

# TASCCforce

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TRADE ASSURANCE SCHEME FOR COMBINABLE CROPS



## Welcome

Welcome to TASCCforce. In this latest edition, we will explore the proposed digital grain passport system as well as looking at the new Trade Assurance Consultant Register, an update on training modules, trailer hire requirements and much more.

As ever, we welcome all feedback from Members and Participants. If you have any questions or suggestions of topics you would like to see covered, please get in touch. AIC wants you to have your voice heard.



**Gill Barrow**  
Technical Manager

## The Trade Assurance Consultant Register (TACR)

AIC has launched a Trade Assurance Consultant Register (TACR) in response to requests from the agri-supply industry that advice given to scheme participants should come from registered advisers.



Consultants joining TACR must agree to abide by a professional standards code when delivering their services. Benefits for consultants include information relevant to their supported schemes, access to i-learning, use of the TACR logo, ID card, and promotion of their business to new clients. Membership and website information renew annually, with a fee for non-AIC members.

Participants will benefit from a single list of consultants and services provided for specific trade assurance schemes, direct contact links to consultants, and a professional service from

advisers with current information, in whom they can have full confidence. There are no costs for scheme participants to use the Register.

Pauline and Robert Hutchinson are registered with TACR as individual consultants, offering support for TASCC, FEMAS, UFAS and FIAS schemes. With more than 20 years' experience in the food and animal feed industry, Pauline and Robert set up a website OnleyOne to simplify the accreditation process.

They say: "We will send you reminders for annual tasks like when your Management and HACCP Reviews are due and send you quality document updates when the scheme requirements change. Our ultimate aim is to improve feed and food safety in the agri-food supply chain and we believe that making it easier for participants to comply with standards whilst increasing their understanding will ultimately help achieve this."

TACR can be accessed at [www.agindustries.org.uk/tacr](http://www.agindustries.org.uk/tacr).  
For enquiries write to [enquiries-tacr@agindustries.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-tacr@agindustries.org.uk)

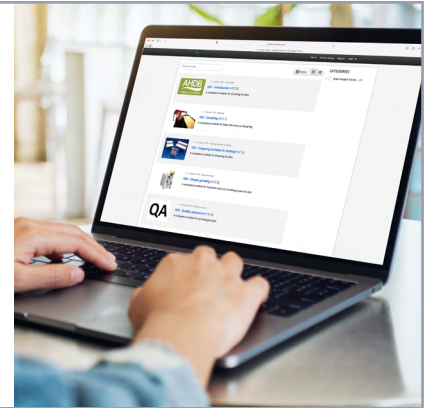
## AHDB Analyst Training Modules

The modules are continually evolving and have been written by industry experts. These modules range from preparing samples, visual inspection of ergot to visual inspection of impurities. They are an invaluable resource for training personnel and for complying to the TASCC Testing Code of Practice. You can request the modules as a pdf version by contacting [gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk](mailto:gill.barrow@agindustries.org.uk).

To access the modules please go to the AHDB website and register.

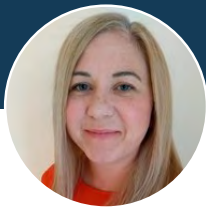
All courses can be viewed prior to registration at

<https://ahdb.talentlms.com/catalog>



## Jaclyn Redman

Jaclyn Redman, the TASCC and FIAS Scheme Manager for Kiwa, has left for pastures new. We thank Jaclyn for her hard work and commitment and wish her well in her new role. Kiwa has appointed a new Scheme Manager, Marie Beasley. Further details will be given in the next edition.



**Jaclyn Redman**  
TASCC & FIAS  
Scheme Manager for Kiwa

## TASCC certified hire trailer companies

For companies hiring trailers to TASCC Participants, it became a requirement in April 2022 for hire companies to be TASCC Certified. Trailers which are hired from a non-certified business will result in a non-conformance being raised during your audit.

Payne Brothers (East Anglia) Ltd	YY1318
Newton Trailers Limited	YY3254
H & S Roe & Sons Farms Ltd	YY3260
R W Adams & Son	YY3327
Thomas of Flecknoe	YY3310



## TASCC Trailer Numbers

It is a requirement within the TASCC Scheme that all certified trailers are uniquely identified as per clauses H7.2.a to H7.2.i. For example, if you sell trailer TR001 you cannot identify the replacement trailer with the same number TR001. This rule also applies to hired trailers which must be identified with a number not previously used within your fleet.

## Kiwa Auditor Training Day

In October Kiwa organised a face-to-face auditor training day in Harrogate. A range of topics were covered throughout the day, and it was an opportunity for AIC to present updates to their schemes, ongoing projects and industry developments including a Q&A session.



