

# FIAS Update

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FERTILISER INDUSTRY ASSURANCE SCHEME



## Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the FIAS Update.

Six months on and the issue of high global gas prices is still with us and still affecting production and price of nitrogen fertilisers.

While arable crops have generally had fertiliser applied to maintain yields, grasslands may not, raising questions about silage production and availability of forage this winter. Farmers are advised to consult their FACTS qualified adviser and discuss the options possible for their particular sites, soil types and crops. Defra are bringing forward BPS into July to aid farm cash flows for the new season.

There is a need to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity such as fertiliser being offered for sale by uncertified suppliers or thefts from storage buildings. The increased value of fertiliser means it is very important to have regular stock takes and secure storage sites. Report anything suspicious to the police (telephone 101).

Remind customers of [safe and secure storage rules](#), the NaCTSO 5 point plan, and that it is illegal to sell ammonium nitrate without the correct documentation, including DRT certificates. Fertiliser suppliers should be FIAS approved, and this can be confirmed via the [AIC Trade Assurance checker](#).

## Legislation changes summary:



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Head of Fertiliser Sector

- The AIC Fertiliser Sector is liaising with Defra around the future use of urea and work on GB fertiliser regulations. The urea consultation outcome states that urea may be applied between 15th January and 31st March. Outside these dates, only inhibited urea is to be used in either solid or liquid form where the ureic N content is more than 1%, unless an untreated FACTS advised liquid application is possible (due to other mitigation measures). Compliance on farm will be monitored by Red Tractor and by data submitted to Defra by fertiliser suppliers. This policy will apply from 2023.

- The EU Fertilising Product Regulations (FPR) come into force in Europe mid-2022 with the EU 2003/2003 Regulations being withdrawn. The UK will continue to recognise products marketed under EU2003/2003 until December 2022 when a version of this regulation will continue for the UK. Defra will publish a timetable for consultation and implementation of FPR. AIC Fertiliser Sector is seeking changes around future DRT testing restrictions.

- A consultation on explosives precursors regulations in the UK Poisons Act has been completed by the Home Office. AIC Members and FIAS participants submitted responses and the outcome of the consultation is expected in early summer.

**Roberta Reeve**  
Technical Manager for AIC Services



## ADR changes

In ADR 2019 the requirement to appoint a Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser (DGSA) extended to companies who act as consignors of dangerous goods including office-based consignors. Previously, consignor-only businesses had been exempt. In recognition of the changes required for businesses, transitional provision was granted until **31 December 2022**.

The Department for Transport (DfT) policy department is producing a short video about the changes which will be shared when available.

### How will this affect FIAS participants?

For many FIAS participants, there will be no change. Haulage participants carrying dangerous goods are already required to have a DGSA.

FIAS merchants arranging transport for their dangerous goods directly or via agents, will now require a DGSA to be appointed by 1st January 2023.

From 1st January 2023, all FIAS consignors will be asked for their DGSA details, certificate and report.

Visit the [DfT website](#) for more information.



## Auditing

From 1st April 2022 FIAS audits have returned to a physical on-site audit format unless agreed in advance with Kiwa Agri Food.

However, we recognise that Covid-19 cases are still occurring and are working to maintain a safe approach for participants and auditors. If you have concerns, please contact the team at Kiwa.

One of the benefits from recent remote auditing was the option to use the AIC-Kiwa portal to upload documents in advance of the audit. Please continue to use this facility – it allows the auditor to review documents in advance of their visit and make maximum use of their valuable time on site.

Using the portal can seem daunting at first, but soon becomes very easy. It is accessed via the [AIC website](#) and full instructions are provided.

If you need help, please speak to the team at Kiwa.



## FIAS Certification Body

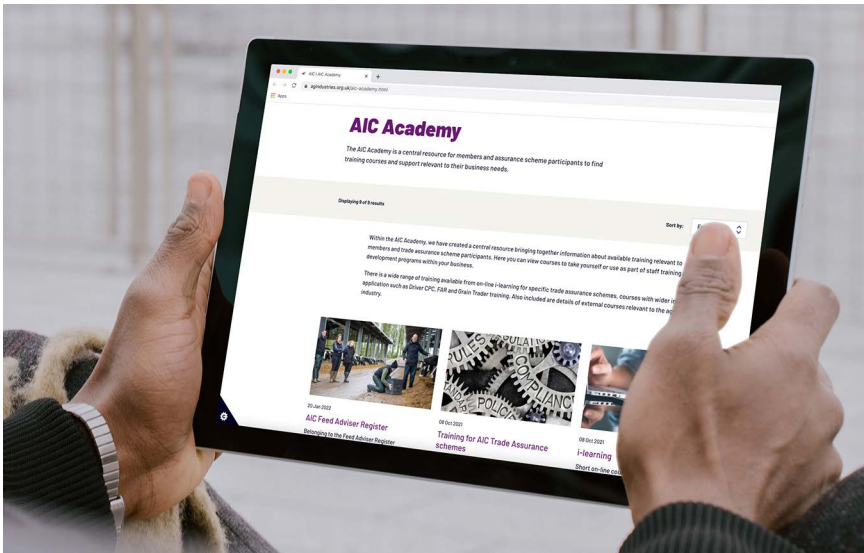
The latest FIAS contract, which began on 1st March 2022, was awarded to Kiwa Agri Food, following a tender process. AIC Services is pleased to be continuing our work with the team.



The certification body's role is to operate the certification scheme for FIAS participants, completing independent audits to ensure compliance to the standard. Kiwa is accredited by UKAS (the United Kingdom Accreditation Service).

