

AIC RED II Module Voluntary Scheme Annual Report 2024

a) Independence, Modality and Frequency of Auditing

All AIC RED II Module audits are completed concurrently with the AIC TASCC Scheme by an independent certification body appointed by AIC.

Appointed Certification Body

During 2024 the following certification body carried out RED audits:

Kiwa Agrifood
The Inspire
Hornbeam Square West
Harrogate
HG2 8PA

Auditing

During 2024 AIC RED II audits were carried out either on site or remotely and in conjunction with the TASCC scheme.

| Scheme | No. Audits/ Companies | No. Sites | Routine Audits | Short Notice Audits | Remote Audit | Initial Audit | Extra Assessment | Audits on site |
|--------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| TASCC | 58 | 66 | 47 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 51 |

b) Non-Conformances and complaints

Across the 58 audits carried out under the AIC RED II Module a total of 5 non-conformances were identified at a total of 5 businesses (i.e. 53 audits had no RED II non-conformances raised)

All non-conformances were classified as “minor” according to the scheme rules in place at the time¹, and all were rectified in the required timescales.

| Clause Number | Clause wording | Times raised |
|---------------|--|--------------|
| R1.1 Minor | Scheme Participants must be able to show that any procured crops for biofuel use are compliant to the requirements of Renewable Energy Directive (REDII) – Directive (EU) 2018/2001. | 3 |
| R3.1.1 Minor | All information relating the GHG calculation must be provided to the buyer of the goods and be clearly identifiable as to the consignment it relates to. | 2 |

Non-conformance details and corrective actions

| Clause Number | Non-conformance detail | Corrective action |
|--|---|--|
| R1.1 | The business has not yet signed up to automatic RED status updates from Red Tractor assurance to control sustainability assurance data for farmer suppliers.* | Setting up an automated process (API) interface with Red Tractor to keep these details up to date on a daily basis. Evidence was provided to show where the RT details are confirmed to be correct on the RT Assurance Checker (this was applied for all 3 sites) |
| *Non-conformance raised at one business across 3 sites | | |
| R3.1.1 | Sustainability Declarations are not fully completed, GHG emissions were not expressed correctly | System updated to contain values to avoid future errors. Evidence provided with corrected NUTS2 sheet and mass balance. A copy of the sustainability declaration |

¹ Note all non-conformances are listed according to the clause numbers from AIC REDII Module V3.

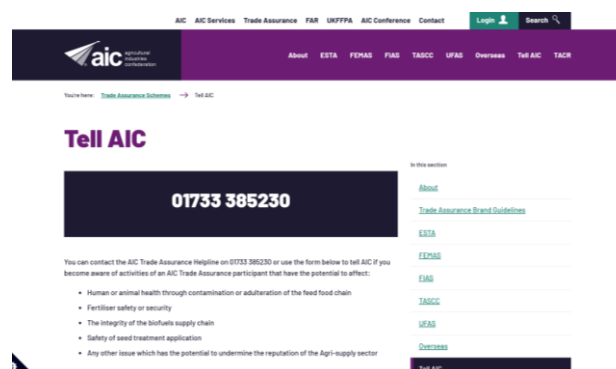
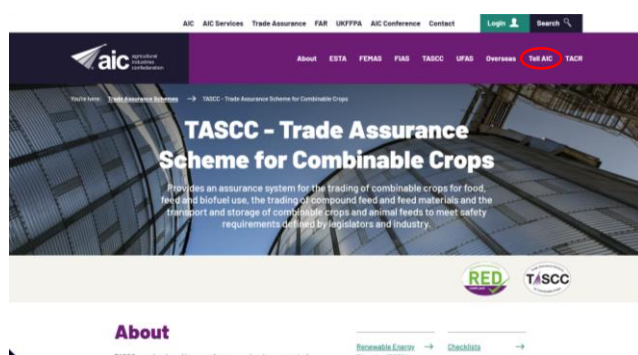
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| | The business is issuing sustainability declarations for greenhouse gas emissions for a commodity without NUTS2 values | for wheat and rapeseed also provided. Incorrectly declared the NUTS2 for the commodity. Confirmation received notifying of the error. |
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Complaints

No complaints were received either in relation to the operation of the scheme or in relation to the activities of certified participants.

Complaints can be reported directly to AIC via the Tell AIC button available at the top of each Trade Assurance page on the AIC website, see screen shots below. Complaints can be reported by phone, email or via the online form. The investigation process is detailed on the website.

<https://www.agindustries.org.uk/sectors/trade-assurance-schemes/tell-aic.html>




c) Transparency

The AIC RED II Module is publicly available in English on the AIC website

<https://www.agindustries.org.uk/resource/2021-aic-redii-module.html> and is not translated into any other language due to the availability of certification being limited to businesses based within the United Kingdom. The list of currently certified businesses can be found on the AIC Assurance Checker [AIC | Trade Assurance Schemes \(agindustries.org.uk\)](#) by selecting the scheme TASCC and sub scheme RED. The criteria for Certified and Withdrawn status of Participants can be selected.

