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Certification Code Reminder

If you are new to the scheme, when applying for certification of your process and grade, you will have been issued a temporary certification code (CCS-APP-XXXX) by REAL, along with a temporary Process Reference Number (PRAXXX) for use with the PAS 100 Compost Analysis Request Form which you send with your samples to your chosen CCS Appointed laboratory.

Once you have achieved certification, your Certification Body will issue a permanent certification code for this grade and permanent PR number, which can be found on your certificate. The code will take a similar form as the temporary code but with abbreviations of your site or organisation name plus the grade size of compost (e.g., XXX-XXX-0030). The PR number will take the form PRXXX. Please ensure to use these details going forward on the request form, once you have achieved certification, as your temporary certification details will no longer be valid.

This reminder extends to existing scheme participants too; the laboratories cannot upload test reports to the CCS database unless the correct certification code has been provided. If the report is not uploaded to the CCS database, then it will not count towards your certification. Please ensure that you check the certification codes displayed on your certificates for each grade, and please provide these codes clearly. Please also ensure to use the latest version of the analysis request form found on our website [here](#).

Producers' Forum

The next meeting of the CCS Producers' Forum is being held on **Wednesday 8th May** and we would like to invite all producers to attend. The meeting will be held online from **11:00 am to 1:30 pm**.

The Producers' Forum consists of representatives of compost producers who are either certified or working towards certification under the Compost Certification Scheme. The Forum provides producers with the opportunity to raise and discuss issues they may be experiencing in relation to certification under the scheme and other issues that may impact on the scheme.

Review summaries of previous fora [here](#)

If you are interested in attending the Forum, you can register interest and confirm attendance by contacting Oliver Dunn at oliver@realschemes.org.uk. If you are not able to attend this meeting but you would like to have an issue raised on your behalf, please contact Gregor Keenan, the CCS Producers' Representative, using gregor@keenanrecycling.co.uk.

SQCS Workshop

We are holding our next workshop on the Safety and Quality Control System (SQCS) requirements in PAS 100:2018 on **Wednesday 12th June** between **10:00 am** and **12:30 pm**.

The SQCS workshops provide a platform for discussion around the implementation of the SQCS and compliance with HACCP requirements, comprised of interactive sessions and individual exercises. They are held by REAL and delivered online by a HACCP expert.

The price per individual is £50 + VAT and there is a limit on capacity to ensure effective discussion. This workshop is open to producers and consultants representing producers. If you would like to attend or find out more information, please email Oliver Dunn at oliver@realschemes.org.uk.

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