AIC Services and the FIAS committees also monitor performance against agreed indicators to ensure that the scheme meets its objectives, providing a competitive service and value for money for participants.

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## AIC launches new training Academy

The Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC) has brought together all of its training resources for AIC Members, trade assurance scheme participants and feed advisers under the banner of 'AIC Academy'.

The [AIC Academy](#) is available on the AIC website and lists all training options, including support for trade assurance schemes such as i-learning, HACCP, and driver CPC courses, as well as the Feed Adviser Register, and general courses such as competition law. Links to relevant external courses are also provided.

John Kelley, AIC Chief Operating Officer and AIC Services Managing Director said, "Staff training has never been more important, and the AIC Academy makes it easier for users to find information about relevant and available training by bringing it together in a central resource.

"Training modules can be taken by individuals or used as part of staff training and development programs within companies. We hope all users will find this beneficial."

The AIC Academy will continue to expand as new training resources become available.

## FIAS Training

Kiwa has now launched its Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training (JAUPT) approved FIAS Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) and this is proving a popular training addition. Courses can be held online, in person and on company's own sites. The course lasts seven hours and accounts for one day of the required Driver CPC training.

Visit the [AIC website](#) to read more about the training.

The [AIC academy page](#) is an easy way to access the FIAS Driver CPC course information and the AIC/Kiwa portal for FIAS i-learning.

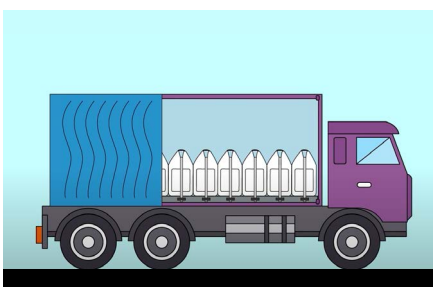


## Earned Recognition

This is an Agreement between the Department for Transport (DfT) and AIC Services for the FIAS Scheme and relates to hauliers operating under the Carriage of Dangerous Goods (CDG) legislation including ADR.

FIAS hauliers transporting fertilisers which are high consequence dangerous goods may qualify for reduced inspections under ADR due to Earned Recognition of FIAS certification with the DfT.

AIC Services and Kiwa work closely with DfT to maintain the Earned Recognition status, regularly reviewing how FIAS is operating. This summer, the DfT CDG compliance team is planning to carry out some shadowing of Kiwa audits on supplying information on relevant FIAS participants. This is to confirm that the level of compliance is maintained.





## RHA Roadway article

You may have seen a feature on FIAS in the recent Road Haulage Association Roadway magazine.

The full-page article described the role of FIAS in ensuring safe and secure delivery of fertiliser, solid and liquid, to farm in order to raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits amongst drivers and haulage businesses.

RHA are a FIAS stakeholder and sit on the FIAS Steering Group



## FIAS Working Group – update

Ben Blayds has recently resigned from his role as Chair of the FIAS Working Group, having left CF Fertilisers to start a new role in a different industry.

Members of AIC Services and the FIAS Working Group would like to thank Ben for his input and enthusiastic support of FIAS while he was Chair and wish him every success in his new role.

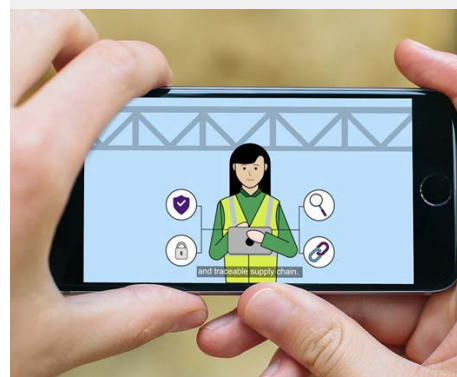
A new Chair will be announced shortly.

## FIAS Animation

Have you viewed the FIAS animation video yet? This short video summarises the role of the scheme in assuring safe, secure, and traceable supply chains for fertiliser within the UK.

Please do share the video on your websites, social media, with customers, new staff, or in-house training programs.

Available to view on [You Tube](#) or on the [AIC website](#).



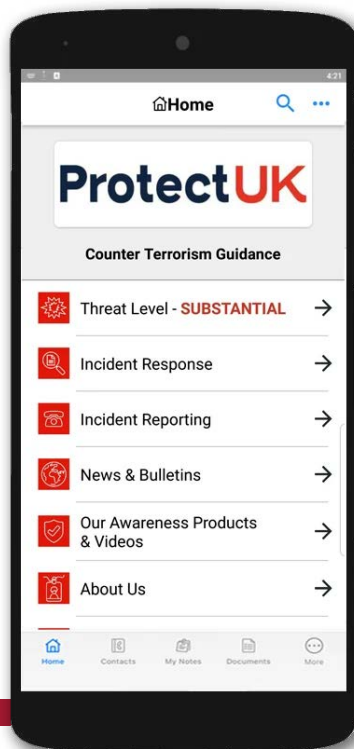
## Protect UK update

NaCTSO and Counter Terrorism Police have issued a new app called Protect UK. This replaces the ACT app and supports the Protect UK website.

The app contains everything needed to keep up to date on security issues and counter terrorism guidance covering topics such as threat levels, cyber security information, incident reporting, and links to the ACT Awareness e-learning.

The Five Point Plan and Secure Your Fertiliser guidance is now held on the Protect UK site.

[Protect UK](#) can be downloaded from: Google Play or App Store.



## Webinar

AIC Services is planning to hold another webinar towards the end of June. Content will cover updates and news from the scheme and from Kiwa. There will also be an opportunity for questions. If you have any questions or require more information on a subject, then please contact Roberta at AIC Services.

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