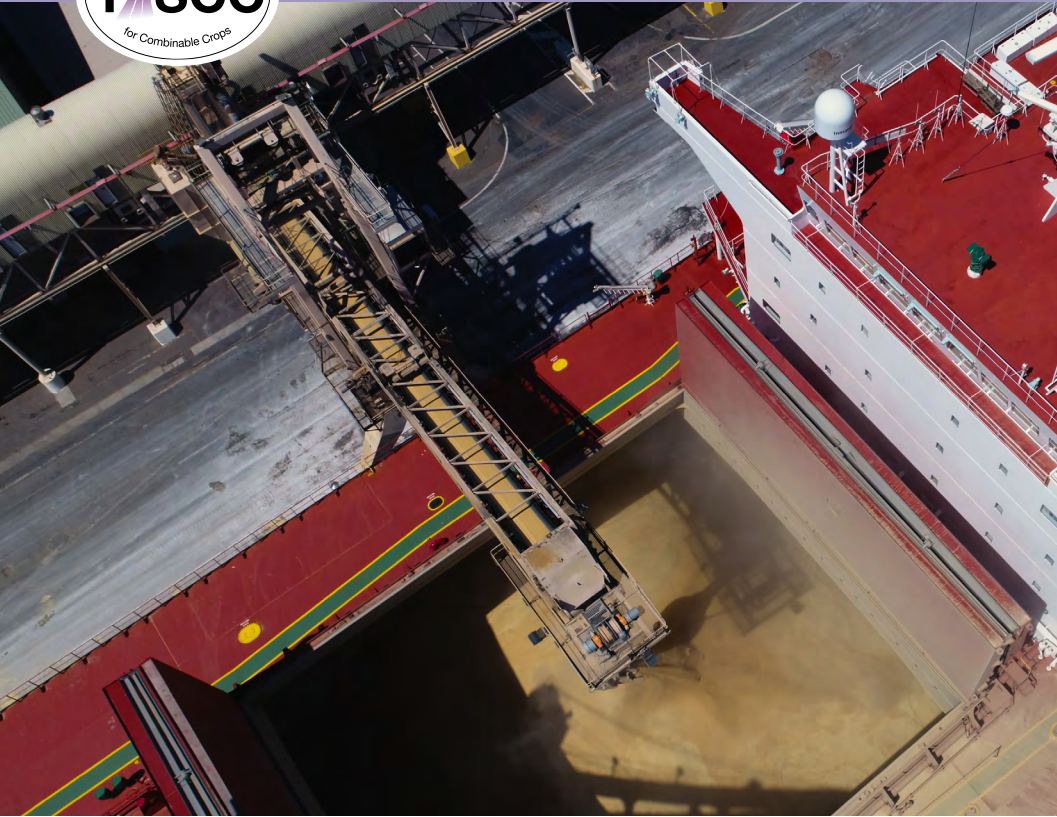


TASCCforce

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TRADE ASSURANCE SCHEME FOR COMBINABLE CROPS



Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of TASCCforce. In this issue, we will cover the ongoing disruption due to the invasion in Ukraine, as well as updates and announcements on audits, driver welfare facilities, training modules, and more.

As always, we welcome all feedback from Members and Participants, and encourage you to get in touch should you wish to make any suggestions or requests. AIC wants to make your voice heard.



Gill Barrow
Technical Manager

Supply chain disruption

We are all painfully aware of the humanitarian crisis and resulting international supply disruption caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. AIC continues to monitor the situation both overseas and within the UK, working closely with Government to inform them of any supply chain disruptions in a variety of areas including transportation, sanctions information and commodity updates, with the aim to secure a safe and robust feed and food supply chain for the UK.

Any impact on the feed and food schemes has been minimal so far. However, any feedback in this area should be sent to gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk so any necessary action can be taken.

Participant audit feedback

Thank you to TASCC participants for completing the Kiwa Audit Feedback Forms. Your comments and feedback are vital to the development and management of the TASCC Scheme.



