

AIC RED III Module Voluntary Scheme Annual Report 2025

a) Independence, Modality and Frequency of Auditing

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

Appointed Certification Body

During 2025 the following certification body carried out RED audits:

Kiwa Agrifood
The Inspire
Hornbeam Square West
Harrogate
HG2 8PA

Auditing

During 2025 AIC RED III 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 ¹	Remote Audit	Initial Audit	Audits on site	Total audits
TASCC	52	60	49	9	11	0	49	60

b) Non-Conformances and complaints

Across the 60 audits carried out under the AIC RED III Module a total of 9 non-conformances were identified at a total of 3 businesses (i.e. 57 audits had zero non-conformances raised)

¹ Short Notice Audits are carried out in addition to a routine audit, once within a three-year certification period.

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

Clause Number	Clause wording	Times raised
R2.4	To ensure compliance with Article 30(5) of the REDII, the participant must provide to the Certification Body by the 31st January each year an annual total of the amount of feedstocks traded by origin and type for the preceding calendar year 1st January to 31st December. The data must be submitted in the RED Voluntary Schemes Data template	1
R3.1.1	All information relating to the GHG calculation must be provided to the buyer of the goods and be clearly identifiable as to the consignment it relates	4
R1.1	Scheme participants must be able to show that any procured crops for biofuel use are compliant to the requirements of Renewable Energy Directive (RED II) - Directive (EU) 2018/2001	2
R3.3	Crops used to produce biofuels and bioliquids must not have been produced on land subject to land use change since January 2008.	1
R3.1	Records shall be maintained in such a way as to provide sufficient information to be passed along the supply chain to enable a GHG calculation to be undertaken in accordance with Article 29 (10) of Directive 2018/2001/EC.	1

Non-conformance details and corrective actions

Clause Number	Non-conformance detail	Corrective action
R2.4	No details available to confirm Kiwa have been informed of total amount of feed stocks traded in the last 12mths (01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024)	Data emailed to Kiwa.
R3.1.1	No details available to confirm the customer has been informed of GHG calculations + NUTS2 areas	Corrective action document emailed to confirm zero material sold under certificate number.
	No details available to confirm the customer has been informed of GHG calculations + NUTS2 areas	At the execution of the contract sustainability declaration removed as not traded under RED.
	No details available to confirm the customer has been informed of GHG calculations + NUTS2 areas	Sustainability Declaration submitted.

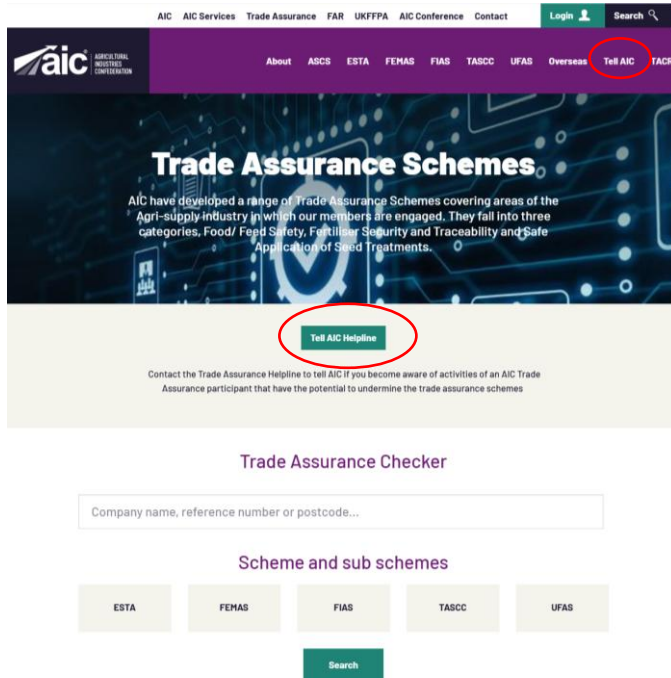
	No details seen available to confirm that sufficient information is being passed along the supply chain to enable a GHG calculation to be undertaken	Sales contract and sustainability declaration submitted and internal trace system detailing NUTS2 region
R1.1	Intake of OSR not listed on the Red Tractor checker	Farm Assurance Checker submitted as evidence
	Farm not seen listed on the Red Tractor checker	Investment into IT systems to have dropdown selection of load site/s on weighbridge software & evidence of farm assurance status
R3.3	Farm appears not to be registered on the Red Tractor portal	Incorrect address listed, instructions given to ensure correct collection address is recorded
R3.1	No GHG & NUTS2 details seen provided for the OSR trace	Load instruction, contract and sustainability declaration submitted

