

FEMAS update

THE NEWSLETTER OF AIC's FEED MATERIALS ASSURANCE SCHEME



Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn 2025 FEMAS newsletter. We are pleased to share the latest updates and important news for FEMAS Participants.

Many of you will have completed your first audit against the FEMAS 2024 Standard. We welcome feedback from FEMAS Participants, both on the Standard itself and on your overall audit experience.

Your input plays a vital role in shaping the future of the Scheme, helping to ensure FEMAS continues to deliver feed safety effectively and in line with industry and legislative requirements.



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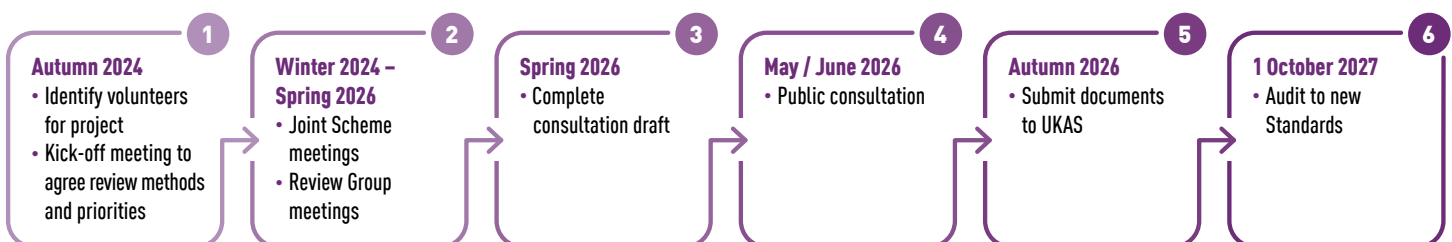
Assurance Scheme development: A continuous process

For Quality Assurance professionals, developing effective quality management systems is a continuous journey of review to ensure systems remain effective and in line with business, customer, and legislative requirements.

This principle applies to the UFAS, FEMAS, and TASCC Trade Assurance Scheme Standards. Although AIC's Feed Scheme Standards were thoroughly reviewed for the 2024 versions, the process for updating the 2027 versions began in November 2024.

Led by our Joint Scheme Development Committee, comprising cross-industry representatives, their objective is to evaluate areas that were not addressed during the 2024 review.

In addition, Participant feedback and data from the implementation of the 2024 Standards will be considered. A public consultation on the draft FEMAS 2027 Standards is planned for spring–summer 2026.



Accreditation and FEMAS integrity

All AIC Schemes are accredited by United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS), the Government-appointed body responsible for assessing organisations that provide certification, testing, inspection, and verification services. This accreditation supports AIC's Earned Recognition agreement with the Government.

To maintain this accreditation, Kiwa, AIC's appointed certification body, is assessed annually by UKAS through:

- Witness audits at Participant sites, where assessors observe FEMAS audits, evaluating auditor performance, technical knowledge, and engagement with site staff. They also ensure all relevant areas of the Scheme are covered.
- Office audits at Kiwa's headquarters, reviewing internal systems and processes for compliance with international accreditation standards (ISO/IEC 17065:2012).

AIC's Technical Team also conducts its own annual audit of Kiwa's head office to ensure continued alignment with expectations.



Update on the GB Register for Feed Additives

The new GB Register for Feed Additives launched on 1 April 2025. Initial issues were identified concerning the removal and revocation of certain additives from the list of Authorised Regulated Food and Feed Products for Great Britain. A series of corrections have since taken place.

Active collaboration between representatives from AIC, British Association of Feed Supplement and Additive Manufacturers (BAFSAM), the British Equestrian Trade

Association (BETA), UK Pet Food, and the Food Standards Agency (FSA) is ongoing to resolve outstanding issues and prevent future disruptions.

AIC will continue to provide updates as and when the FSA makes changes. Participants are advised to review the register and contact James McCulloch at james.mcculloch@agindustries.org.uk if any critical additives in use have been removed.

New Code of Practice for Salmonella in Animal Feed

An updated Code of Practice for Salmonella in Animal Feed in Great Britain is now available online at gov.uk.

Comments and suggestions for improvements are welcomed via email directly to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) at feedcodeofpractice@apha.gov.uk.

AIC also notes that the Irish Department for Agriculture and the Marine is developing a similar code for the Irish feed industry, expected later this year.