NEW Elected Chair of the TASCC Working Group

Cecilia Pryce, Head of Compliance at Openfield, has been elected as TASCC Working Group Chair. Cecilia has over 30 years experience working in the grain industry and her extensive knowledge of trading commodities, legislation, and trade assurance is invaluable. Cecilia's role has allowed her to expand her knowledge in contract management systems and day-to-day compliance issues, as well as all aspects of both trade and farm assurance.

On being elected, Cecilia said:

“Trade assurance needs to be part of our daily trading, proving the UK grain and feed industry is best in class and providing what the consumer wants before they ask for it. The future is bright, but we need to ensure we are writing the changes and not just chasing around trying to make the current system appropriate after the event.”



Driver welfare facilities

Covid-19 affected the haulage industry in many ways – many drivers were furloughed along with the testing backlog and difficulties of visiting sites at the height of the pandemic due to strict rules and protocols.

One area of initial concern was the lack of provision or access to welfare facilities for visiting drivers. We have seen very positive steps taken across the sector to provide and manage such facilities throughout the pandemic. It is particularly important that we build on this good work in order to attract people into the haulage sector. If any sites visited do not meet their legal obligations of providing drivers with access to clean welfare facilities, please email us at gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk



Parking and washing facilities for trucks

Participants who wish to collaborate and allow other TASCC Participants to use their parking and – if available – truck washing facilities, please do get in touch with your postal address and postcode via gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk

AIC would like to produce a directory listing where vehicles can park up safely and make use of available truck washing facilities across the country.



Return to on-site audits

The challenges experienced by everyone in the last two years – both personally and professionally – have shown how resilient and adaptable the industry is. In January, we began phasing in a return to on-site auditing. From April, all audits have returned to being performed in person.

Thank you to both Kiwa and all Participants for adjusting so quickly during the period where remote auditing became necessary. Developments in our IT infrastructure and the increased usage of the portal will continue to be developed, helping us all to continually maintain the highest standards and ensure feed and food safety.



New AHDB Analyst Training Modules Available

The AHDB website now includes a new module for Linseed, as part of our drive to continually provide modules that are developed and written by industry experts. There is now an option to print or receive modules via email should you wish. To access the modules, please go to the AHDB website and register. All courses can be viewed prior to registration and a new module for maize will be available in the next few months.



Hired Trailers

As of 1st April, it is now a requirement to hire rigid vehicles and trailers from a TASCC certified company. As per the Haulage Code of Practice, you are still required to uniquely identify the trailer with numbers or letters and with your Scheme ID on both sides and rear of the vehicle. The hire company will label the trailer on the front.

Please email gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk for further details on how to become certified or to find out which companies are TASCC certified.

HACCP for Agri-Food Level 2 e-learning course

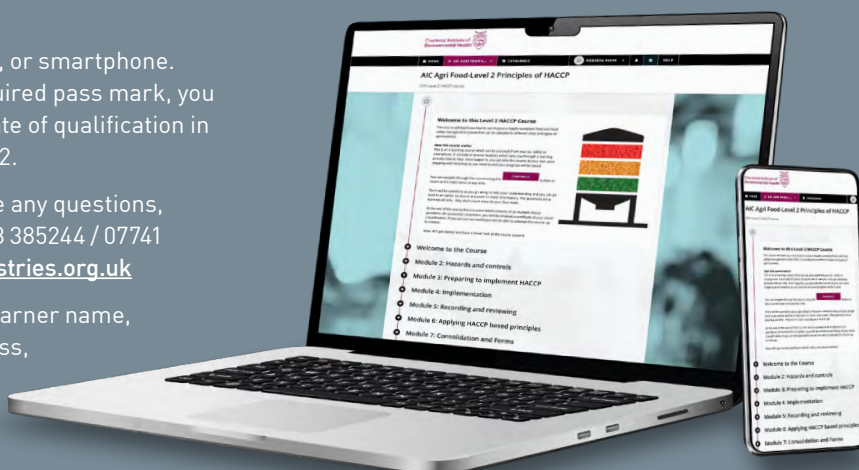
The course has been designed specifically for those in the agri-food sector, including feed, crops for feed, food and for all types of businesses, from feed mills to merchants, stores, and transport companies.

