

FAR update

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Welcome

Welcome to the summer 2025 edition of the FAR Update. In this issue, I am pleased to share the launch of the FAR digital Membership cards.

There are updates on the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), UK Forest Risk Commodities Regulation (UKFRC) and feed additive authorisations, along with details of the reporting requirements for Pig and Poultry Permitted Farms.

AIC has been active at industry events, with Vicky Robinson, Head of Sustainability, hosting a panel at Groundswell. I am also pleased to welcome Kerry Starr to the FAR administration team at AIC, and Ian MacDougall, who is the new AIC Scotland Policy Manager.

Please send any questions or suggestions to far@agindustries.org.uk or via the contact details on the back page.



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Digital Membership Cards

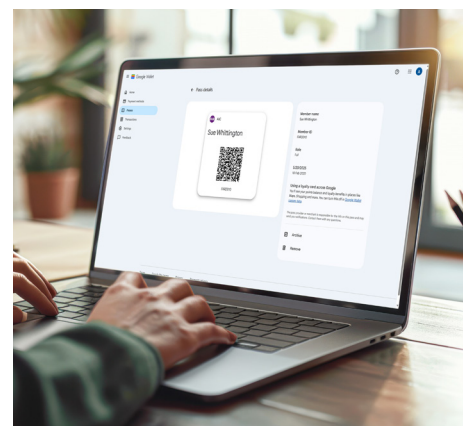
As part of the ongoing development of FAR, AIC Services has developed a digital Feed Adviser Card to replace the plastic cards currently used by Feed Advisers. This is a major digital transformation project for FAR, which will be integrated with the FAR database and accessible via Apple and Google Wallets.

What's on the card

- Digital wallet cards display the Adviser's name, membership number, type and validity.
- QR codes link to a validation page showing the Adviser's membership status and areas of specialism.

The digital membership cards have been tested by Members of the FAR Working Group, and all FAR Members will be contacted with details of how to install the card on their devices. Once installed on individual devices, users can scan the QR code associated with their card to view their FAR details, including their current FAR membership status. This status reflects whether the Adviser is actively registered and compliant with the scheme's professional standards.

If you experience any issues accessing your card, or have questions about your details or this process, please get in touch via far@agindustries.org.uk.



EUDR & UKFRC update

Recently, AIC hosted an insightful webinar focusing on the UK Forest Risk Commodity Regulation (UKFRC) and EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). The event, led by Ed Barker, AIC Head of Policy, and James McCulloch, Feed Sector Head, provided valuable updates and guidance on these critical regulations.

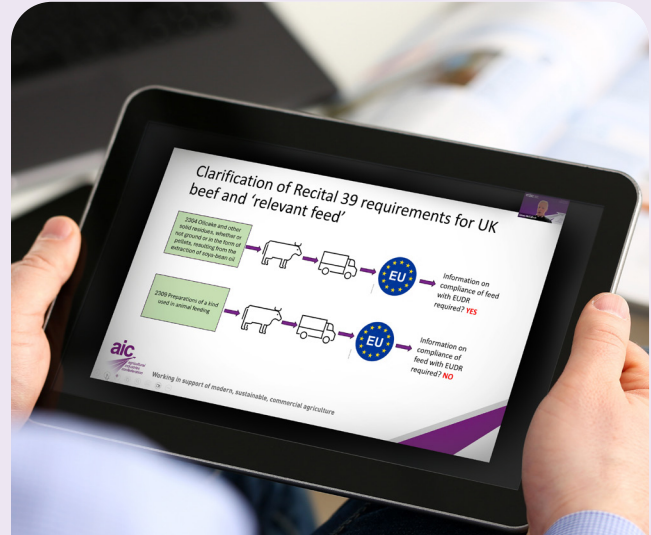
The webinar covered:

- An overview of the EUDR, which is due to be implemented on 30 December 2025 and, significantly, will apply in Northern Ireland.
- The scope of EUDR, covering various commodities such as beef, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, rubber, soya, and wood, and an update on the recently published delegated act and amendments to Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115.
- An overview of the UKFRC and its focus on enhancing supply chain management and sustainability.

Despite initial hopes of an exemption, the EU Commission has now made it clear that palm kernel expeller (PKE) and palm fatty acid distillate (PFAD) will remain in scope.

The most significant clarification from the EU Commission is that compound feed is not in scope, meaning that UK suppliers of beef to the EU are not legally required to provide any information on the deforestation status of compound feed that may have been fed to animals supplying the beef.

AIC has been attending a number of industry and stakeholder events to inform groups of recent regulatory and supply chain developments. A set of FAQs is regularly updated on the Feed Sector page of [AIC's website](#).



SCAN THE QR CODE TO WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING >>>



James McCulloch
Head of Feed



Sue Whittington
Technical Manager



AIC at Groundswell: Regenerative agriculture and the role of inputs

AIC hosted a discussion at Groundswell on the role of the agricultural input sector in regenerative agriculture. With a panel of five, including AIC's Head of Sustainability, Vicky Robinson, a scientist, a dairy farmer, and an arable farmer, the conversation explored challenges and solutions around scaling up regenerative practices while ensuring supply chain specifications can be met.

