

AIC RED II Module Voluntary Scheme Annual Report 2023

a) Independence, Modality and Frequency of Auditing

All AIC RED II Module audits are completed concurrently with either the AIC TASCC or UFAS schemes by an independent certification body appointed by AIC.

Appointed Certification Body

During 2023 the following certification body carried out RED audits:

Kiwa Agrifood
The Inspire
Hornbeam Square West
Harrogate HG2 8PA

Auditing

During 2023 AIC RED II audits were carried out either on site or remotely and in conjunction with either the TASCC or UFAS scheme.

Scheme	No. Companies	No. Sites	Audit remote	Audit on site	Audit blended *
TASCC	56	72	9	33	7
UFAS	1	1	0	1	0

*Blended audits consist of a portion of the audit being carried out remotely with a separate physical inspection being carried out.

b) Non-Conformances and complaints

Across the 53 audits carried out under the AIC RED II Module a total of 8 non-conformances were identified at a total of 6 businesses (i.e. 47 audits had no RED II non-conformances raised)

All non-conformances were classified as “minor” according to the scheme rules in place at the time¹, and all were rectified in the required timescales.

Clause Number	Clause wording	Times raised
R3.1.1	All information relating to the GHG calculation must be provided to the buyer of the goods and be clearly identifiable as to the consignment it relates to.	2
R3.1	Records shall be maintained in such a way as to provide sufficient information to be passed along the supply chain.	2
R2.3.1	The participant shall on request make available records pertaining to their RED II transactions and audits.	1
R2.1	Records shall be maintained and kept for 5 years in relation to a mass balance calculation – including sustainability characteristics.	1
R2.2.	A mass balance period shall be three months in duration.	1
R2.4	The participant must provide to the CB by the 31st January each year an annual total of the amount of feedstocks traded.	1

Non-conformance details and corrective actions

Clause Number	Non-conformance detail	Corrective action
R3.1.1	<p>It was noted that the business has occasionally passed incorrect GHG data for cultivation on sustainability declarations issued.</p> <p>No details seen available to confirm that GHG & Nuts 2 details have been sent to the customer UOS.</p>	<p>The business had on occasions used the incorrect values. Now in receipt of the correct vales sheet and using for all declarations.</p> <p>Information supplied to show that UOS are receiving declarations. Example submitted</p>

¹ Note all non-conformances are listed according the clause numbers from AIC REDII Module V3.

R3.1	<p>Sustainability declarations in use did not record unit of measurement for GHG values for cultivation, Transport GHG values, address of buyer and seller.</p> <p>Sustainability declarations in use did not record unit of measurement for GHG values for cultivation, Transport GHG values, address of buyer and seller.</p>	<p>Example received of updated template which includes all relevant information.</p> <p>Example received of updated template which includes all relevant information.</p>
R2.3.1	No details/email seen available to confirm that all RED II transactions have been provided to Kiwa/AIC	Data received from the businesses
R2.1	Separate mass balance calculations are not currently maintained, although contract system does hold overall volumes traded.	New mass balance sheet received which indicates 3 month periods.
R2.2.	Separate mass balances are not currently recorded - it should be noted that the 3 monthly reconciliation requirement should be included.	New mass balance sheet received which indicates 3 month periods.
R2.4	No details to confirm if Kiwa have been informed of annual total of RED II feed stocks traded (Jan 01/2022 - Dec 31/2022).	Information received and confirmation sent to the client of receipt.

Complaints

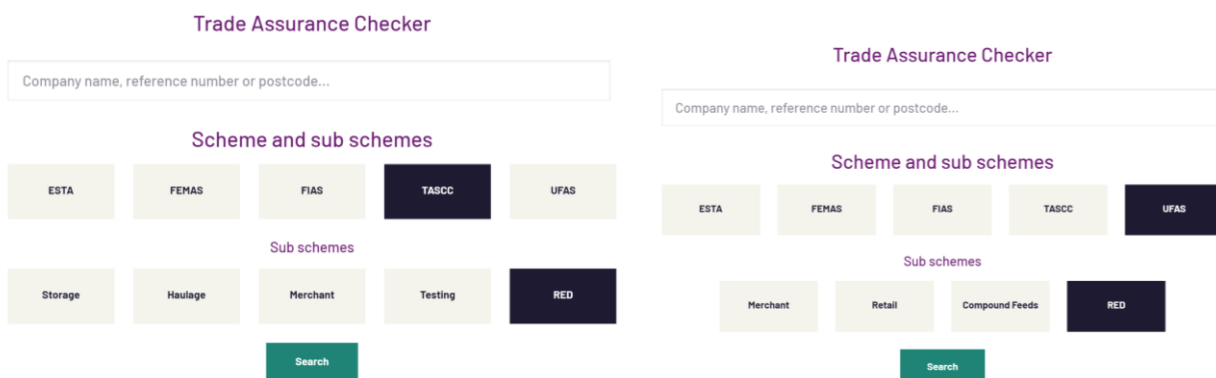
No complaints were received either in relation to the operation of the scheme or in relation to the activities of certified participants.

c) Transparency

The AIC RED II Module is publicly available in English on the AIC website

<https://www.agindustries.org.uk/resource/2021-aic-redii-module.html> and is not translated into any other language due to the availability of certification being limited to businesses based within the United Kingdom.

