



Feeds Assurance Scheme Guide



QMS



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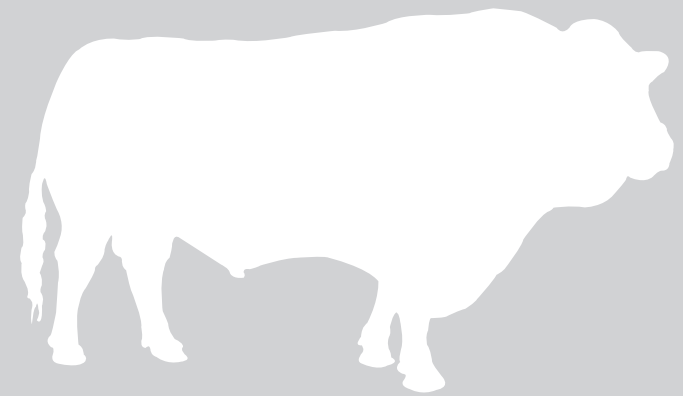
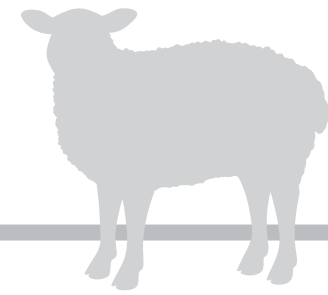
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At a glance

THE FEEDS Assurance Scheme is an essential element of the Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) Whole Chain Consumer Assurance programme.

To carry the Scottish red meat industry's three premium brands Scotch Beef PGI, Scotch Lamb PGI and Specially Selected Pork, livestock must have been born, reared and slaughtered in Scotland and spent their entire life on QMS Scotch Assured holdings. This whole of life brand eligibility is delivered by a suite of assurance schemes: Cattle & Sheep, Pigs, Feeds, Haulage, Auction Market & Collection Centre and Processor. Whole chain assurance underpins the integrity of these premium brands and provides reassurance to consumers of provenance, highest standards of production, animal welfare and wellbeing, to deliver a quality eating experience.



SCOTCH ASSURED
Cattle & Sheep

QUALITY ASSURED
Pigs

Quality Meat Scotland
**ASSURANCE
SCHEMES**

SCOTCH ASSURED
Processor

SCOTCH ASSURED
Feeds

**Whole Chain Assurance
from Quality Meat Scotland**

SCOTCH ASSURED
Auction Market & Collection Centre

SCOTCH ASSURED
Haulage

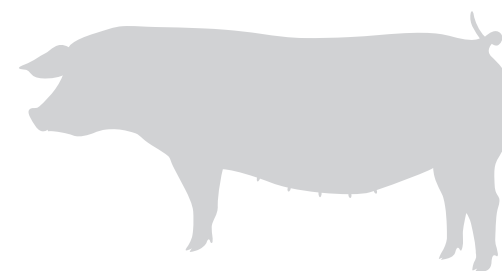
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The overall strategy of QMS

is to develop, support, promote and protect a profitable and sustainable Scottish Red Meat Industry and a commitment to animal welfare and wellbeing is a key factor in this strategy and of paramount importance in ensuring the highest product quality. The QMS Animal Welfare and Wellbeing Charter recognises the **five freedoms of animal welfare and wellbeing** and is a guiding principle for all QMS assurance schemes, which are supported and approved by the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Scottish SPCA), Scotland's independent animal welfare charity.



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Membership of the QMS Feeds Assurance Scheme is for both feed manufacturers and merchants who wish to supply the following feed products to QMS Farm Assurance members and any other part of the QMS assurance chain:

- Compound feeds
- Blended feeds
- Feed materials (i.e., straights/co-products from the human food and drink industries)
- Feed blocks and licks
- Mineral/vitamin supplements
- Dietetic complementary feeds
- Animal health products not requiring market authorisation.



2. Benefits of Membership to your Company

The Feeds Assurance Scheme provides reassurance of feed safety and traceability throughout the feed supply chain, from manufacturers to merchants which can clearly be conveyed through scheme membership.

