

APPENDIX 10

TASCC STORE ELIGIBILITY AND CONTROL OF OTHER MATERIALS

Stores must be expected to demonstrate to the scheme verifier previous uses of the store. Stores applying to the scheme shall be eligible for approval as follows:

- The storage of food /feed excluding bulk medicated feed,
or
- Stores that have stored forbidden/exclusion list materials
- Stores that have previously been used for housing livestock of any kind or stores that have stored materials on the International Database for Transport of Feed (IDTF) (www.icrt-idtf.com) forbidden/exclusion list or stores that have been used for the storage of materials that may lead to taint, infestation or transmission of disease must have the whole of the inside of the building (including floors, walls, roofs, roof trusses and fittings) thoroughly cleaned to remove all organic material followed by a thorough pressure steam cleaning with a hot (70–80°C) solution of a combined disinfectant suitable for food use at the manufacturers recommended dilution, dried and then approved by the Certification Body before use.

If the store changes from the storage of food/feed products to housing livestock the store needs to be removed from the TASCC Scope by notification to the Certification Body. Before being used for the storage of food/feed products again the store will need re-approval by the Certification Body. It may be requested that representative swabs are taken from surfaces and negative results received for microbiological contamination before its approval and subsequent use.

- Biomass can be stored in TASCC certified stores but storekeepers must complete a Biomass Risk Assessment Form (as found on the AIC website) for each source of biomass. The Biomass Risk Assessment form must be sent to AIC or the Certification Body for approval before storing the biomass. Confirmation of approval must be retained for the annual audit. A copy of the Biomass Storage HACCP assessment form can be downloaded from the AIC website at www.agindustries.org.uk.

The HACCP system must consider the risks posed by previously stored materials and ensure that suitable measures are taken before TASCC materials are allowed into the store.

Materials stored before the Certification Body inspects the store must not be despatched until the store is approved by the certification body.

Particular attention should be paid to risk of contamination between assured/non-assured and GM/'non-GM' commodities.

Chlorpropham (CIPC) is widely used by potato growers which can contaminate the store. **DO NOT use for other crop storage if any CIPC residues are found.**

The storekeeper can only attach their own TASCC stickers or merchant TASCC stickers when they appear on the merchants schedule of registration.