



## TASC Code Changes – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018

### Summary of Changes

Please see below a summary of the main changes to the TASC codes of practice effective from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. As you will see from the codes, there has been an effort from the TASC working groups to ensure that the changes are kept to a minimum yet still ensure full compliance with legislation.

TASC Participants must ensure that the Scheme Rules, General section and the relevant sections (Haulage, Merchants, Storage and Testing) as per their scope are adhered to.

*Please note that this document only summarises the key changes. TASC participants are strongly advised to read the new TASC codes **in full** to ensure compliance prior to their next audit.*

### Scheme Rules

- Include Certification Body rules only.
- In line with other AIC schemes.
- Removal of abbreviations.
- Section 5.1 – information on Desktop audits.
- Section 7.1.4 – revoking of Earned Recognition.
- Section 7.8 - notification of withdrawing from the scheme in writing.
- Arbitration section moved from Storage code to new section 11.

### General section of the code

- Covers all requirements common to all codes including the Merchanting of compound feeds.
- G1.1 – Introduction:
  - Guidance on TACCP / VACCP
  - Transport – specific delivery point requirements.
- G2 to G6 - Management Commitment – for all codes.
- G7 – Records:
  - Recall in Storage and Merchants.
- G8 to G17 - Legislative Requirements – for all codes.
- G18 - HACCP – for all codes.
- G19 - Personnel and training:
  - AHDB modules – wheat and barley
  - I-learning or equivalent by designated person.
  - Requirements for traction only drivers.
- G20 - Complaints And Corrective/Preventive Actions – for all codes.
- G21 - Internal auditing:
  - Follow-up activities must be recorded and include verifying the corrective actions taken.

### Haulage Code

- H1 – Introduction - A growers tractor and trailer/vehicle must not move goods for hire or reward unless they have the relevant “O” licence and TASC accreditation.
- H4 - Vehicle Hygiene – Inclusion of IDTF cleaning regimes as guidance.
- H6 – Updated Subcontracted Haulage and Traction only requirements.
- H8 - Haulage Operations:
  - Ensuring numbers are removed from ex-TASC trailers
  - Follow site rules – off and on farm.
- H10 - New vehicles require chassis/ministry number.
- H15 - Collection/Delivery instructions - To ensure received from customer.
- Extra clarity on:
  - Combinable Crops Passport (H17)
  - Weighbridges (H20).
- No Wholly Contracted Hauliers allowed.
- Insurance section removed.

### Merchants Code

- Includes the merchenting of compound feeds in the scope (several requirements included).
- M1 - Contract conformations must be in place.
- M3 – RED - clarification on assurance status of crop.
- M5 - Source assured suppliers/producers:
  - Ensure assurance checkers up to date
  - Guidance on various contractor options.
- M6.2 – Extra requirements for non-assured crops.
- M8.1 – Hauliers of packaged goods do not need to be assured.
- M11 - Temporary holding of crops - in main body of the code.
- M12 - All laboratories must only be used if participating in proficiency tests (ring tests).
- M14.2 – Traceability - Inclusion of animal feeds.
- M15 – Combinable Crops Passport – requirement add regarding imported crops.
- M16 – Sampling and Testing plan – inclusion of animal feeds.
- M22 – Extra guidance including extracts from General Food Law Regulation.
- M23 – Product recall

### Storage Code

- S1 – Introduction – refer to the Store Eligibility appendix on the AIC website.
- S2 - RED – required only if carrying out mass balance.
- S3 - Store construction:
  - External ventilation proofed against the entry of birds, vermin and domestic animals
- S7 - Faculties and Hygiene:
  - Eating and drinking in permitted areas
  - Toilets accessible to staff and visitors and in good order
  - Clean footwear worn in store
- S9 - Temporary holding - in main body of the code
- S10 – Intake:
  - Storekeepers confirm with the customer whether a Combinable Crop Passport is required for imported combinable crops
  - Guidance - No FEMAS stickers but certificate acceptable.
- S11 - Containers
- S16 - Drying, cleaning, conditioning and blending of combinable crops:

- Screening samples retained as per customers T&Cs.
- S17 – Pesticides:
  - Records kept for 3 years
  - Chemical Appendix 4 (Approved Storage Chemicals) has been removed.
- S18 - Pest and vermin control:
  - Participants to be trained or use approved contractor (S18.3).
- S19 - Out loading – amended to mirror intake.
- S20 - Sub contracted stores:
  - TASCC approved or in a mutually recognised scheme.
- S21 - Product recall - No change but in Stores and Merchant codes only.

### **Testing Facilities Code**

- T3 – Equipment:
  - Extra guidance ensuring equipment is working properly
    - Annual calibration check
    - Internal Quality Control (IQC)
    - Proficiency Testing (Ring Check).
  - On equipment where passwords protect the calibrations, these must be initiated.
  - Equipment, not in use, must be clearly identified.
- T5 – Staff Training – must complete AHDB modules.
- T9 – Sampling:
  - Sample must be checked for the presence and identification of:
    - Hazardous impurities,
    - Abnormal smell and / or appearance
    - Infestation
- T12 - Proficiency (“Ring”) Tests:
  - Testing facilities must participate in proficiency schemes at least monthly whilst testing is taking place.
  - Where testing is only undertaken infrequently throughout the year, with the written permission from the owner of the goods, it is not necessary to complete ring tests monthly. However, the testing facility must demonstrate results are accurate and traceable to reference methods.