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The EA has today published the outcome of its review of the CQP, which can be found [here](#), concluding that the QP needs revising if it is to continue to be used to demonstrate end of waste.

They propose to support a revision process to update the CQP (and republish as a 'Resources Framework'). The EA expects industry to pay for the revision. Industry can continue to use the QP but, if funding is not agreed to by 30 May 2021, the EA will withdraw their support and full waste regulatory controls will apply.

Once a revision has begun, industry can continue using the existing QP until either a new Resources Framework is agreed or the process concludes without a successful resolution. If a revision is agreed, the EA will support the transition from the QP to the new Resources Framework.

We have agreed with the EA to hold a workshop on **20th January AM**, for the EA to provide further information on their reviews of the AD and compost QPs and plan for the revision process. Further details will be sent out on how to book, but please save the date in the meantime.

[CCS Sampling Guidance](#)

We have recently published version 2 of our sampling guidance, which has been updated from version 1. The document has been updated to clarify some aspects of the previous guidance and to align it with other scheme documents. A sentence related to sample transit has been re-worded in the sample dispatch section (section 10) to clarify that REAL recommends operators use a 48-hour courier service for all tests other than pathogens. Additionally, the hyperlink to the CCS Analysis Request Form has been replaced with the link to the relevant page on our website, to ensure that if any changes are made to the form, Operators will be able to access the correct one.

The updated guidance can be found on our website [here](#).

[PT Programme Tender](#)

We recently published a tender invitation document (TID), which seeks to appoint a contractor to develop and deliver a proficiency testing (PT) programme for REAL approved laboratories under the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme (BCS) and Compost Certification Scheme (CCS). Specifically, the

PT programme is limited to scheme specific methods – compost stability, residual biogas potential, plant response and physical contaminants. The full PT TID can be found on our website [here](#).

For those who wish to tender for this service, an electronic copy of the tender submission is required to be sent to Olivia Furssedonn at Olivia@realschemes.org.uk. The deadline for the receipt of tender submissions is **Friday 05 February 2021**.

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