



Clarification Note on CCS QA

Quality Assurance

It is possible to join the Compost Certification Scheme (CCS) under three different categories of certification. Application to the Scheme can be made for; 'Quality Assurance' (CCS QA), 'End of Waste' (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland) (CCS EoW), or 'End of Waste Scotland' (CCS EoW Scotland).

Producers can apply to the Scheme in the CCS QA category, for certification to PAS 100 and the CCS Scheme Rules, if they do not need or wish to achieve 'end-of-waste' status for their compost, but would like to assure the quality of their processes and outputs, i.e. for quality assurance only.

On-farm producers may apply for 'Quality Assurance' certification to assure the quality of their processes and the compost spread on their land.

The composting process and derived compost(s) of a producer applying for certification in this category are evaluated against the requirements of PAS 100 and the CCS Scheme Rules. Producers that have achieved certification under this category will be awarded the 'PAS 100 QUALITY ASSURED' mark.



REAL's CCS conformity mark for compost certified to PAS 100 & CCS Scheme Rules.

Clarification of rules

Clause 4.2.4 of the CCS Scheme Rules (Version 8) states that 'compost certified to PAS 100 and the Compost Certification Scheme Rules in this category will continue to be supplied, stored and used under 'waste' regulatory controls (i.e. not as a 'product') if derived from biodegradable wastes.'

This note seeks to clarify that only producers of 'non-waste' compost are permitted to join the Scheme in the CCS QA category of certification. *Any producers of 'waste' status compost, subject to waste regulatory controls, are not permitted to join the Scheme under CCS QA.*

Future revision

The CCS Scheme Rules are currently under review and will be revised by REAL this year, providing a timely opportunity to reflect this clarification note.