- Access to a potential market of QMS assured livestock businesses in Scotland
- Direct communication link into QMS on feed issues
- Feed industry representation on QMS Standard's Setting Committees
- Use of QMS logo on company stationery, literature, packaging and vehicles.

3. Eligibility

QMS Feeds Assurance Scheme requires proof of certification to UFAS, or recognised equivalent schemes, to be eligible to join.

The Universal Feed Assurance Scheme (UFAS) is vital for delivering and ensuring high standards across the feed industry. Based on robust Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles and regularly updated to ensure continued industry best practice, the UFAS ensures participants are following best practice towards robust whole chain assurance.

UFAS certification requires an annual assessment and payment of all relevant fees. Further details regarding becoming UFAS certified can be found on The Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC) website <https://www.agindustries.org.uk/sectors/trade-assurance-schemes/ufas-universal-feed-assurance-scheme/ufas-scheme-membership.html>. Therefore, to avoid duplication, the QMS Scheme does not require any assessments.



4. How to Join the QMS Scheme

An application form to join the scheme can be downloaded from www.qmscotland.co.uk/feed-standards

Membership renewal notices are issued annually in July, with an option to pay by Direct Debit.

5. Compliance with Law and Scheme Reputation

The reputation and integrity of the Feeds Assurance Scheme and QMS are paramount and members must not do anything, or permit anything to be done, which harms them.

Members must not commit any offence or otherwise be in breach of any legal requirement relating to feed production and must not engage in any practice which brings the Feeds Assurance Scheme or QMS into disrepute.

6. Feeds Scheme Committee

Committee Member	
Louise Welsh	QMS Board Member
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Appendix 1: Feed/Food Supplier Schemes Recognised by AIC

Please note this list is subject to change, check www.agindustries.org.uk/resource/feed-food-schemes.html to confirm.

Type of Feed/Food	Role in supply chain	Recognised Schemes
Veterinary Medicinal Products	Manufacturer/Distributor	Veterinary Medicines Directorate (or other national competent authority) approval
Compound Feeds	Manufacturer	UFAS GMP+ B1 QS Ovocom FCA BC-02 (MP) OQUALIM RCNA International ¹ FAMI-QS ²
	Trader/Merchant	UFAS GMP+ B3/GMP+ B3 (2007) QS Ovocom FCA BC-03 (MH) TASCC Merchants ³ OQUALIM RCNA International ^{2,4} FAMI-QS ⁵
Premixtures (including Premixtures containing Veterinary Medicinal Products and Specified Feed Additives)	Manufacturer	UFAS GMP+ B1 QS Ovocom FCA BC-02 (VP) FEMAS FAMI-QS OQUALIM RCNA International ²
	Trader/Merchant	UFAS GMP+ B3 QS Ovocom FCA BC-03 (VH) FEMAS FAMI-QS OQUALIM RCNA International ^{2,5}
Feed Additives	Manufacturer/Producer	FEMAS GMP+ B1/GMP+ B2 (2010) Ovocom FCA BC-02 (TP) FAMI-QS QS
	Trader/Merchant	FEMAS UFAS ⁶ GMP+ B3/GMP+ B3 (2007) Ovocom FCA BC-03 (TH) FAMI-QS QS OQUALIM RCNA International ^{2,5}



