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## Latest news from CCS

### CCS Producers' Forum

The next meeting of the CCS Producers' Forum is taking place on Wednesday 22 May at the Jurys Inn in Sheffield (119 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 4QW). The meeting will start at 12 noon and will finish at 3pm with a break for lunch. If you are interested in attending the Forum, you can register interest and confirm attendance by contacting Georgia Phetmanh, Schemes Manager, at [georgia@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:georgia@realschemes.org.uk). Please inform us should you have any dietary requirements.

The most recent and seventh meeting of the Forum was held on 7 November 2018 in Birmingham. Minutes from this Forum are available [here](#).

An agenda item for the eighth meeting of the Forum will be the Environment Agency's review of the Compost Quality Protocol (CQP).

If you are not able to attend this meeting but you would like to have an issue raised on your behalf, please contact Gregor Keenan, the CCS Producers' Representative, using [gregor@keenanrecycling.co.uk](mailto:gregor@keenanrecycling.co.uk).

### Revision of Laboratory T&C's

Renewable Energy Assurance Limited (REAL) has a set of terms and conditions (T&C's) for laboratories appointed to undertake testing under the Compost Certification Scheme. The third version of the T&C's were published in January of 2019; T&C's are reviewed on an annual basis. You can find the third version of the Terms and Conditions for Approved Laboratories [here](#).

The latest version of the T&C's has been revised to combine the CCS and BCS terms and conditions for appointed laboratories. Formally, the CCS/BCS terms and conditions were two separate documents. The third version of the T&C's has been reviewed and agreed by the Approved Laboratories.

### Independent Laboratory Audits Summary Report

The fourth round of independent audits was carried out during summer/autumn of 2018. The audit process and outcome has been summarised in the 2018 Independent Audits report, available [here](#).

Similar to the consolidation of the Laboratory T&C's, from January 2019 the Compost Certification Scheme laboratory audits will be combined with the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme laboratory audits. This will make the auditing process more efficient for laboratories approved to both schemes. For REAL, this has freed up resource to look into the development of a proficiency testing programme for tests specific to the two schemes. This will provide a number of benefits to include: supporting the auditing process, improved measurement accuracy and providing greater year round laboratory performance monitoring.

Thank you.

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