

TASCCforce

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TRADE ASSURANCE SCHEME FOR COMBINABLE CROPS



Welcome

Welcome to TASCCforce. In this edition, we highlight the introduction of the new TASCC Standard 2024 and what this will mean for audits taking place after 1 October 2024.

We also share a guideline document on ensuring trailer hygiene to maintain food and feed safety, an update on training courses available to Members and Participants, and much more.

As ever, we welcome all feedback. If you have any questions, suggestions, or topics you would like to see covered, please get in touch. AIC welcomes your views and is here to help make your voice heard.



Gill Barrow
Technical Manager

TASCC Standard 2024

The final draft of the new TASCC 2024 Standard is now available on AIC's website.

This follows an extensive review over the last three years of the TASCC, UFAS, and FEMAS standards to align the wording for common requirements across the three schemes.

Part of the alignment is changing TASCC from codes of practice to a standard while maintaining its identity.

All TASCC audits taking place after 1 October 2024 will be against the new Standard and Participants are encouraged to review their procedures and systems to ensure they continue to comply with the scheme requirements.

Participants will be notified by a briefing of the key changes of requirements and appendices, and template/forms will be

updated in line with the new Standard and available on AIC's website.

Printed copies

Each Participant will automatically receive a printed hard copy of the new Standard. A briefing will be sent for Participants to request additional copies if needed.

New Scheme Terminology

TASCC 2024 includes updated terminology, with the aim of improving clarity for Participants when reading and complying with the Standard. In addition to "Requirements" which will form the basis of the checklist and the audit process, there is now "Interpretation", "Guidance" and "Further Information".

Full descriptions of these terms are included in the Scheme Rules at the front of the Standard, but in summary:

- Interpretation is something a Participant should consider to ensure that food and feed safety is maintained, and legislation complied with.
- Guidance is advice that may be useful in achieving the required outcome.
- Further information is any external source of information (web links etc).

Appendix 15 Proficiency testing

With the launch of the new Standard the Proficiency (ring) Testing scheme requirements in Appendix 15 have been reviewed and updated and now include interpretation and guidance. The revised document will be available on AIC's website in advance of 1 October 2024.

Where to find TASCC supporting documents AIC's website

A range of templates and forms are available on the TASCC page on AIC's website. Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to get a user guide on how to find them.

The template documents are designed for you to edit and input the content specifically for your business. All documents will be updated in line with the launch of the new TASCC Standard and are available as example documents to assist and help with TASCC compliance.



Audit hints and tips

A common occurring non-conformance is vehicles not being registered on the Vehicle Inventory. Please ensure any new, second-hand, or hired vehicles are included on your vehicle inventory.

The purpose of an internal audit is to check that your implemented controls are working effectively to protect food and feed safety.

The internal audit must cover the requirements of the scheme and can be scheduled over a period of time covering all relevant activities.

A traceability exercise must be completed by participants. The checklists available on AIC's website can be used as the internal audit and to record the traceability exercise.



Three-year certificate

The TASCC Scheme has moved to a three-year certificate, which brings it into alignment with other AIC trade assurance schemes.

Certificates will expire 31 March 2027 for all TASCC Participants.



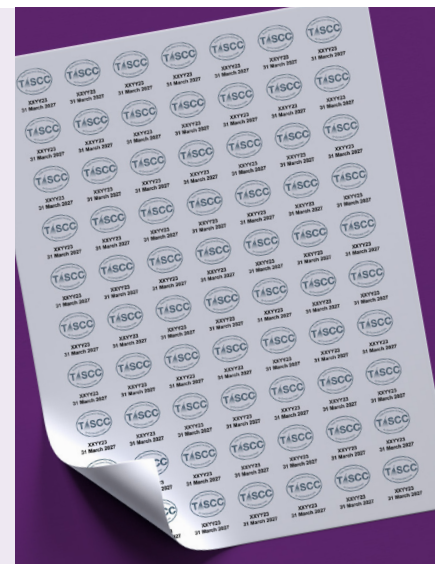
How to order TASCC stickers

A new online form has been created for Participants to order TASCC Stickers quickly and easily. This form can be found on the TASCC page of [AIC's website](#). Sticker orders must only be placed by using the webform.

To place an order, Participants must first log in to AIC's website and then go to the TASCC Stickers webpage. In line with the validity of the certificate, TASCC stickers will also be valid for three years.

TASCC stickers must only be used on the Combinable Crops Passports for crops that have been grown under assurance schemes Red Tractor and Scottish Quality Crops and stored in a TASCC certified store.

