

TASCCforce

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TRADE ASSURANCE SCHEME FOR COMBINABLE CROPS



TASCC Scheme
Effective from October 2024



Welcome

Welcome to TASCCforce. In this edition, we highlight the introduction of the new TASCC Standard 2024 and new terminology plus supporting scheme documents.

We also share an update on training available to Members and Participants, audit hints and tips, 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.



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TASCC Standard 2024

1 October saw the implementation of the new TASCC, FEMAS, and UFAS Standards. The schemes have been aligned to maintain consistent wording across the clause requirements which is beneficial if Participants are certified to multiple schemes.

TASCC supporting documents, including checklists (internal audit), templates, forms, and appendices have been updated and are available on [AIC's website](#).

Participants are encouraged to review their procedures and systems to ensure they continue to comply with the scheme requirements. If you would like a hard copy of the new Standard, please email gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk with your TASCC reference ID and postal address.



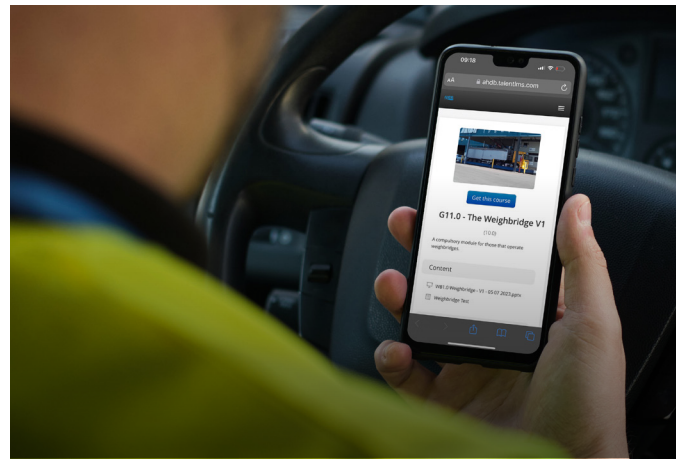
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Summary of new terminology

- **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).

Overhead powerline risk reminder

Autumn has arrived and, for parts of the country, has already proven to be very wet. As the weather turns, make sure drivers are aware of overhead power lines particularly during the winter months. Cold temperatures, ice, and snow causes the lines to sag and meaning there is a greater risk of contact.



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.

There is now an option to print or receive modules via email. For further information, email gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk.



What to expect at an audit

Kiwa has produced a video which summarises what to expect at an audit from the opening meeting, to the findings report, non-conformances, and technical review. Please view the video on [AIC's website](#).

Scan the QR code to watch video >>



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Trailer number identification size

Remember that when identifying your trailer, it must be securely fixed, on both sides and rear of the vehicle and clearly visible. The size must be no smaller than number plate lettering as per clause requirement H3.2.e.

Securing trailer loads

H12.1 Vehicles transporting food/feed under TASCC must be kept sheeted/covered at all times except when loading/unloading or sampling is taking place. Sheeting maintains food and feed safety but also security of the load. Updated guidance has been published by the [DVSA](#) on securing loads.

Trade Assurance Case study

AIC Services is inviting Participants of its trade assurance schemes to contribute to a series of case studies, promoting the value of assurance in feed, food, and fertiliser safety.

If your business is a Participant of any of AIC's Trade Assurance Schemes - ESTA, FEMAS, FIAS, TASCC and UFAS - and you would like to find out more about being featured as a case study to promote these schemes and their value to you and the wider industry, please register your interest by emailing AIC's Head of Communications Oli Hill (oli.hill@agindustries.org.uk) or contact Kiwa UK.



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Identifying trailers

Before using a new trailer whether is it new, second-hand, or hired please ensure the trailer is identified in line with the requirements of section H3 of the TASCC Haulage Standard.

AIC has received a number of reports from intake sites where trailers have not been identified. To maintain compliance, all trailers must be identified prior to use and added to the vehicle inventory.



TASCC Participant number

Trailer number

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i-learning – complete within three months of standard launch

The i-learning training modules are available on AIC's Portal and have been redesigned in line with the new requirements of the 2024 Standard. The training features videos and a more interactive training platform.

All Participants will have received an email enrolling them for the relevant course from Kiwa. The new training includes narration therefore please enable the sound on your computer or device. Participants are expected to complete the i-learning training within three months of the release of the Standard.



Exclusion and Sensitive List Material – TASCC trailers

Please consult the Exclusion and Sensitive Lists if you are unsure whether it is permitted to carry a material. If you are in any doubt about whether a material can be carried please contact Kiwa or AIC for clarification uk.feed@kiwa.com or enquiries@agindustries.org.uk.

Please obtain a Product Specification Sheet detailing the product and its content and source. This information is essential to determine if the material is safe to be carried without compromising food or feed safety. Carrying material which is not suitable can result in trailers being removed from the TASCC scheme and potential issues with food and feed safety within supply chains.



Audit hints and tips

Following an audit if any non-conformances have been raised you can submit your corrective action and evidence via AIC's Portal.



Visit [AIC's website](https://www.agindustries.org.uk) to download the AIC Portal User Guide and watch a supporting video.

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Participants must demonstrate that they have systems and procedures in place that ensure they remain up to date with legislation and any safety issues relevant to the food and feed they supply.

Ensure the review is documented and carried out every 12 months. It could be included as part of your annual management review.



AIC Academy

AIC has brought together all its training resources for AIC Members, trade assurance scheme Participants, and feed advisers under [AIC's Academy](#). The AIC Academy is available on AIC's website and lists all training available, 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 compliance law.

You can find out more by visiting [AIC's Academy webpage](#).



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Trade Assurance Consultant Register (TACR)

To aid current or potential participants of AIC's Trade Assurance schemes, a list of consultants and advisors is available on AIC's website to assist with sourcing valid, correct and useful advice.

A list of consultants who have signed up to the Trade Assurance Consultant Register and the TACR professional conduct standards is available on [AIC's website](#). Here you will find details of individual consultants, the trade assurance schemes they support, services offered and ways to contact them for further information.



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