

## REAL CCS/BCS Scheme rules review process

1. The rules are reviewed once a year.
2. The rules can be reviewed more frequently only under exceptional circumstances and when agreed with the Certification Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (e.g. to reflect changes to PAS100 and Quality Protocol, new legislation etc.).
3. All comments regarding the rules made by composters or any other stakeholders after the rules publication should be gathered by REAL and considered during the next review process.
4. All comments must be provided in the REAL's consultation template.<sup>i</sup>
5. The consultation should include proposed transitional arrangements.

### Consultation

6. REAL will publish the draft revised version of the scheme rules and send it to the scheme's members, and the members of the Certification TAC, CBs, the regulators and the other stakeholders.
7. All responses must be provided in the REAL's consultation template.
8. The consultation period must not be shorter than 6 weeks.
9. REAL will collate, review and consult with the TAC all responses to the consultation.
10. REAL will provide a written response to the consultation which is made publicly available.
11. In the event of a dispute REAL will liaise with the TAC to establish an agreement.

### Transitional period

12. The transitional period may vary depending on the circumstances.
13. A reasonable transitional period must be established as soon as possible and clearly stated with the publication of the new rules.

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<sup>i</sup> The consultation response template is available on [www.qualitycompost.org.uk/](http://www.qualitycompost.org.uk/)