The course uses examples and illustrations relevant to the sector and aims to help agri-food businesses meet legal obligations regarding HACCP while extending awareness and supporting internal training.

The course is accessible via PC, tablet, or smartphone. Upon completion and meeting the required pass mark, you will receive a CIEH accredited certificate of qualification in Principles of HACCP Agri-Food, Level 2.

To sign up for the course, or if you have any questions, please contact Roberta Reeve on 01733 385244 / 07741 156512 or email roberta.reeve@agindustries.org.uk

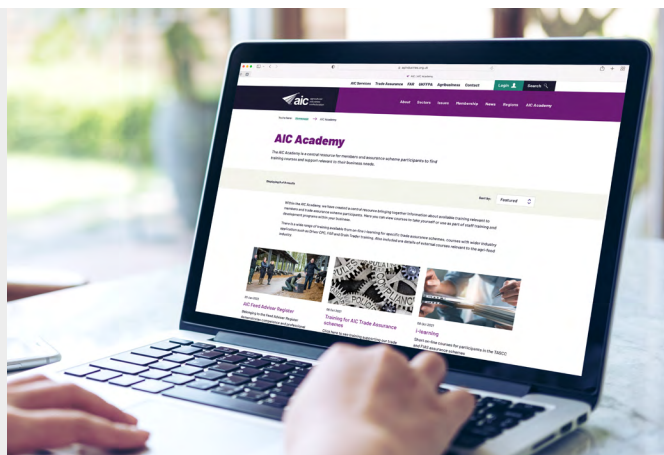
Details required for registration are learner name, email address, business, or site address, and, if applicable, your AIC scheme number.



AIC Academy

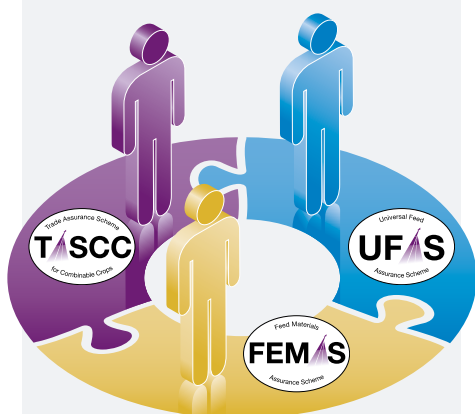
AIC has brought together all its training resources for AIC Members, trade assurance scheme participants, and feed advisers under the banner of "AIC Academy".

The AIC Academy is available on the AIC website and lists all training available, including support for trade assurance schemes such as i-learning, HACCP, and driver CPC courses, as well as the Feed Adviser Register and general courses such as compliance law. [You can find out more by visiting the webpage here.](#)



Joint Scheme Development Project

In December 2020, a group was formed to jointly develop a common set of requirements and wording for the FEMAS, TASCC, and UFAS schemes. The committee is made up of industry representatives from each scheme; this will assist participants who are certified to multiple schemes whilst maintaining consistency of requirements. The revised schemes will launch in the first half of 2024.



TASCC short notice audits

AIC planned to introduce short notice audits in 2020 in response to market demands from customers and stakeholders. This was postponed due to the pandemic and remote auditing. The short notice programme has been reinstated since returning to on-site audits.

Participants will be given 24 hours' notice by the auditor. When booking your audit, you will be notified if it falls within your rotation year of being short notice.

If your TASCC audit is carried out in conjunction with another AIC assurance scheme audit, your TASCC audit will be conducted at short notice including the other AIC Scheme or you can opt out and only have your TASCC audit. Your non-TASCC audit will be scheduled separately; the cost saving granted by a joint audit will be lost and the separate audit will be invoiced as a standard fee.

