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## Latest Update from CCS

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### CCS Workshop and Webinar

REAL is running another CCS Sampling Guidance webinar and SQCS Workshop in March.

The sampling guidance webinar covers the key requirements of PAS 100 and focusses on REAL's 'Guidance on sampling composted materials in accordance with BSI PAS100:2018' (available [here](#)), sampling in practice, and touches on developing sampling SOPs. It is advisable that all producers attend but it is especially suited for those that may have received non-conformances related to sampling practice or those new to the scheme. The webinar provides a great opportunity to discuss representative sampling with REAL and other producers. It is taking place on **18th March 2022 at 10:30 am to 11:30 am** and is free to attend. If the specific date doesn't work but you are interested in attending, please get in touch and we'll look to accommodate as many as possible.

We are also holding our next workshop on the Safety and Quality Control System (SQCS) requirements in PAS 100:2018 on **24th March 2022 at 9:30 am to 12 pm**. These SQCS workshops provide a platform for discussion around the implementation of the SQCS and compliance with HACCP requirements, comprised of interactive sessions and individual exercises. They are held by REAL and delivered online by a HACCP expert. Places will be available on a first come first serve basis. The price per individual is £50 + VAT and there will be a limit on capacity to ensure effective discussion.

If you would like to attend or find out more information about the Sampling Guidance Webinar and SQCS Workshop, please email Emma at [emma@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:emma@realschemes.org.uk).

### Sample Labelling - Sample Type

We would like to issue a reminder to select the correct sample type number on the PAS 100 Compost Analysis Request Form when sending any sample to the laboratory for certification purposes. We have identified that occasionally producers are incorrectly selecting sample type '2' when sending samples for single tests to verify the efficacy of corrective actions. The types and their description are listed below:

- 1 – Validation: Taken for initial validation or re-validation
- 2 – Routine verification: Taken for on-going testing to verify the continued efficacy of the PAS 100 quality management system and compost compliance with PAS 100 minimum quality criteria and any other criteria specified and agreed with the customer
- 3 – Re-sample verification: Taken to verify the efficacy of corrective actions

### CQP Revision Update

The first meeting of the Task and Finish Group was held on 20th December 2021. REAL, the REA and other industry representatives, as well as DEFRA and the EA, discussed what various parties wished to see implemented in the new Resources Framework. We look forward to further discussion in the next meetings and will share any key updates on the CQP revision with all producers.

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