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Plastic Reporting Factsheet

The BCS has published a new factsheet explaining the new plastic limits that the approved labs now report to for all samples. This limit was introduced through the Anaerobic Digestate Resource Framework (ADRF), which replaced the AD Quality Protocol in England from the 20th of October 2025. The factsheet outlines the new and guides operators on how they should interpret test results for plastic content based on what limit they are required to meet, explaining how to register for an exemption if needed (using RPS 317).

The factsheet clarifies how BCS approved labs report plastic results now that the ADRF has been published; including what this means for processes still assessed against PAS 110, such as processes achieving EoW for supply into Wales or Northern Ireland, or processes using RPS 317 for supply into England. It also includes an explanation for why reports now show the new limit and what this means for processes still complying with the higher PAS 110 limit for total physical contaminants.

The factsheet includes RPS registration information such as when to notify the Environment Agency, what evidence to provide, and how long exemptions last. The guidance also contains a link to the full version of RPS 317 on the .gov website.

Finally, it sets out what operators should do if they believe a reported "Fail" for plastic should instead be treated as a "Pass" based on the EoW position that they're required to meet, or their RPS 317 status.

The full factsheet is available on the BCS website [here](#).

BCS Operator Representative Update

Tom Brown from Severn Trent Green Power has stepped down as joint BCS Operator Representative, after moving to a different company. Tom made a valuable contribution to the scheme through his work supporting operators and engaging constructively with BCS Forum and Research Hub Panel discussions, and we thank him for his service in the role.

Representation for all scheme participant matters is still being provided by Jo Chapman at AC Shropshire Ltd – operators who would like an issue raised on their behalf at the next BCS Operators' Forum should contact Jo using jo@acshropshire.co.uk.

Conformity Mark Reminder

Since the 20th of October 2025, version 6.1 of the BCS Scheme Rules has required all scheme participants to use the new conformity marks. There are now four conformity marks, with one mark applicable for each nation. These replace the previous single mark that applied to England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, and the mark that applied to Scotland.

To request the new marks, please email: oliver@realschemes.org.uk.

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