

# TASCCforce

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TRADE ASSURANCE SCHEME FOR COMBINABLE CROPS



## Welcome

Welcome to TASCCforce. In this edition, we highlight the benefits of an assured supply chain and assured supplier approval. We also share the importance of vehicles being sheeted to meet TASCC requirements and legislation for load security.

AIC recently published a Feed and Food Report, which explains the importance of the schemes in maintaining safe feed and food. As ever, we welcome all feedback from Members and Participants. If you have any questions or suggestions for topics you would like to see covered, please get in touch. AIC welcomes your views and is here to help make your voice heard.



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## Joint Scheme development

The UFAS, TASCC and FEMAS Standards were thoroughly reviewed, aligning clause requirements across the schemes to ensure consistent wording. Following the implementation of the schemes in October 2024, the review process began again, primarily focusing on haulage and storage. We expect to publish a draft version of the new standards for public consultation in May/June 2026, with audits to the new standards beginning on 1 October 2027.

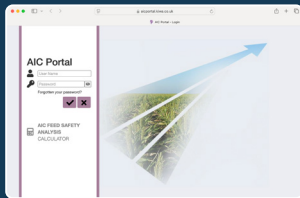
## Sheeting loads at all times

It is a requirement of the TASCC Standard that vehicles must be sheeted at all times except when loading/unloading or if sampling is taking place as per clause H12.1. An un-sheeted loose load in a bulk tipper is a DVSA vehicle defect category and is subject to an immediate prohibition.



## How to access TASCC i-learning

To access the TASCC i-learning, please log on to the **AIC Portal** and select the i-learning portal tile and input your username and password.

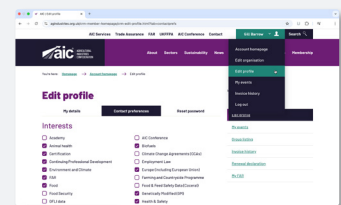


## Sign up for Assurance Alerts



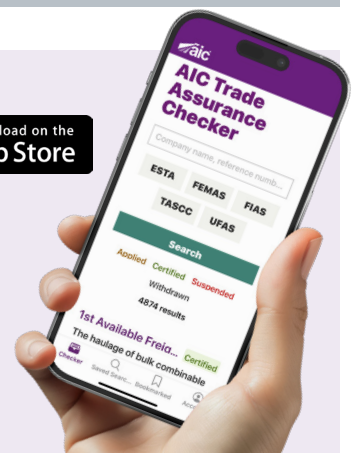
Ensure you are set up to receive the assurance alerts regarding the certification status of scheme Participants.

When logging in to **AIC's website**, click 'Edit Profile' and select 'Contact Preferences' and simply tick the 'Assurance Alerts' opt-in.



## AIC launches new Trade Assurance Checker App

**AIC's Trade Assurance Checker app** is now available as a free download for iOS and Android devices. Fully synchronised with AIC's **existing Trade Assurance Checker on the website**, the app brings greater accessibility and convenience, allowing the status of a supplier to be checked anywhere. The app enables searches by trade assurance scheme, **FEMAS, TASCC, UFAS, FIAS, RED**, and **ESTA**, and Participant status, including certified, suspended, applied, and withdrawn companies.



## AHDB Grain Analyst Training - Ergot Module

The suite of **training modules available on the AHDB website** has been reviewed in line with the revised TASCC 2024 Testing Standard and legislation changes. The revised G09.5 ergot module has had some important changes made and the test has been reset. It is an auditable requirement for those testing for Ergot to re-take this module.

## Update your profile preferences on AIC's website

Did you know you can update your personal preferences and opt-in options on AIC's website? Just log in by clicking the icon in the top right corner. Then, click on 'Edit profile' and 'Contact Preferences' to choose your topics of interest. You can also select how you want to be contacted and tailor your opt-in preferences for Member briefings.





## Assured Supplier approval

Clause M3.2.a in the Merchants TASCC Standard has been updated to state, “a system must be in place to verify the current assurance status of the suppliers when entering and executing a contract or agreement.”