# Are digital grain passports the future?

In November, industry will be given the chance to decide whether to move away from the current paper grain passports and move to a digital system. Once industry consultation has occurred, the outcome along with all other evidence will be presented to the AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds sector council to make the final decision on committing to the development and implementation of a new system. This initial 3-year period will be backed by existing levy funds.

How it could work in practice

## The process

*In advance*

### Step 1

Merchant creates passport, allocating grower or store and haulier



### Step 2

Haulier and grower access passport. Destination, crop, date etc pre-populated



Auto assurance status checks

### Step 3

Haulier and grower option to add data before collection



*Day of delivery*

### Step 4

At loading point, grower or store-keeper's device captures data and declarations



### Step 5

Intake accesses the passport data via web portal or systems integration



### Step 6

Intake weight and grain quality data accessible by merchant, grower and haulier



You can find out more information, including how the change will affect your business, a video demonstration of a prototype system and FAQs by visiting: [www.ahdb.org.uk/digital-grain-passport](http://www.ahdb.org.uk/digital-grain-passport)



## Forbidden/Exclusion List Materials



The carrying of forbidden/exclusion list materials will mean that your TASCC certified trailer will be removed from the TASCC scheme.

If you are in any doubt about whether a material can be carried, please contact AIC or Kiwa for clarification. If you can obtain a Product Specification Sheet detailing its content and source, this will assist as to whether it can be carried in a TASCC certified trailer.



## HACCP Level 2 Course

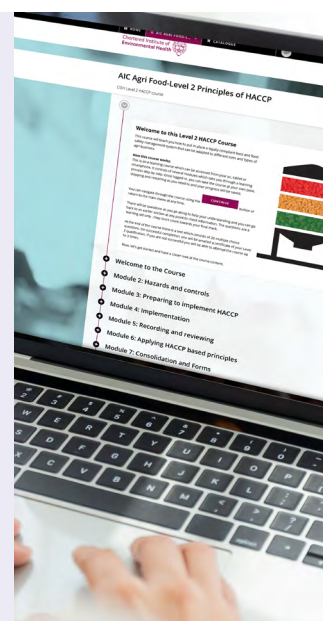
A HACCP risk assessment process is a legal requirement for feed and food operators. AIC's HACCP course has been developed with the agri-food sector in mind, through consultation with AIC Members and trade assurance participants and in association with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH).

The course can be accessed via PC, Tablet, or smartphone. Stages can be worked through at your convenience, allowing you to easily fit training around other commitments. Throughout the course, you can answer questions to check you've understood the topic. At the end, there is a multiple-choice assessment of 20 questions.

The AIC HACCP course is available for anyone in the industry seeking the relevant training. The course can form a useful part of induction or refresher training programs.

Those who complete the course and achieve the required pass mark on the assessment will receive a CIEH accredited certificate of qualification in Principles of HACCP Agri-Food, Level 2.

For details please contact Roberta Reeve: T: 01733 385244 / 07741 156512 or E: [roberta.reeve@agindustries.org.uk](mailto:roberta.reeve@agindustries.org.uk)



## TASCC short notice audits

As highlighted in the last TASCCforce edition, the short notice audit programme has been reinstated as we have returned to on-site audits. When booking your audit you will be notified if it falls within your rotation year of being short notice. Participants will be given 24 hours' notice by the auditor.

If your TASCC audit is carried out in conjunction with another AIC assurance scheme audit, your TASCC audit will be conducted at short notice including the other AIC Scheme or you can opt out and only have your TASCC audit. Your non-TASCC audit will be scheduled separately, however the cost saving of a joint audit will be lost and the separate audit will be invoiced as standard fees.

Refusal of entry for a short notice audit will result in the Participant being charged a cancellation fee and the rearranged audit will take place within 2 months. Please see Scheme Rules 5.2.

## Top 5 Non-conformances across the TASCC Scheme

Clause Number	Requirement
G6.4	As a minimum, a designated person must complete the relevant AIC I-learning modules or equivalent training package (e.g. Driver CPC training in food/feed safety).
G21.1	Internal audits must check that the Participant's procedures are effective and reflect any activity changes and that they are being complied with. The Participant must ensure that all relevant activities are covered by an internal audit annually.
G21.2d	A traceability exercise must be completed by Merchants, Storekeepers and Hauliers.
G9.1b	All relevant food/feed legislation must be reviewed and documented at least every 12 months.
H7.1	Hauliers must enter TASCC vehicles on the AIC Vehicle Inventory which can be accessed on the AIC Portal. This includes owned or operated (including acquired new and second-hand bulk vehicles), hired or leased.



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