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Certification Code Reminder

If you are new to the scheme, when applying for certification of your process and digestate output, you will have been issued a temporary certification code (BCS-APP-XXXX) by REAL, along with a temporary Process Reference Number (BCS0000AXXX) for use with the PAS 110 Analysis Request Form which you send with your samples to your chosen BCS Appointed laboratory.

Once you have achieved certification, your Certification Body will issue a permanent certification code for this output and permanent BCS number which can be found on your certificate. The code will take a similar form as the temporary code but with abbreviations of your site or organisation name plus the type of digestate output (e.g., XXX-XXX-WD). The BCS number will take the form BCSXXXXCXXX. Please ensure to use these details going forward on the request forms, once you have achieved certification, as your temporary certification details will no longer be valid.

This reminder extends to existing scheme participants too; the laboratories cannot upload test reports to the BCS database unless the correct certification code has been provided. If the report is not uploaded to the BCS database, then it will not count towards your certification. Please ensure that you check the certification codes displayed on your certificates, and please provide these codes clearly. Please also ensure to use the latest version of the analysis request form found on our website [here](#).

Operators' Forum

The next meeting of the BCS Operators' Forum is being held on Wednesday 22nd May and we would like to invite all operators to attend. This meeting will be held online from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

The Operators' Forum consists of representatives of AD operators who are either certified or working towards certification under the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme. The Forum provides operators with the opportunity to raise and discuss issues they may be experiencing in relation to certification under the scheme and other issues that may impact on the scheme.

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If you are interested in attending the Forum, you can register interest and confirm attendance by contacting Oliver Dunn at oliver@realschemes.org.uk. If you are not able to attend this meeting but you would like to have an issue raised on your behalf, please contact Jo Chapman and/or Tom Brown, the joint BCS Operators' Representative, using jo@acshropshire.co.uk and tom.brown@stgreenpower.co.uk.

Recent BCS Sampling Guidance Webinar

We recently held our very first BCS Sampling Guidance Webinar for AD operators on 12th March 2024, we will be holding such webinars again and will inform all BCS participants of future events.

If you would like more details about the BCS Sampling Guidance Webinar, visit our website [here](#) or email: oliver@realschemes.org.uk.