

UFAS update

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSAL FEED ASSURANCE SCHEME



Welcome

Welcome to the Spring 2025 UFAS Update newsletter. We are pleased to bring you the latest updates and important news for Participants.

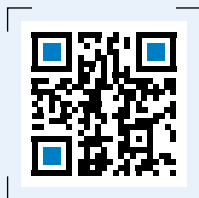


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New GB Salmonella code published

After an extended review process, a new Salmonella Code for feed businesses in Great Britain has been published. The code is available to read online on the gov.uk website, and comments for improvements are being actively encouraged via email directly to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) at feedcodeofpractice@apha.gov.uk.



Code of practice
Guidance

UFAS 2024 Version 1.1 published

An updated version of the UFAS Standard has been published to correct some minor errors in Version 1. The most significant change is to remove the second sentence from clause G 19.2 which required a signature for all bulk deliveries of feed, which had not previously been a requirement of UFAS. In addition, some interpretation has been added after the clause highlighting the need to link delivery records to the customer's requirements where specified.

The only other change is to replace male pronouns with gender neutral ones, which were copied from a previous version in error.

Benefits of Assured supply chain

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

The infographic, titled "Assured feed and food network", illustrates the interconnectedness of three assurance schemes: TSCC (Trade Assurance Scheme for Combinable Crops), FEMAS (Feed and Food Assurance Scheme), and UFAS (UK, NI & ROI Produced Assured Feed). It shows the flow of ingredients from various sources (UK, NI & ROI Produced Combinable Crops, Imported Assured Feed, Imported Assured Combinable Crops, and FEMAS Approved Suppliers) through Merchant/Manufacturer and Approved Supplier stages, leading to Feed/Food Processor (Flour Mill, Malting, Distiller), Pet Food Manufacturer, and Farm. The central hub is labeled "FEED & FOOD SAFETY" with logos for TSCC, FEMAS, and UFAS. At the bottom, it states "AIC | Trade Assurance Schemes (agindustries.org.uk)".

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, **UFAS, FEMAS, TASCC, FIAS, RED, and ESTA**, and Participant status, including certified, suspended, applied, and withdrawn companies.



UFAS Participant training

Kiwa has developed a one-day online training course to help Participants meet the requirements of the UFAS Standard. The course is delivered online and is designed to support understanding and compliance with the Standard. For more information and to view upcoming training dates, please scan the QR code.

To book your place, contact the training team by emailing UK.training@kiwa.com or calling 01423 878878.

Ongoing review of AIC Schemes

Although most Participants have not yet received their first audit for UFAS 2024, a group of industry volunteers, along with AIC Technical Managers, has already begun the review process for UFAS 2027. This process will also include the corresponding FEMAS and TASC Standards. The initial phase will focus on areas of the three schemes that were not previously considered in the joint development process. Additionally, feedback and data from the 2024 Standards will be reviewed before a public consultation scheduled for spring/summer 2026.



New Members sought for UFAS Working Group

Engaging people directly involved in the feed industry is crucial for maintaining the relevance of UFAS. By joining the UFAS Working Group, you can play a significant role in shaping the future of the scheme. The group meets three times a year to discuss important matters related to the scheme and its Participants. Currently, there are seats available for UFAS Participants. If you are interested in joining, please contact Simon Williams to learn more about the group's activities and how you can contribute to the future development of the scheme.



AIC Feed and Food Report

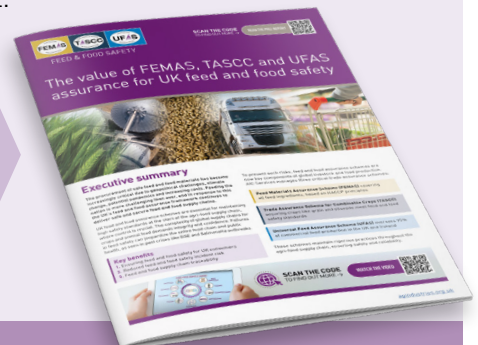


A special report has been published highlighting how the Trade Assurance Schemes – UFAS, FEMAS, and TASC underpin feed and food safety in the UK.

Scan to download a copy of the report

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.



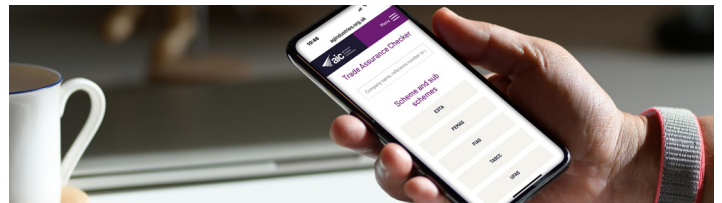
Sustainable Commodities Scheme

AIC Services with a working group of feed industry members have been developing the 'Sustainable Commodities Scheme' for compound feed manufacturers and feed ingredient suppliers with modules aligned with the requirements of the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) (2023/1115), UK Forest Risk Commodities (UKFRC) legislation and UK supply chain partners. The first two modules aligned with EUDR for feed products from origin to delivery into the UK and for operators within the UK have been drafted for consultation.



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.



Checking Assured Supplier Status

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.

Trade Assurance Consultant Register (TACR)

To support current or potential Participants of AIC's Trade Assurance Schemes, a list of consultants and advisers is available on AIC's website, along with the TACR professional conduct standards.

The TACR lists individual consultants, the trade assurance schemes they support, services offered, and ways to contact them for further information.



GB Register of Feed Materials



The **GB Register of Feed Materials** is a list of feed materials that are notified by UK feed business operators for placing on the GB market. The GB Register of Feed Materials was published on 9 September 2024.

UK legislation requires that the person "who, for the first time, places on the market a feed material that is not listed in the Catalogue shall immediately notify its use to the representatives of the UK feed business sectors".

There is a comprehensive guidance document on the notification process on the website homepage.

To place a new feed material on the Northern Ireland or EU market, businesses need to continue to follow EU rules, and use the **EU Feed Materials Register**.

Become a trade assurance scheme 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 of any of AIC's Trade Assurance Schemes and you would like to find out more about being featured as a case study, please register your interest by emailing AIC's Communications Manager Wendy Ford (wendy.ford@agindustries.org.uk).



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