

## Latest news from CCS

## **CCS Producers' Forum**

The next meeting of the CCS Producers' Forum is taking place on Wednesday 7th November in Birmingham at the offices of Shakespeare Martineau LLP (address: No 1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6AA). It will start at 12pm and finish at 3pm with a break for lunch. You can register your interest and confirm your attendance by responding directly to this email. Please let us know whether you have any dietary requirements and whether you would like to reserve a car park space as these are limited.

If you are not able to attend this meeting but you would like to have issues raised on your behalf then please don't hesitate to contact <u>Gregor Keenan</u>, the CCS Producers' Representative. You can find the summary notes and actions from the last meeting on our website <u>here</u>.

## **Technical requirements**

Please be advised that our <u>technical guidance</u> document on scheme requirements has been updated and now includes three new sections on; reprocessing oversize, splitting samples for pathogen testing, and principal grade compost. This guidance document was updated following numerous discussions with stakeholders and the content has been agreed with the appointed certification bodies

We received reports that some operators are splitting samples for pathogen testing. Please be advised that you should not send sub-samples to the laboratories for separate tests, including pathogen analysis, as these samples will not be representative of the batch, in accordance with PAS 100.

## Plant response test investigation

In response to several complaints raised last year regarding an alleged higher rate of plant response test failures over winter, we have published a concise report on our website <a href="here">here</a> detailing the findings of our investigation into these complaints. This report provides a summary of the investigation, which involved working with the appointed laboratories and was based on the analysis of PAS 100 test results data.

Thank you all.

BSI PAS 100:2018 is due to be published imminently. With respect to some PAS requirements, you might be interested in the <u>BSI webinar</u> 'Making nonconformities an opportunity and corrective action planning painless', taking place next Tuesday 18th September.