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Updated PAS 100 Analysis Request Form

The PAS 100 Compost Analysis Request Form, to be used when sending compost samples to REAL's Approved Laboratories for the purpose of certification, has been revised. Scheme applicants and certified Operators are required to use the Request Form under the Compost Certification Scheme.

The form has been updated to include a field for the submitter to indicate the type of sample being sent for testing and the purpose of the analysis. The options for the purpose of the testing include 'Validation', 'Routine verification' and 'Re-sample verification'. A description of each of these sample types is included within the 'Important Notes' section on the second page of the Request Form.

It is essential that the form is used and the 'Certification code' field is populated with a valid Certification Code for the test results to be accepted for certification purposes. A temporary Certification code can be requested from REAL at the point of application for initial validation, or when seeking to certify a new compost grade. The updated PAS 100 Compost Analysis Request Form, and information on the sampling requirements, can be found on our website [here](#). Please use this form for all samples sent for certification purposes, from Monday 1st July.

Updated CCS Position on Technical Requirements

REAL have updated the CCS Position on Technical Requirements document, found [here](#). This is the accompanying document to the [CCS Scheme Rules version 8](#). The purpose of the CCS Position on Technical Requirements document is to provide clarity on specific technical requirements within the scheme documents and ensure consistency in the interpretation of these requirements. These positions have been discussed and agreed with all the appointed Certification Bodies.

The new sections include Section 20 'Checking and agreeing quality requirements with customers' and Section 21 'Test failures during certification renewal'.

Section 20 outlines the Scheme position on checking and agreeing quality requirements with customers, in line with the requirements of PAS 100:2018. It provides an example of three different scenarios whereby compost is provided to a customer and the composter checks whether the customer has any additional quality requirements to those specified in PAS 100.

Section 21 outlines the Scheme position on test failures during certification renewal. It outlines what action an Operator is required to take should a test failure occur, regarding samples being sent for routine testing, during the period of certification renewal and under what circumstances non-conformances will be identified and may hold up a certificate.

Website updates

REAL would like to direct Operators to several documents that have been uploaded to the CCS website. The MDWG (Market Development Working Group) [page](#) details the role of the MDWG and shares [summary notes](#) from the first meeting of the MDWG, held in January of 2019. The second meeting of the MDWG has recently taken place and notes from the second meeting, once compiled, will be uploaded.

The [meeting minutes](#) from REAL CCS's TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) meetings, held in November '19 and March '20 have been added to the CCS website. A TAC meeting has also recently taken place and notes from this meeting, once compiled, will be uploaded to the same page.

REAL have recently revised the [CCS decision-making tree](#). The decision tree enables Scheme participants to identify their initial point of contact for Scheme-related enquiries. The tree was updated to include the procedure for dealing with specific technical queries.

If you have an enquiry about PAS or the Scheme, please utilise the decision tree to determine which individual or organisation is best to address your query.