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>

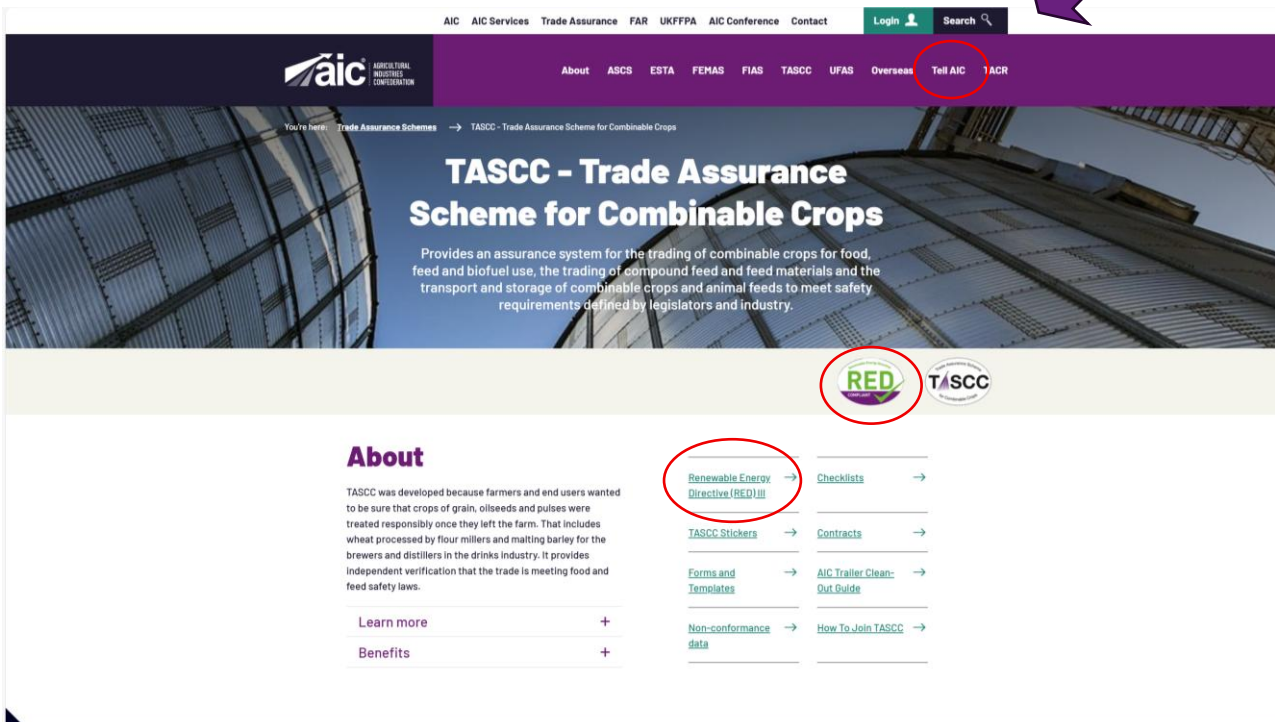


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[AIC | TASC - Trade Assurance Scheme for Combinable Crops](#)

TASC web page
Tell AIC



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Tell AIC



You can contact the AIC Trade Assurance Helpline on 01733 385230 or use the form below to tell AIC if you become aware of activities of an AIC Trade Assurance participant that have the potential to affect:

- Human or animal health through contamination or adulteration of the feed food chain
- Fertiliser safety or security
- The integrity of the biofuels supply chain
- Safety of seed treatment application
- Any other issue which has the potential to undermine the reputation of the Agri-supply sector

All information provided will be treated in confidence.

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c) Transparency

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

<https://www.agindustries.org.uk/resource/2025-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).

<p>Address: 53 High Street Leintwardine Craven Arms SY7 0LO England</p>	<p>Scheme: TASCC Sub scheme: Merchant,RED Scheme ID: YY2892 Expiry: 31 March 2027</p>
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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 Renewable Energy Directive (RED III) – Revised Directive EU/ 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 III 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: 15

Last auditor training: 19 March 2026

f) Market Updates

A spreadsheet containing market data for AIC RED III 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 III Module certified participants:

Companies: 52 TASCC

Sites: 60 TASCC

g) Conformity with Sustainability criteria

The AIC RED III 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.scoteid.com/sqc>

Note that both schemes require pre-registration to gain access to the approved lists and as of October 2025 SQC became a paid for service, available via subscription as a SQC Affiliate Member.

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 III 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. A copy of the Scheme Owner Audit is submitted to the European Commission.

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 III Module, during 2025 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

The TASCC Working Group consists of industry representatives, consultants, member companies, TASCC & RED certified participants, certification body representation and stakeholders. RED III is an agenda item each meeting which ensures the supply chain is provided with up-to-date information.

The Feed & Food Assurance Steering Group which oversees the governance of the AIC schemes ensures the schemes remain fit for purpose, are robust and promote best practice.

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Master copy completed tonnages data

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

TASCC Scheme Owner Audit

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