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Updated PAS 110 Analysis Request Form

The PAS 110 Digestate Analysis Request Form, to be used when sending digestate samples to REAL's Approved Laboratories for the purpose of Certification, has been revised. Scheme applicants and certified Operators are required to use the Request Form under the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme.

There are *two* key changes that have been made to the Request Form. A 'Certification code' field has been added to the form. This field should be populated with a valid certification Code which your Certification Body will issue to you for each certified digestate output/fraction. Secondly, the form has been updated to include a field for the submitter to indicate the type of sample being sent for testing and the purpose of the analysis. The options for the purpose of the testing include 'Validation', 'Routine verification' and 'Re-sample verification'. A description of each of these sample types is included within the 'Important Notes' section on the second page of the Request Form.

A temporary Certification code can be requested from REAL at the point of application for initial validation, or when seeking to certify a new digestate output/fraction.

The laboratory appointed to analyse your digestate sample will use this unique certification code in the future to upload your test results to a central database owned by REAL. The test results will only be accessible to the applicant/Operator's appointed Certification Body and REAL. Test results will not become publicly available. This change has been introduced to improve the robustness of the BCS.

REAL appreciate that this is a significant change to the operation of the Scheme and will therefore be introducing an adjustment period of six months, from 1st July to 31st December 2019 for Operators to familiarise themselves with the new requirements. During this six-month period, should the certification code not be included on the Analysis Request Form, the form will still be accepted by the laboratory. Following the adjustment period, it is essential that the 'Certification code' field is populated with a valid Certification Code otherwise the sample will not be accepted for certification purposes.

The updated PAS 110 Digestate Analysis Request Form can be found on the BCS website [here](#).

BCS Position on Technical Requirements

REAL would like to draw Operators' attention to the BCS Position on Technical Requirements [document](#). This is the accompanying document to the [BCS Scheme Rules version 5](#). The purpose of the BCS Position on Technical Requirements document is to provide clarity on specific technical requirements within the BCS Scheme Rules and ensure consistency in the interpretation of these requirements. These positions have been discussed and agreed with all certification bodies.

The document can be located within the Scheme Rules tab on the [Certification](#) page of the BCS [website](#).

Website updates

REAL would like to direct Operators to several documents that have been uploaded to the BCS website.

The MDWG (Market Development Working Group) [page](#) details the role of the MDWG and has been

updated with [summary notes](#) from the first meeting of the MDWG, held in January of 2019. The second meeting of the MDWG has recently taken place and notes from the second meeting, once compiled, will be uploaded to the same page.

The meeting minutes from REAL BCS's Oversight Panel meetings, held in November '19 and March '20 have been added to the [Oversight Panel page](#) within the BCS website. A Panel meeting has also recently taken place and notes from this meeting, once compiled, will be uploaded to the same page.

REAL has recently introduced a [decision-making tree](#). The decision tree enables Scheme participants to identify their initial point of contact for Scheme-related enquiries and includes the procedure for dealing with specific technical enquiries. If you have an enquiry about PAS or the Scheme, please utilise the decision tree to determine which individual or organisation is best to address your query.
