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Plastic Reporting Factsheet

The CCS has published a new factsheet explaining the lower plastic limit that the approved labs now report to for all samples. This limit was introduced through the Compost Resource Framework (CRF), which replaced the Compost Quality Protocol in England from the 20th of October 2025. The factsheet outlines how the new 0.06% m/m limit has replaced the previous PAS 100 limit of 0.12% m/m and guides producers on how they should interpret test results for plastic content based on what limit they are required to meet, explaining how to register for an exemption if needed (using RPS 317).

The factsheet clarifies how CCS approved labs report plastic results now that the CRF has been published; it includes an example report to show how a result may be marked as a "Fail" for plastic while still meeting the relevant end-of-waste threshold in certain nations or under RPS 317. It also includes an explanation for why reports now show the reduced limit and what this means for processes still complying with the higher PAS 100 limit.

The factsheet includes RPS registration information such as when to notify the Environment Agency, what evidence to provide, and how long exemptions last. The guidance also contains a link to the full version of RPS 317 on the .gov website.

Finally, it sets out what participants should do if they believe a reported "Fail" for plastic should instead be treated as a "Pass" based on the EoW position that they're required to meet or their RPS 317 status.

The full factsheet is available on the CCS website [here](#).

Conformity Mark Reminder

Since the 20th of October 2025, version 9.1 of the CCS Scheme Rules has required all scheme participants to use the new conformity marks. There are now four conformity marks, with one mark applicable for each nation. These replace the previous single mark that applied to England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, and the mark that applied to Scotland.

A six-month transition period is in place to allow you to use existing stock (bags and packaging) with the old conformity marks already printed. This period ends on the 20th of April 2026. After the 20th of April 2026, only the new nation-specific marks can appear on bags/package for certified products.

If you are having difficulties meeting these requirements, please speak to your Certification Body. To request the new marks, please email oliver@realschemes.org.uk

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