



# ADDING VALUE WITH FIAS

## What is FIAS?

FIAS (Fertiliser Industry Assurance Scheme) is the assurance scheme for security, traceability and safety in the fertiliser industry supply chain, founded in partnership with and supported by the UK government.

- Supported by the fertiliser sector and with a high level of market coverage
- Originally developed in 2006 as an alternative to further legislation and to ensure fertiliser security
- Led by the FIAS Steering Group, comprised of government and industry representatives



## Five Key Benefits that FIAS delivers for your business:

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### Ensuring Fertiliser Product Stewardship

To ensure the safe and secure commercial use of fertilisers, FIAS provides an assurance framework for your business operations based on the principles of legal compliance, security, traceability, safety and good practice.

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### Ensuring your business is compliant

Assessment by technically competent and experienced auditors confirms your business meets the FIAS standard.

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### Supporting the UK Fertiliser supply chain

FIAS relates to all stages of the supply chain in the UK from arrival of materials at port to delivery for use. Traceability is key to managing the manufacture and movement of fertiliser products.

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### Meeting Government requirements

FIAS supports stakeholders and your business in meeting legislative requirements and gives UK Government regulators and security services confidence that the fertiliser industry is managing its products throughout the UK supply chain. 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 Dept for Transport.

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### Allowing investment for the future

FIAS supports and aids your business systems to provide a robust basis for future development.



# Key areas where FIAS supports your business:

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## Up-to-date Standard

The standard is reviewed regularly by industry and stakeholder professionals. This ensures your business has the latest information regarding legislation and standards for managing the supply of fertiliser in the UK.

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## Use of on-line tools

FIAS has several on-line tools including assurance status checker, checklists and document templates which all help to manage your business.

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## Fully competent auditors

All auditors carry an ID card which proves they have had the relevant training and experience to audit your business.

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## On-line portals for your audit information

Web-portals allow you to view your audits, non-conformances and reports once completed. You can prepopulate information regarding your audit, resulting in more effective auditing time spent on your premises.

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## Learning and training support

FIAS i-learning courses for the fertiliser industry have been developed. These courses provide easy access learning with a completion certificate as a record of training and work alongside your own business's training program.



## Stakeholders



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs



Department  
for Transport

**NaCTSO**  
National Counter Terrorism Security Office



## Contacts

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