating in the AIC schemes are independently audited against the codes of practice. Auditors are practical, experienced people who aim to help participants improve their practices and comply with industry requirements. Participants have to remedy any non-conformances identified on audit, before they can be certified.

EN45011 accreditation

All our schemes are accredited by UKAS and the internationally recognised standard EM45011.

What AIC assurance schemes deliver

Satisfy the needs of customers, government and industry

All four assurance schemes deliver a due diligence framework to manage risk in food/feed safety and fertiliser security.

Added value

The schemes aim to reduce duplication of audits and avoid any divergence in requirements.

European access

The food and feed schemes are mutually recognised by other European schemes. This allows free movement of trade and goods across borders. It also reduces participants costs and paperwork.

Technical information – online, in print, in person

AIC's website has dedicated areas for each scheme putting the latest information at your fingertips day or night. Regular email briefings are issued to participants as well as occasional newsletters. Each year seminars are held to enable you to learn and question the experts face to face.



Discounted services for Health & Safety as well as employment

In partnership with Croner, AIC offers participants support and guidance in the constantly changing areas of Health & Safety as well as employment law at significantly discounted rates.



Lower insurance premiums

Insurance brokers have assessed participants in the feed schemes as 'lower risk', thus lower rate premiums can be enjoyed.



For further information on all AIC assurance schemes and associated services, please call AIC on 01733 385230 or visit the website www.agindustries.org.uk

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The Agricultural Industries Confederation was established in 2003 to serve the needs of the UK agri-supply trade. AIC represents and protects UK agribusinesses, by lobbying EU and UK governments, delivering relevant information to its membership and offering technical support.

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