

Locating Your Certification Codes: A Visual Guide

In order to help producers more easily identify crucial information for sampling and testing compost for certification purposes, BCS have prepared a visual guide to help you locate your unique process information on the latest versions of the certificate.

BCS Number

Your BCS number follows the format “BCSXXXXCXXX”, where the first two digits indicate the month the certificate was issued (for example, 01 for January), and the next two digits represent the year of issue (such as 23 for 2023). The letter “C” acts as a constant separator denoting certification, and the final three digits are the sequential number assigned to the certificate (with 001 being the first process certified). For instance, the certificate number BCS0523C100 was issued in May 2023 and represents the 100th certificate issued under the BCS.

It can be found in the following places depending on which Certification Body issued your certificate (highlighted by a **red circle** on page 2 of this guidance).

If your process is certified by NSF

Your BCS number for your process can be found towards the top left corner of the certificate, under “Membership number”.

If your process is certified by OF&G

Your BCS number can be found towards the bottom left of the certificate, after “BCS number”.

Note: OF&G also uses a “registration number” for their internal functions. This should not be used for BCS-related purposes.

If your process is certified by ACL

Your BCS number can be found in the top right corner of the certificate, under “BCS number”.

Certification Code

Your Certification Code is unique to each output your process produces. It follows a specific format that provides key information about the output. The Certification Code is structured as follows:

- The first three letters (XXX) represent a code specific to your organisation.
- The next two or three letters (XX/X) are unique to your site.

- The final two letters (XX) indicate the output type of the biofertiliser (Separated Fibre = SF, Whole Digestate = WD, or Separated Liquor = SL).

This code can be found in the following places indicated by a **green arrow** on the example certificates on page 2.

If your process is certified by NSF

Your certification code is located in the lower centre of the certificate in the “Digestate Fractions” section.

If your process is certified by OF&G

Your certification code is positioned in the upper centre part of the document, immediately below the “Certificate of Compliance” heading.

If your process is certified by ACL

Your certification code appears in the centre of the page, aligned to the left of the listed BCS number.



Membership Number: [Redacted]

Certificate Valid From: [Redacted]

Certificate Expiry Date: [Redacted]

Certificate Issue Date: [Redacted]

Certificate Issue Number: 1

Awarded to:

[Redacted]

Standard:



Biofertiliser Certification Scheme

PAS110 Version 2, August 2014, Anaerobic Digestate Quality Protocol 2014

Digestate Fractions:

Separated Fibre, Certification Code: [Redacted]

Separated Liquor, Certification Code: [Redacted]

Signed on behalf of
NSF Certification UK Ltd

[Redacted]

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Harborough Business Park, Long Harborough, OX20 8SJ, UK

This certificate remains the property of NSF Certification UK Ltd. and must be returned immediately on request.

To check its validity write to NSF Certification UK Ltd, Harborough Business Park, Long Harborough, Oxon, OX20 8SJ UK. E: certificationuk@nsf.org

Certificate of Compliance

This is to certify that

Product Name Certification Code
Whole digestate [Redacted]
Separated Fibre
Separated Liquor

Produced by

[Redacted]

complies with the British Standards Institution's Publicly Available Specification for Digestate (PAS110: 2014), the Anaerobic Digestate Quality Protocol (2014) and the Scheme Rules.



Registration Number: [Redacted]

Date Issued: [Redacted]

BCS Number: [Redacted]

Date Certificate Expires: [Redacted]

Signed by: [Redacted]



This certificate is issued on behalf of REAL by Organic Farmers & Growers C.L.G., Old Estate Yard, Shrewsbury Rd, Abington, Shrewsbury, SY4 3AG Tel: 01939 291800.
This certificate remains the property of the issuer and is returnable whilst valid in the event of suspension or withdrawal from the certification scheme of one or more of the above certified composts.



AARDVARK

Certification Ltd.

Certificate of Compliance



This is to certify that

Digestate Type Certification Code
Separated Liquor – [Redacted]

Produced by

[Redacted]

Has met the criteria of the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme, the Standards of PAS110: 2014 and BCS Scotland (SEPA position statement - Classification of outputs from AD processes June 2014) and the Anaerobic Digestate Quality Protocol 2014

Signed on behalf of Aardvark Certification Limited

[Redacted]

Certification Officer

This certificate is the property of Aardvark Certification Limited and must be returned immediately on request. In order to check its validity, contact Aardvark Certification Limited, Higher Ford, Wiveliscombe, Somerset, TA4 2RL. Email: contactus@aardvarkcertification.com

BCS Number: [Redacted]

Certificate Expiry Date: [Redacted]

Certificate Issue Date: [Redacted]

Code usage for the analysis request form

Remember to always double-check these details when filling out your analysis request form to ensure smooth processing of your samples for testing and continuation of your certification. Your BCS number (BCSXXXXCXXX) (highlighted on the left of the form below) is for your process, while the certification code (highlighted on the right of the form) is for the output of the process being tested.

Inaccuracy or inconsistency in these details can cause delays in the test result reporting process and may result in your test results not counting towards certification.

PAS110 DIGESTATE ANALYSIS REQUEST FORM FOR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

		PO Number	
Organisation name		Contact name	
Plant name		Email	
BCS number		Telephone	
Sample of	<input type="checkbox"/> Whole digestate	<input type="checkbox"/> Separated fibre	<input type="checkbox"/> Separated liquor
Sample code		Certification code	<i>Must be supplied</i>
Sample type (testing purpose)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 (Validation)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Routine verification)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 (Re-sample verification)
Date sampled		Sampler name	<i>Optional</i>