Feed Materials	Manufacturer/Producer	FEMAS GMP+ B1 GMP+ B2 Ovocom FCA BC-02 (GP) QS EFISC-GTP BRC Global Standards Food Safety ^{7,8} FSSC22000 ^{8,9} GFSI Benchmarked Food Schemes ^{8,9,9} SALSA ^{8,9} OQUALIM RCNA International ²
	Trader/Merchant	FEMAS UFAS ⁷ TASCC Merchants ⁷ GMP+ B3 Ovocom FCA BC-03 (GH) QS EFISC-GTP OQUALIM RCNA International ^{2,5}
Brewers' Grains	Producer	BFBi Feed Assurance Scheme ¹⁰
UK and Eire Whole Combinable Crops	Grower	Red Tractor Farm Assurance Crops Scottish Quality Cereals Northern Ireland Farm Quality Assured Crops Scheme Irish Grain Assurance Scheme Soil Association Farm Assurance Scheme Scottish Organic Producers Association Farm Assurance Scheme Global GAP Integrated Farm Assurance Scheme, Combinable Crops Module
Imported (Non-UK/Eire) Whole Combinable Crops	First Collection*	FEMAS GMP+ B3 Ovocom FCA BC-03 (GH) QS EFISC-GTP
Whole Combinable Crops	Trader/Merchant	FEMAS GMP+ B3 Ovocom FCA BC-03 (GH) QS TASCC Merchants ¹ UFAS ⁵ EFISC-GTP
Simple Processed Combinable Crops	Processor	TASCC Merchants ¹¹ FEMAS
Cleaning and Screenings from Assured Combinable Crops	Processor	TASCC Merchants FEMAS

¹ Scope to include “Respecte l’intégralité de l’annexe achat” (purchase requirements) and “Audits inopinés” (unannounced audits)

² Complementary feeds only, “Activities” to include Production, including “Mixtures”

³ With scope including “Supply of compound feeds”

⁴ With scope including “Distribution” or “Négoce” (trading) of feeds

⁵ Complementary feeds only, “Activities” to include Trading, including “Mixtures”

⁶ With scope including “Supply of Feed Ingredients”

⁷ Only for feed materials which are produced for human consumption. This does not include co-products or surplus/ downgraded food.

⁸ Feed materials produced in accordance with note8 above may be purchased from non-assured merchants as long as the goods are packaged, and any storage operated by the supplier is audited by the purchaser/AIC scheme participant.

⁹ For up to date GFSI benchmarked scheme list, visit www.mygfsi.com/schemes-certification/recognised-schemes.html

¹⁰ Participants in Bands 6 and 7 only.

¹¹ UK Assured combinable crops only. For definition of simple processing see TASCC Appendix 13, Module 1 Simple Processing of UK Combinable Crops

*An alternative acceptable approach for ensuring the safety and legality of non-UK/Eire combinable crops is outlined below:

The combinable crop must be supplied by a member of an assurance scheme recognised by AIC and listed in Approved Suppliers above, and the mill must obtain specific evidence from the supplier relating to each purchase regarding all of the following:

- a) All pesticides used pre- and post-harvest are approved for use in the EU
- b) All pesticides used pre- and post-harvest have been applied both singly and cumulatively at levels approved for use in the EU
- c) All storage used (beginning at the point of first collection or storage) meets the standards required by the AIC TASCC Stores Scheme relating to hygiene and cleaning, pest control and prevention of contamination.

Appendix 2: Certification Regulations

Members should refer to the Certification Regulations for operational details of the Certification Scheme (i.e. conditions of membership, obligations, certification decisions, appeals procedures etc.). These can be accessed on the QMS website, www.qmscotland.co.uk/feed-standards

General points to note:

Changes of Business Details

If there are any changes to the member’s company which are relevant to membership of the QMS Feeds Assurance Scheme, the member must contact the certification body or QMS.

External Complaints

Occasionally, a complaint may be received about a scheme member’s company. On behalf of QMS as scheme owners, the certification body has a procedure in place which is designed to investigate legitimate complaints that may affect the reputation and integrity of the scheme, QMS brands and also protects members from unjustifiable discrimination. If involved with a complaint, we would appreciate cooperation with this process.

Prosecutions

It is a requirement of the scheme that any current, past or pending prosecutions relating to the company are reported to the certification body without undue delay. Failure to do so could result in the withdrawal of QMS Feeds Assurance scheme membership and Certificate of Conformity.

Withdrawal of Membership

The certification body is entitled to withdraw a member’s Certificate and membership of this Scheme should it become aware of breaches to any requirements specified in the Certification Regulations.



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