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AfOR Guidance

REAL currently has several older guidance documents available on our website [here](#), which were produced by the former Association for Organics Recycling. This guidance is not directly related to certification or the scheme, and as such, REAL are considering whether there is a need to maintain and update the guidance. The documents we are referring to are titled:

- Guidelines on composting noxious weeds
- Compost safety (handling and use) guidelines
- AfOR information sheet on managing the risks of herbicides in composting systems
- Guidance on composting paper and cardboard
- Guidance on Legionella

We would be very grateful if you could let us know whether or not you use this guidance as a scheme participant and whether you consider any of these documents are outdated/require updating. If you could let us know on info@realschemes.org.uk by Tuesday 21st November, we will then further consider whether to maintain or remove these documents from our website.

2022 Annual Report

REAL published the 2022 Annual Report last month.

The report shows that that by the end of 2022, there were 177 certified composting processes in the UK: 138 in England, 6 in Northern Ireland, 21 in Scotland, and 11 in Wales. 2022 also saw the first producer certified outside of the UK, with one certified process located in the Republic of Ireland. Of the total, 111 of these certified processes were operated as open air, turned windrows, 11 as in-vessel composting only processes, and 11 as aerated static pile processes with no subsequent process step. 146 processes were composting green waste only and 31 composting green waste and ABP materials. Collectively, producers on the CCS were producing approximately 1.6 million tonnes of quality compost annually.

The report can be read [here](#).

New CCS Blog

REAL CCS' first blog post is now live!

The blog has been created as a platform for REAL to share useful or interesting stories, research, and relevant work carried out by other organisations, with our scheme participants. Our first post introduces the CCS Producers' Representative, Gregor Keenan, who has been the Rep since 2014. In our latest post, he shares how he moved into the industry and his role in representing the views of producers.

You can read the first blog post [here](#).

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