Sustainable Commodities Scheme: Progress and consultation

AIC Services, in collaboration with a dedicated group of feed industry members, has been developing AIC's Sustainable Commodities Scheme. This Scheme is designed to provide businesses in the feed and food supply chains with confidence that commodities such as soya and palm are not linked to deforestation.

The Scheme is intended for compound feed manufacturers and feed ingredient suppliers, with modules aligned to key regulatory and supply chain requirements, including:

- The European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – Regulation (EU) 2023/1115.
- Requirements from the United Kingdom (UK) supply chain partners for products aligned with EUDR and conversion-free sources.

In June 2025, the first two modules on EUDR alignment were released for consultation. These modules cover feed products from origin to UK delivery, and feed products handled by UK-based operators.

The Standards are now being finalised, and AIC is in the process of appointing a certification body to deliver the scheme ahead of its launch in the coming months.

For further information, please visit [AIC's Animal Feed Sector](https://www.agindustries.org.uk) page or contact Sue Whittington at sue.whittington@agindustries.org.uk.

A third module, covering EUDR alignment and conversion-free sourcing, will be developed later in 2025, with a draft expected for consultation in early 2026.

Audit Tips: Managing analysis & feed safety incidents

Under Section I 8 of FEMAS 2024, Participants must appoint competent personnel to review analytical test results and have procedures in place to manage breaches of specified parameters, including internal limits, species-specific limits, customer requirements, or legal thresholds.

If a feed safety issue is identified, such as exceeding a legal limit, Participants are legally required to:

- Notify the relevant Competent Authorities in line with EU Regulation 178/2002
- Inform the certification body, Kiwa, within three working days, as outlined in Section J 2.

Participants must also have procedures for feed recall or withdrawal, as set out in Section J 3.



Join the FEMAS Working Group

The FEMAS Working Group is seeking applicants from Participants to fill two seats. The group meets three times a year, alternating between online and in-person sessions. To apply, contact Sarah-Jane Godfrey at sarah-jane.godfrey@agindustries.org.uk

Become a case study

AIC Services is inviting Participants of its Trade Assurance Schemes to contribute to a series of case studies, promoting the value of assurance in feed, food, and fertiliser safety.

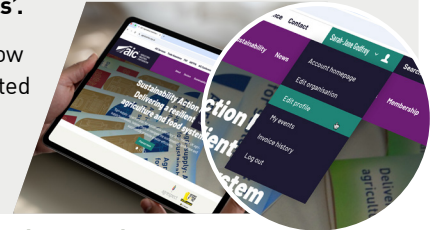
If your business is a Participant in any of AIC's Trade Assurance Schemes and you would like to find out more about being featured, please register your interest by emailing AIC Communications Manager, Wendy Ford, at wendy.ford@agindustries.org.uk.



Stay Informed: Update your AIC profile preferences

Did you know you can update your personal preferences and opt-in options on AIC's website? Simply log into your account, then click on 'Edit Profile' and 'Contact Preferences' to choose your topics of interest such as 'AIC Assurance Alerts'.

You can also select how you wish to be contacted and tailor your opt-in preferences to suit your needs.



<https://www.agindustries.org.uk>

Upcoming FEMAS training dates

Kiwa has released additional dates for its 2025 FEMAS training courses. Attending one of these sessions is a practical and efficient way to ensure that you and your team have a clear understanding of the Scheme and any recent changes. Participants will also receive a Certificate of Attendance upon successful completion.

Two course options are available:

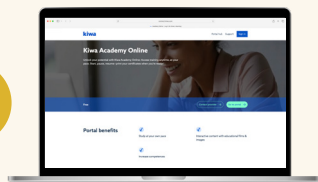
- FEMAS Update Training – a half-day session covering key updates.
- FEMAS Participant Training – delivered over two morning sessions, this course provides comprehensive coverage of the full Standard.

Both courses are delivered online. However, onsite training can be arranged for groups upon request. To book your place, contact the Kiwa training team at uk.training@kiwa.com or call 01423 878875.

	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
FEMAS Update Training	23	8	13	11
FEMAS Participant Training		1 & 2	11 & 12	9 - 10



2025 FEMAS
training courses



AIC Dinner and Conference: 11-12 November 2025

This year's AIC Dinner and Conference will bring together thought leaders from politics, business, academia, and trade to explore the theme: 'Managing New Global Norms in the Agri-Food Supply Chain'.

The event will begin with the Conference Dinner, held at the Holiday Inn West, Peterborough, which will formally open the Conference. AIC's Conference will follow the next day at the same venue. To book your place, visit aicconference.org.uk

