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Scheme requirements

A reminder to scheme Operators of the requirements in regard to taking representative samples for testing. Clause 11.3 of PAS 100 states that 'Each sample shall be representative of the compost batch from which it is obtained'. Under the Compost Certification Scheme, only single representative samples can be sent for analysis to an appointed laboratory and the approach of splitting representative samples for specific test(s) is not considered acceptable for certification purposes.

Subsampling of a representative sample for the various analytical tests is carried out by laboratory personnel following standard operating procedures. Please refer to section 6 ('Splitting samples for pathogen testing') of the [CCS Position on Technical Requirements](#) for more information.

Further, REAL would like to offer some clarification in regard to Clause 13.1.1 f) of the current version of the [Scheme Rules](#) that came into effect on the 1st January 2019.

REAL receive enquiries from individuals and organisations seeking information on which compost sites accept certified compostable liners and or/certified compostable packaging. As a producer, should you accept these materials, Clause 13.1.1 f) asks whether you consent to your company details being shared so as the individuals and organisations in search of this information can locate it via our website.

'Company details' refers to the publicly available information shared on the '[Producers](#)' page of our website. Individuals can then more easily find sites to take this material for composting.

Training courses

REAL has liaised with the Renewable Energy Association (REA) regarding the following training opportunities, which are now open for individuals to register attendance:

- The 'Understanding PAS100 in full' workshop is taking place on the 29 May 2019 in Leeds. You can read about the course contents and book a place on the course [here](#). This event is open to both REA members/non-members.
- The 'Understanding and applying HACCP to Anaerobic Digestion & Composting' course is taking place on 28 May 2019 in Leeds. You can read about the course contents and book a place on the course [here](#). Please note that this event is open to REA members only.
- The 'Understanding and applying HACCP to Anaerobic Digestion & Composting' course is taking place on 4 June 2019 in Glasgow. You can read about the course contents and book a place on the course [here](#). This event is open to both REA members/non-members.
- The 'Understanding and applying HACCP to Anaerobic Digestion & Composting' course is taking place on the 20 June 2019 in London. You can read about the course contents and book a place on the course [here](#). This event is open to both REA members/non-members.

The PAS 100 training course will be delivered by the REA. The HACCP training courses will be run by the REA and delivered by HACCP expert and RSPH approved trainer Victoria Phillips.

Sampling workshop

REAL are presently developing sampling guidance for certified Operators. This guidance will be distributed shortly. Following dissemination of the guidance, it is the intention of REAL to hold a sampling workshop. The workshop will discuss the guidance, demonstrate on-site sampling and serve as an occasion for Operators to develop documentation for sample taking. It is anticipated that the workshop will run for half a day.

REAL are seeking a host for the workshop. Should you be interested in holding the workshop on-site, please kindly get in touch with Georgia Phetmanh using georgia@realschemes.org.uk.

Thank you.
