

PAS 100:2018 revision process

In spring 2017, the [formal revision process](#) was agreed with the British Standards Institute (BSI) and the Technical Author for the revision was appointed.

The Environment Agency released a statement in support of the scheme and PAS 100 revision: *'The Environment Agency supports the current scheme and we are working together to consider the proposals. The process of robust assessment and certification helps to maintain high standards and ensures that the compost achieving end of waste status is effectively treated and enters the end user market as a quality product, increasing confidence for users.'*

Timescale



Consultation

The consultation period consisted of two phases; the initial stakeholder consultation phase and the Public Consultation phase. During the initial stakeholder consultation phase, a Compost Certification Scheme Producers' Forum meeting was held as a PAS 100 revision workshop, providing a platform for producers to contribute to the revision process. The [feedback received from CCS members](#) on the revision of PAS 100 fed into the subsequent [stakeholder consultation meetings](#). Following these meetings, a revised draft of PAS 100 was submitted to BSI and published on their website.

The public consultation phase commenced on 22nd November 2017 and ended on 12th January 2018. All the comments collected during the initial stakeholder consultation phase were collated into one document. The [Background Document](#) lists all the comments by organisation and responses from the Project Team. The revised base document was published on the BSI website for individuals to provide comments on either the changes to the base document or any aspect of the standard. Individuals were required to provide their comments directly to BSI or through a trade association.

Consensus building process - the work of Review Panel and the Steering Group

Once the public consultation period had ended, a series of workshops and meetings took place in London for the [Review Panel](#) to discuss specific issues raised during the consultation phases of the revision. The details of these meetings can be found [here](#).

The Review Panel was comprised of a variety of representatives from different organisations and Review Panel members participated in the discussions. Any individual was welcome to join the discussions and become a member of the Review Panel. The Panel was looking to achieve general consensus on controversial or contentious issues. Evidence to support certain changes had to be available for review and the aim was to reach general consensus for any changes to be accepted by the Steering Group.

[Members of the Steering Group](#) had been carefully selected to represent both their organisations and the industry as a whole, comprising of stakeholders that include composters, regulators, and end users. This group was responsible for signing off the proposals agreed by the Review Panel. The meeting of the Steering Group took place on 7th March 2018. All of these measures comprised the [Consensus Building Process](#).