AIC Trade Assurance Checker



Displaying 70 results

A & N Grain Trading Ltd Withdrawn

The merchenting of bulk combinable crops, dry feed materials and compound animal feeding stuffs. The compliance of the Renewable Energy Directive (REDII).

Address: 53 High Street
Leintwardine
Craven Arms
SY7 0LO
England

Scheme: TASCC
Sub scheme: Merchant,RED
Scheme ID: YY2892
Expiry: 31 March 2027

You can login to save the search and save the trade assurance member

Scheme and sub scheme —

☒ TASCC

☐ Storage

☐ Haulage

☐ Merchant

☐ Testing

☒ RED

Scheme status —

☐ Certified

☐ Withdrawn

A L Cox & Sons Ltd (incorporating A L Cox & Sons) Certified

The haulage of bulk combinable crops, dry feed materials/ingredients, compound animal feeding stuffs and as-grown cereal/herbage seed. The storage of combinable crops and dry feed materials at Norcross Store. The merchenting of combinable crops in bulk. The compliance of the Renewable Energy Directive (REDII).

All the Certificate details listed as being required to be made public in the Directive 2018/ 2001 may be found via the register checker. Copies of company certificates are not published on the website to minimise the risk of fraudulent use. In accordance with the principles of confidentiality within ISO 17065 audit findings and audit reports cannot be published by the scheme. As part of the annual reporting requirements AIC makes available the list of all non-conformances raised and the corrective actions put in place, but these are not linked to individual businesses or audits.

d) Stakeholder Involvement

Due to the entirely UK based, domestic, nature of the AIC RED Module, consultation processes are limited to close cooperation with the UK farm assurance schemes Red Tractor and Scottish Quality Crops, and the UK Combinable Crops Sector, for whom AIC is the representative trade association.

e) Robustness

All audits are carried out by trained auditors working under contract to independent certification bodies holding BS EN ISO 17065 accreditation from the United Kingdom Accreditation Service.

Audit reports are made available on request by the certification bodies to AIC.

Approval of auditors is subject to agreed criteria on qualifications and experience, with annual training carried out by the certification body.

No. of auditors: 12

Last auditor training: 20 March 2025 updated training to be provided for REDIII Module.

f) Market Updates

A spreadsheet containing market data for AIC RED II Module participants is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

The data reported is based on the volumes of feedstock traded by AIC RED Module Participants for which RED GHG data was requested. All feedstocks are sourced from either Red Tractor or Scottish Quality Crops certified growers, and as such will duplicate some of the figures supplied by those schemes.

Number of AIC RED Module certified participants:

Companies: 55 TASCC

Sites: 66 TASCC

g) Conformity with Sustainability criteria

The AIC RED Module scope is limited to the trading of combinable crops produced by growers certified to either Red Tractor or Scottish Quality Cereals. The status of growers, including their compliance with the Renewable Energy Directive criteria can be found on their respective websites.

Red Tractor: [Checkers & Services](#)

Scottish Quality Crops: <https://www.sqcrops.co.uk/member-checker/>

Note that both schemes require pre-registration to gain access to the approved lists.

Due to the nature of the supply chain and the market coverage of the farm assurance schemes within the UK, the risk of fraudulent activity by AIC RED Module participants is considered to be extremely low.

h) Monitoring of Certification Bodies

Under UK and European Data Protection legislation, AIC is considered to be the owner of all data collected during the course of the audit process, and as such has full access to all relevant information.

The contract in place with the appointed certification body also specifies the requirement for access to be granted to any relevant competent authorities.

In 2024 a tender was carried out, the objective of the tender is to appoint an organisation to act as a Certifying Body for the Trade Assurance Scheme for Combinable Crops (TASCC) incorporating RED in accordance with the most suitable current ISO accreditation for Conformity Assessment. 17 certification bodies were invited to tender and submit a proposal, 4 certification bodies were selected and interviewed by a panel of representatives from AIC and the industry, who are also members of the TASCC Working Group committee. Kiwa were awarded the new contract which is effective from 1 April 2025 for a 4 year period.

The certification body is subject to annual visits by AIC Technical Managers to review the operation of all AIC schemes, in addition to the accreditation processes carried out by UKAS. The annual audit included reviewing RED audit reports based on risk i.e. all audits where non-conformances were raised and as a random sample.

i) Criteria for Certification Bodies

AIC Feed/ Food safety schemes appoint a single certification body to ensure a consistent, robust approach to auditing. For the AIC RED module, during 2024 one certification body audited the scheme, Kiwa Agrifood. Certification bodies are appointed following a transparent tender process (as detailed above) and contracts are awarded for a period of 4 years.

j) Improvement and facilitation of best practice

To ensure that all businesses have access to information on best practice and retain all relevant records the European Commission may consider producing a range of template documents for use by certified businesses within the recognised voluntary schemes.

The European Commission might consider adding additional feedstocks to the drop down lists on the data reporting spreadsheet. In particular for the UK the addition of Barley would be useful to avoid the use of “other cereals” or “other feedstocks” in the data.

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Master copy completed tonnages data

Audit duration data (note audits carried out in conjunction with TASCC, UFAS and FIAS)

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