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Quality Assurance and BCS Scheme Rules

Last year, we introduced the 'Quality Assurance' category of certification in the current version of the BCS Scheme Rules. Under this category, producers of 'non-waste' status digestate can apply to join the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme to assure the quality of their processes and outputs. Operators can apply for certification to PAS 110 and the BCS Scheme Rules in this category, without the need for certification to the Anaerobic Digestion Quality Protocol (ADQP) or the SEPA's Position Statement for end-of-waste, as their digestate is not subject to waste regulatory controls.

A clarification note on this is available on our website [here](#).

The BCS Scheme Rules will be revised to clarify these requirements within the rules. REAL will be announcing a consultation period for the scheme rules document this summer.

BCS Certification Body Tender

REAL is seeking to appoint one or more Certification Bodies for the provision of certification services under the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme. REAL aims to provide the industry's leading independent digestate certification scheme ensuring it is robust, efficient and effective. These requirements are necessary to provide reassurance that certified digestate is safe for end users and the environment.

The Tender Invitation Document, which sets out the scope of work that Renewable Energy Assurance Ltd (REAL) wishes to commission, can be found [here](#). The tender period will run from Friday 17th July to Friday 28th August 2020.

If you wish to tender for this work, you should send one electronic copy of your tender submission to Molly Rogers using molly@realschemes.org.uk.

Updated BCS Privacy Policy

Our BCS Privacy Policy has now been updated to include our new office address and reflect changes to the conditions set out in Article 6 of the GDPR. Article 6 refers to the lawful bases for processing data about individuals, which includes but is not limited to; the consensual, contractual, and legal circumstances in which we will process personal data. Contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office have been added to the policy.

Additionally, the privacy policy has been updated to include information on the data REAL stores in the online database regarding PAS 110 test results. Only certification officers can access the database

which contains PAS 110 tests reports and contact details of sites. REAL does not disclose individual test reports or personal data stored on the BCS database.

Our full privacy policy can be found on our website [here](#).

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