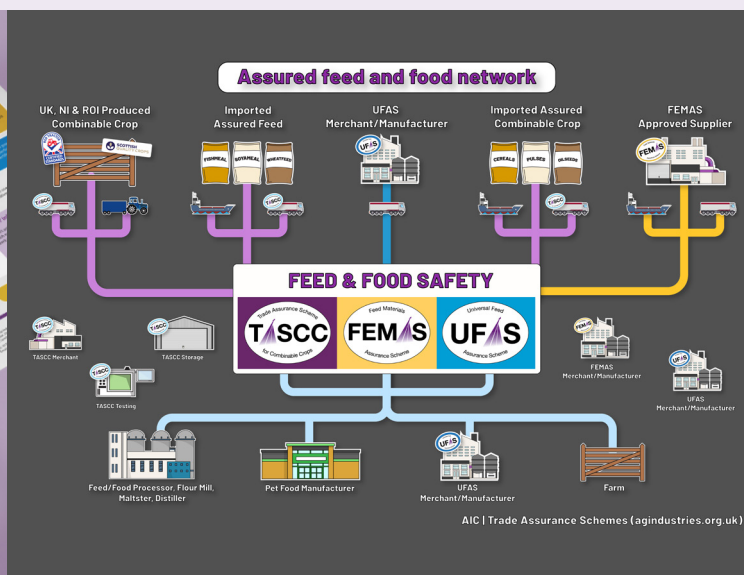
Participants may need to use a variety of methods to check the continued assurance status of their suppliers and the schemes they are certified under. For example, if a supplier is also a Participant of an AIC scheme, it may be sufficient to use the Trade Assurance Checker when entering a new contract. Then ensure the relevant personnel receive Assurance Alert emails to stay updated on any changes. Some other schemes also offer email alerts; if not, you will need to check their schemes websites.



## Benefits of an assured supply chain

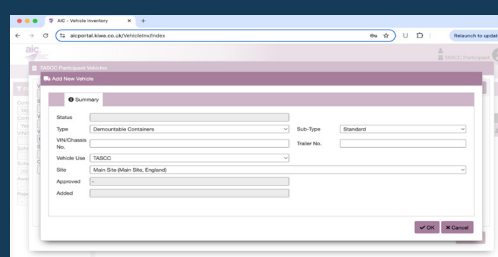
Many AIC Scheme Participants trade ingredients into the pet food sector. To support these Participants and their customers understand the role and value of AIC's Feed and Food Assurance Schemes, a leaflet and supporting infographic have been developed. They explain how FEMAS, TASCC and UFAS are interconnected, supporting the safety of food, feed, and pet food.

You can download the **Benefits of an assured supply chain** and the **Assured Feed and Food Network infographic** by scanning the QR codes



## Audit hints & tips

Maintaining an up-to-date Vehicle Inventory is a scheme requirement. Please ensure it accurately represents your fleet by removing trailers no longer in use and seeking approval for new, hired or second-hand vehicles.



## Did you know?

Kiwa, the certification body, is also subject to annual witness assessments by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS). These assessments ensure compliance with the accreditation requirements of ISO/IEC 17065:2012.

During a TASCC audit, UKAS evaluates how the auditor conducts the audit, their industry knowledge, and their interactions with personnel. They also ensure that all areas of the scheme are audited to meet TASCC requirements. Witness assessments are conducted for each AIC scheme and include an assessment at Kiwa's head office.



## TASCC training courses

TASCC Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) Courses and TASCC Participant Training Courses are available to support Participants. For further details and training dates visit [AIC's website](https://aic.org.uk).

To book your place contact the training team  
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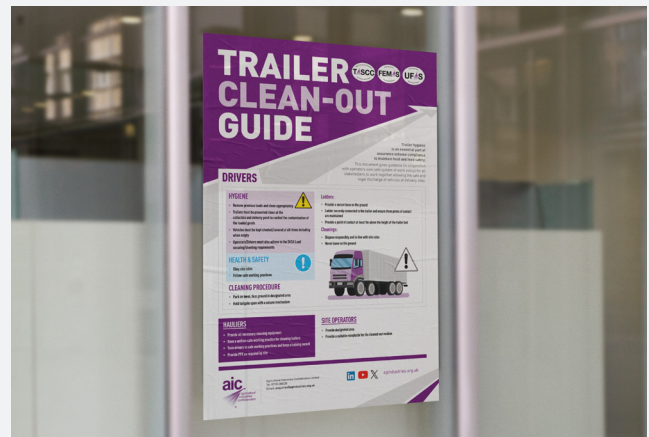


## Trailer clean out guide

Maintaining trailer hygiene is essential for meeting assurance scheme requirements and ensuring the safety of food and feed. This document gives guidance, in conjunction with operators' own safe system of work policy, for all stakeholders to collaborate effectively.

This ensures the safe and legal discharge of vehicles at delivery sites. To download a copy, scan the QR code.

Hard copies are available by contacting [gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk](mailto:gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk)



## AIC Feed and Food Report

A special report has been published highlighting how the Trade Assurance Schemes - FEMAS, TASCC, and UFAS underpin feed and food safety in the UK. The report explains the vital role these UK feed and food assurance schemes play in maintaining high safety standards at the start of the agrifood supply chain, where control is critical.

The full digital report can be viewed on [AIC's website](https://aic.org.uk).

