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## Latest Updates from the CCS

### Certification Code Visual Guidance

In response to feedback from scheme participants and Approved Laboratories, the CCS has published a Visual Guide to Certificates, featuring updated certificate examples from all Certification Bodies which highlight the placement of your certification code and PR number within the document. New versions of certificates now include explicit labelling of the certification code as “certification code”. Consistency in the naming of these codes across all certificates will help reduce confusion when completing documentation and communicating with laboratories and Certification Bodies.

It's important to understand that certification codes are output-specific, not process-specific. This means that when a single CCS process produces multiple certified compost grades (such as different particle sizes like 0-10mm or 0-40mm), there will be multiple certification codes. Each compost grade receives its own unique certification code in the format XXX-XXX-XXXX or XXX-XX-XXXX, where the final four digits indicate the particle size of the compost.

Consistency in the naming of these codes across all certificates will help reduce confusion when completing documentation and communicating with laboratories and Certification Bodies.

Accurate use of certification codes is particularly crucial when completing the PAS 100 Analysis Request Form, as incorrect or inconsistent codes can cause delays in test result reporting. We strongly encourage all participants to review the updated guide and verify your certification codes before submitting analysis requests to the laboratories.

The full guide is available [here](#).

### Certification Body Tender Process

The CCS has commenced a tender process for Certification Body services, with Tender Invitation Documents (TIDs) made available to interested parties. This comprehensive procurement exercise will determine the certification service providers for the scheme from 2026 onwards.

The tender process follows a structured timeline, with submission deadlines clearly outlined in the TID documentation. All interested Certification Bodies are encouraged to review the requirements thoroughly and submit their proposals by the specified deadline.

The tender process is scheduled to conclude in winter 2025, with new certification service contracts taking effect from the start of 2026. This timeline ensures a smooth transition for all scheme participants and maintains continuity of certification services. Any changes will be communicated well in advance to allow scheme participants sufficient time to make any necessary adjustments.

More information and access to the full TID documentation can be found [here](#).

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