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Upcoming Events

There are several upcoming scheme events in March and May being held for producers. We are holding the CCS Sampling Guidance Webinar on **Tuesday 5th March**, the CCS Understanding PAS 100 Testing Webinar on **Wednesday 6th March**, and the CCS Producers' Forum on **Wednesday 8th May**.

There is also an upcoming PAS 100 training course run by the REA taking place on **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February**, which will be of interest to CCS producers.

You can find the full list of events, the event details, and information on how to register in the events section of our website [here](#).

REAL Plastics Report

REAL has recently published a report presenting an analysis of CCS and BCS data on plastic contamination in samples submitted by certified producers for routine testing or re-tests after a failure. This analysis was conducted to contribute to the revision of the Compost Quality Protocol, and examines the failure rate of samples in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland against the current limits for plastics in PAS 100, as well as against SEPA's tighter plastic limits.

The analysis shows that 98.3% of compost samples taken between 1st January 2022 and 31st July 2023 passed against the PAS 100 limit. The level of plastic contamination in the majority of compost samples, fell below 0.02% mass/mass.

The full report can be read on the CCS website [here](#).

Re-issued Documents

In 2023, REAL was updating and reissuing our documents (including guidance, forms, and policies) into new branded templates with version control numbers which align with our ISO 9001 certified QMS. Several documents are currently undergoing revision so have not yet been re-issued in the templates, but you can find examples of the re-issued documents below:

- [REAL CCS Complaint Form](#) (downloadable [here](#))
- [CCS RPS241 Guidance](#)
- [CCS Privacy Policy](#)

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