The list of currently certified businesses can be found on the AIC Assurance Checker [AIC | Trade Assurance Schemes \(agindustries.org.uk\)](#) by selecting the following search criteria:



The image shows two screenshots of the 'Trade Assurance Checker' interface. Both screenshots feature a search input field at the top with the placeholder text 'Company name, reference number or postcode...'. Below the search field, there are two sections: 'Scheme and sub schemes' and 'Sub schemes'. In the left screenshot, under 'Scheme and sub schemes', the 'TASC' button is highlighted in dark blue, and under 'Sub schemes', the 'RED' button is highlighted in dark blue. In the right screenshot, under 'Scheme and sub schemes', the 'UFAS' button is highlighted in dark blue, and under 'Sub schemes', the 'RED' button is highlighted in dark blue. Both screenshots have a green 'Search' button at the bottom.

All the Certificate details listed as being required to be made public in the Directive 2018/ 2001 may be found via the register checker. Copies of company certificates are not published on the website to minimise the risk of fraudulent use. In accordance with the principles of confidentiality within ISO 17065 audit findings and audit reports cannot be published by the scheme. As part of the annual reporting requirements AIC makes available the list of all non-conformances raised and the corrective actions put in place, but these are not linked to individual businesses or audits.



The image shows a screenshot of a certificate for 'A & B Davies Grain Trading Ltd' with a 'Certified' status. The certificate details include: 'The merchenting of combinable crops in bulk. The compliance of the Renewable Energy Directive (REDII)'. The address is 'The Stables, Greenfields, Dilwyn, HR4 8JG, England'. The scheme is 'TASC', sub scheme is 'Merchant, RED', and the expiry date is '31 March 2027'. On the right side, there is a sidebar titled 'Scheme and sub scheme' with a dropdown arrow. The sidebar contains a list of search criteria with checkboxes: 'TASC' (checked), 'Storage' (unchecked), 'Haulage' (unchecked), 'Merchant' (unchecked), 'Testing' (unchecked), and 'RED' (checked). Above the sidebar, there is a note: 'You can login to save the search and save the trade assurance member'.

d) Stakeholder Involvement

Due to the entirely UK based, domestic, nature of the AIC RED Module, consultation processes are limited to close cooperation with the UK farm assurance schemes Red Tractor and Scottish Quality Crops, and the UK Arable Marketing Sector, for whom AIC is the representative trade association.

e) Robustness

All audits are carried out by trained auditors working under contract to independent certification bodies holding BS EN ISO 17065 accreditation from the United Kingdom Accreditation Service.

Audit reports are made available on request by the certification bodies to AIC.

Approval of auditors is subject to agreed criteria on qualifications and experience, with annual training carried out by the certification body.

No. of auditors: 12

Last auditor training: 18th October 2021 refresher training session completed April 2022 for internal staff and auditors who felt they wanted a refresher. Updated training to be provided following recognition of the revised AIC module.

f) Market Updates

A spreadsheet containing market data for AIC RED II Module participants is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

The data reported is based on the volumes of feedstock traded by AIC RED Module participants for which RED GHG data was requested. All feedstocks are sourced from either Red Tractor or Scottish Quality Crops certified growers, and as such will duplicate some of the figures supplied by those schemes.

Number of AIC RED Module certified participants:

Companies: 57 TASCC, 1 UFAS, Total 58

Sites: 72 TASCC, 1 UFAS, Total 73

g) Conformity with Sustainability criteria

The AIC RED Module scope is limited to the trading of combinable crops produced by growers certified to either Red Tractor or Scottish Quality Cereals. The status of growers, including their compliance with the Renewable Energy Directive criteria can be found on their respective websites.

Note that both schemes require pre-registration to gain access to the approved lists.

Due to the nature of the supply chain and the market coverage of the farm assurance schemes within the UK, the risk of fraudulent activity by AIC RED Module participant is considered to be extremely low.

h) Monitoring of Certification Bodies

Under UK and European Data Protection legislation, AIC is considered to be the owner of all data collected during the course of the audit process, and as such has full access to all relevant information.

The contracts in place with appointed certification bodies also specify the requirement for access to be granted to any relevant competent authorities.

i) Criteria for Certification Bodies

AIC Feed/ Food safety schemes appoint a single certification body to ensure a consistent, robust approach to auditing. For the AIC RED module, during 2023 one certification body audited the scheme, Kiwa Agrifood. Certification bodies are appointed following a transparent tender process and contracts are awarded for a period of 4 years.

j) Monitoring of Certification Bodies

The certification bodies are subject to annual visits by AIC Technical Managers to review the operation of all AIC schemes, in addition to the accreditation processes carried out by UKAS. The annual audit included

reviewing RED audit reports based on risk i.e. all audits where non-conformances were raised and as a random sample.

k) Improvement and facilitation of best practice

To ensure that all businesses have access to information on best practice and retain all relevant records the European Commission may consider producing a range of template documents for use by certified businesses within the recognised voluntary schemes.

The European Commission might consider adding additional feedstocks to the drop down lists on the data reporting spreadsheet. In particular for the UK the addition of Barley would be useful to avoid the use of “other cereals” or “other feedstocks” in the data.

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Master copy completed tonnages data

Audit duration data (note audits carried out in conjunction with TASCC, UFAS and FIAS)

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