The importance of joined-up advice across the Feed Adviser Register (FAR), Fertiliser Advisers Certification and Training Scheme (FACTS), and BASIS was emphasised, reinforcing one of the key messages from AIC's Sustainability Action Plan.



Vicky Robinson
Head of Sustainability

Quality feed advice, increasing production efficiency & reducing emissions

Update on the GB Register of Feed Additives

The **UK Food Standards Agency (FSA)** published an updated register of feed additives in Great Britain on 1 April 2025, following the implementation of *The Food and Feed (Regulated Products) (Amendment, Revocation, Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025*. This update has resulted in a large number of feed additives no longer being listed on the Register.

AIC, the British Association of Feed Supplement and Additive Manufacturers (BAFSAM), the British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA), and UK Pet Food are working closely with the FSA to understand the rationale behind the changes and to highlight the implications for the feed industry.

The four feed associations held a constructive meeting with the FSA Feed Policy Team, and the FSA is keeping all parties updated on work underway to reinstate certain additives and to review the status of others.

AIC will provide briefings to Members as and when the Register is updated by the FSA. In the meantime, our advice is to review the Register and contact James McCulloch at james.mcculloch@agindustries.org.uk if you identify any additives that have been removed from the Register and that you consider to be in use and critical to the feed industry.



James McCulloch
Head of Feed



New addition to the FAR administration team

Kerry Starr joined AIC earlier this year and brings extensive experience in database management, with proficiency across various database management systems and customer relationship management platforms. Having worked at her previous company for 27 years, she is enjoying the opportunity to work in a new industry and is enthusiastic about learning everything agriculture-related.

Carolynn and Kerry now share a new email address: far@agindustries.org.uk. Please use this for any questions or queries we can assist with.

Just a reminder to keep us informed of any changes to company details, such as a change of address or advisers who have left the business. Also, all students have 12 months from the date of issue to complete their modules. If you have received an email requesting a photo, please send it through so we can ensure your new Digital Wallet ID card is ready for our go-live date.



Meet the New Scotland Policy Manager

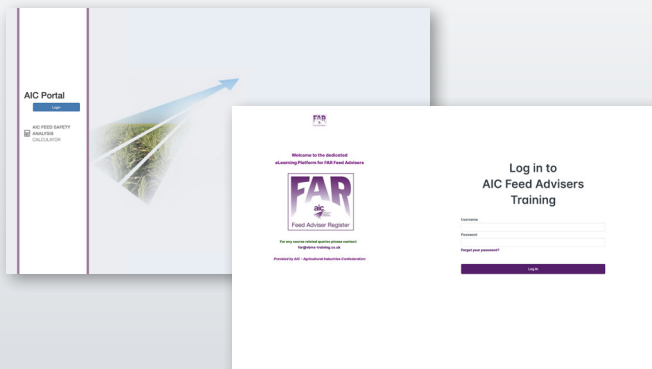
Ian MacDougall is the new Policy Manager for Scotland. Bringing a wealth of experience from his background in farming and consultancy, Ian's expertise will be invaluable in his new role at AIC Scotland.



FAR Core Modules 3 and 4 transitioning to new platform

On 1 September 2025 (date subject to change), FAR Core Modules 3 and 4 will move to the FAR portal hosted by VBMS Ltd. All Development Advisers will be contacted individually. Records and certificates for Full Members and Development Advisers who have completed the modules will be transferred.

For those currently progressing through these modules, we recommend completing any partially completed modules before the transition date. If you have any questions, please get in touch via far@agindustries.org.uk.



AHDB pig and poultry emissions calculator

From January 2025, all permitted pig and poultry farms were required to report their nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) excretion levels annually. Since 2022, this has been a requirement for permitted farms within the Wye Valley catchment.

Permissible levels of N and P excreted per animal place are specified, and all farms must comply with these limits.

This aligns with the Environment Agency's (EA) efforts to promote sustainable farming practices and ensure compliance with environmental standards. The National Farmers Union (NFU), in partnership with the EA and industry trade bodies, has developed a new mass balance reporting tool for farmers to calculate excretion levels across different poultry production systems.

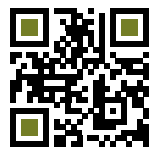
N and P reporting is not required for pullets, breeders, and quails, and P reporting is not required for ducks.

The calculator tool is available on the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) website.



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Sustainability of Game Feed module launched in July



Building on the livestock sustainability training released in 2023, this year's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) module for game feed advisers focuses on calculating the carbon footprint of feed materials and products, sector-specific sustainable feed principles, responsible sourcing of raw materials, and feeding management through formulation and the use of additives to optimise efficiency.



David Moss
Technical Manager

UK Dairy Day – Visit us at stand F28

Come and visit **FAR** and the **FAA** Group at:

UK Dairy Day

Stand F28, on Wednesday
10 September 2025 at
The International Centre,
Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4JH.



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