



Latest news from CCS

Notes from meetings

Minutes from the meetings of the most recent CCS Producers' Forum and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) have been published on our website. These meetings enabled us to engage in discussion over general certification issues, changes in the composting sector, and principally, the revision of PAS100. The proposals made during the meeting of the Producers' Forum were further advised upon during the TAC and fed into the initial stakeholder consultation meetings. You can find the minutes from the Producers' Forum on our website [here](#) and the minutes from the TAC [here](#). We will shortly be emailing another update on the revision as we enter the phase of public consultation.

Revised guidance

Please be advised that the guidance document on our website [Actions to take in the event of any test failures](#) has been amended to remove the section on PTEs. This section reflected requirements of the previous CCS Scheme Rules but the Scheme Rules were revised and re-issued in 2014. The PTEs section has since been under review but has now been excluded. The guidance document and actions you are expected to take apply to all PAS100 test failures, including failures on PTEs.

Inter-laboratory trials

Over the coming months, the CCS-appointed laboratories will be participating in pilot inter-laboratory trials for physical contaminant testing of compost and digestate. Together with information obtained through independent auditing, the results of these pilot trials will provide further insight into laboratory performance and could highlight areas for improvement. They might also be considered for the development of a proficiency testing scheme specifically for physical contaminant testing, and possibly other test parameters, in the future. We will be taking the results of these trials into account when considering the reappointment of the laboratories at the end of the year.

PAS100 training course

The 'Understanding PAS100 in full' training course is taking place on Wednesday 1st November in Reading. The course is delivered by the Organics Recycling Group (ORG) but we will be attending to provide information to course participants about how the Compost Certification Scheme works and to answer any questions about the Scheme. To book a place on this course and read about the course contents, please visit this page [here](#). These courses usually take place once or twice a year and past feedback has been very positive!

Thank you all.