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Latest news from BCS

Tender opportunities

REAL has recently published two tender invitation documents.

The first seeks to appoint a contractor to carry out the first project of REAL's Research Hub, titled 'The development of a Research Library for the Organics Recycling Industry'. The tender document can be found [here](#). The deadline for tender submissions is Friday 18th October 2019.

The second tender seeks to appoint an Independent Auditor to audit the REAL CCS/BCS Approved Laboratories. There may be one or several auditors to carry out checks on the laboratories for conformance under the CCS and BCS laboratory terms and conditions. The tender document can be found [here](#). The deadline for this is Friday 1st November 2019.

For those who wish to tender for either project/service, an electronic copy of the tender submission is required to be sent to Olivia Fursessedonn at Olivia@realschemes.org.uk.

Removal of QMS templates and reminder to use analysis request form

Quality Management System (QMS) templates, which were developed for applicants, have now been removed from our website. As REAL reviews PAS 110 and considers whether a revision should be initiated in the near future, a decision has been made to remove these templates. All operators are now required to produce their own documentation when implementing the QMS required for certification.

The PAS 110 Digestate Analysis Request Form is available to download [here](#) from the Templates page. May we remind operators to use the updated Request Form. This is to be used when sending digestate samples to the Approved Laboratories for certification purposes. From 1st January 2020, this form must be used by all operators and applicants. *If a sample is sent after the 1st January with the previous request form, your results will not count towards certification*

BCS position documents

Operators are also reminded that the BCS Position on Technical Requirements document was released earlier this year, which has recently been updated. The purpose of the document is to provide clarity on specific technical requirements within the scheme documents and ensure consistency in the interpretation of these requirements. The document is located in the [scheme rules](#) tab in the Certification section of the BCS website and also on the [Guidance](#) page. Sections 21 and 22 have been added to the document and section 10 has been updated to reflect changes in the industry.

REAL has also published a document outlining the scheme position on the use of additives under the scheme. REAL's position is that the use of additives at certified sites should be assessed as part of the site's HACCP planning/study. As such, the use of additives in a BCS certified process is the responsibility of the relevant site operator or their representatives. PAS 110 is currently under review and if a decision is taken to revise the standard, this will provide a timely opportunity to consider incorporating

requirements on the use of additives to supplement and/or replace assessment under HACCP. The position document can be found on the [Guidance page](#) of the BCS website.

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