Once your sticker order is complete, it should arrive within five working days. If you do not receive your order in this timeframe, please email tascc.stickers@agindustries.org.uk



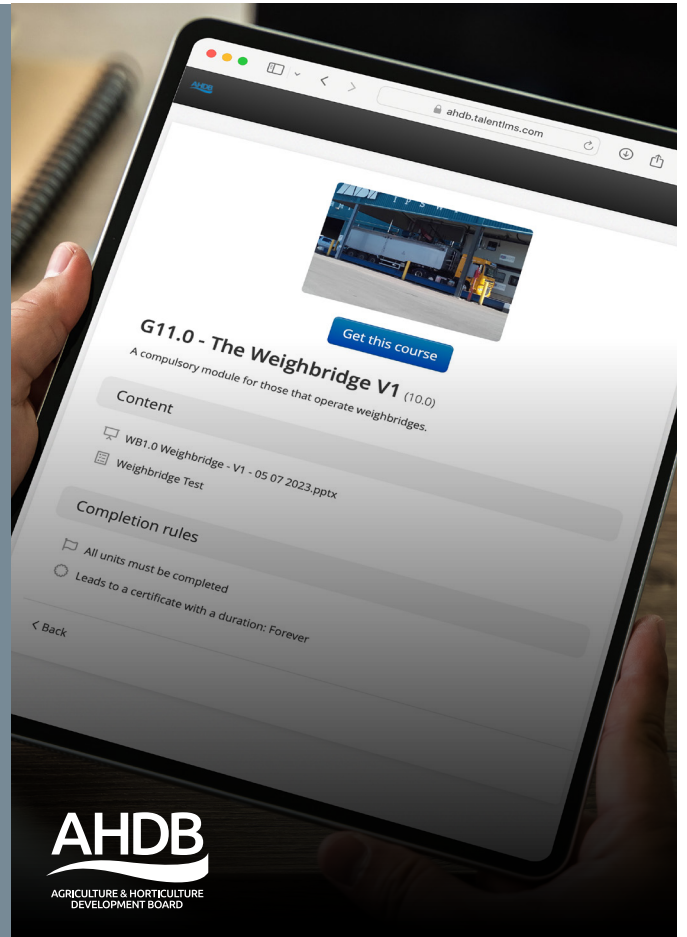
AHDB Analyst Training Modules

There are a range of Modules available on the AHDB website which have been written by industry experts. They are an invaluable resource for training personnel and for complying with the TASCC Testing Standard. The newly introduced Weighbridge module can be found in the General Section Gp011.0. Go to the AHDB website to register and access the modules. All courses can be viewed prior to registration [here](#).

Later in the year the additional 'quiz' module will be available which can be used as refresher training for personnel working in testing laboratories. It assesses all elements of the TASCC Testing Standard requirements and is designed to highlight certain aspects of the Standard where Testing Facilities have received non-conformances.

It is a valuable assessment for new and experienced analysts and helps laboratory managers to tailor further training and competency needs. Look out for the Member briefing detailing its release.

There is now an option to print or receive modules via email. For further information, contact Technical Manger Gill Barrow (gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk).



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TASCC i-learning

The i-learning training modules are available on [AIC's Portal](#) and are being redesigned in line with the new requirements of the 2024 standard. The redesign features videos and a more interactive training platform.

Participants are expected to complete the i-learning training within three months of the release of the Standard.

The value of mutual recognition

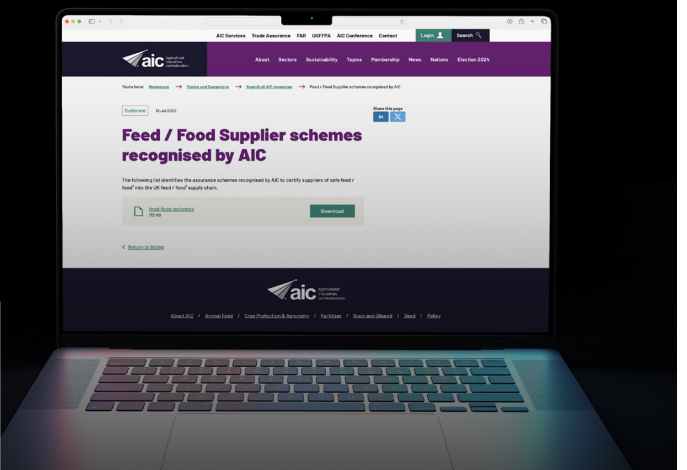
Customers/end processors require an assured feed and food supply chain. Compliance with the TASCC Standard ensures this assured chain is maintained.

TASCC has 'mutual recognition' with other UK and EU schemes which secures the chain for the domestic and export market.

The recognised schemes can be found [here](#).



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Kiwa TASCC course

Kiwa have a range of training courses which support AIC Service's Trade Assurance Schemes.

Course details and dates can be found on AIC's website or by scanning the QR code.

To register or discuss further, please contact Kiwa Training UK on 01423 878875 or by emailing uk.training@kiwa.com. For other information on training, visit [AIC's Academy webpage](#)



Level 2 HACCP course

This accredited Level 2 e-learning course on the principles of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) has been specifically developed for the feed and agri-food industry with relevant practical examples from all sectors.

Designed in conjunction with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, it is widely used by Members and Participants as part of their staff development and induction and refresher training.

The course is self-guided, takes two to three hours to complete, and a qualification certificate is issued on successful completion of a multiple-choice test.

To find out more and register directly visit [AIC's website](#).

Trailer clean out guide

Trailer hygiene is an essential part of assurance scheme compliance to maintain food and feed safety.

A document has been developed to give guidance for all stakeholders to work together allowing the safe and legal discharge of vehicles at delivery sites.

Site rules and safe working practices must be followed while ensuring trailers are cleaned of any residues following discharge, and the residues disposed of correctly to maintain food and feed safety in compliance with the TASCC Standard.

If sites do not permit trailers to be cleaned out following discharge, please contact Technical Manager Gill Barrow (gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk).

The guideline document can be downloaded from [AIC's website](#):



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