Crops Self-Assessment

This document has been provided for our members as a checklist which can be used at any time to determine if a farm is meeting the Red Tractor standards for crops. This includes the wording of our standards; however, members should refer to the detail within the Crops Manual to ensure sound understanding of the 'How you will be assessed' section as this is what assessors will be auditing on farm.

Standard	Description	Do you meet the standard?			Corrective action
Documents & Procedures					
DP.1 Key	The farm, as a whole, must present an acceptable and tidy appearance to the general public. The site management must not present a food safety, animal welfare or environmental risk	Y	No		
DP.1.1	A farm map must be present and areas of specific risk are identified	Y	No		
DP.2	A documented plan for the effective management of serious incidents and potential emergency situations that threaten food/ feed safety or the environment must be in place and known to those involved in farm tasks *(Revised)*	Y	No		
DP.3	Systems must be in place for recording, investigating and resolution of any complaints and/or sampling results that are relevant to the requirements of the Red Tractor Standards *(Revised)*	Y	No		
Personnel					
PL.1 Key	Systems must be in place to ensure all new personnel are effectively trained and deemed competent to carry out the activities they are required to do	Y	No	n/a	
PL.2	Records of training must be kept	Y	No	n/a	
PL.4	Where labour providers are used, they are licensed and a documented agreement is in place	Y	No	n/a	
PL.5	Written Health and Safety Policy in place *(Revised)*	Y	No		

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Traceability and Assurance					
TI.1 Key	A complete combinable crops passport must accompany each load that leaves the farm *(Revised)*	Y	No		
TI.1.1 Key	There must be traceability up and down the production process and a system in place to pass this traceability link to the next point in the supply chain	Y	No		
TI.2	Producers must retain records of the destination/ point of first tip of loads leaving the farm, where available	Y	No		
TI.3 Recommendation	*It is recommended that samples are retained from all loads leaving the farm*	Y	No		
TI.4 Key	Traceability records must be kept to identify varieties and fields of origin of crops stored in bulk/ bins	Y	No	n/a	
TI.5	Certificates/ lot numbers and product name(s) of any purchased seed and seed treatment must be available	Y	No		
TI.6 Key	Producers must not market assured and non-assured combinable crops and/ or sugar beet produced on the same holding *(Revised)*	Y	No		
Vermin Control					
VC.1 Key	There must be effective control of vermin *(Revised)*	Y	No		
VC.2	Toxic bait must be used responsibly *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
VC.3 Key	Toxic rodent baits can only be used in grain stores whilst combinable crops are being stored where the following criteria are met (see full standards for detail)	Y	No	n/a	
Soil Management					
SM.1	A Soil Management Plan must be established and implemented	Y	No		

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Environmental and Contamination Control					
EC.1 Key	Potential pollutants must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution to crops, feedstuffs, animals, soils, groundwater and watercourses *(Revised)*	Y	No		
EC.1.1 Key	The PPP store must be of a suitable design, construction and layout *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
EC.1.2	A list of stored PPPs must be available and updated on a regular basis	Y	No		
EC.2	In the case of packaging breakages PPPs must be transferred to a suitable container	Y	No		
EC.3	Nitrogen based fertilisers must be stored in a way that minimises the risk of theft *(Revised)*	Y	No		
EC.3.1	A list of stored manufactured fertiliser must be kept and updated regularly	Y	No		
EC.3.2 Recommendation	*It is recommended that you notify the relevant authorities if you are storing certain amounts and/ or types of fertiliser*	Y	No		
EC.4 Key	PPPs must be appropriate for their intended use *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
EC.4.1	PPPs are mixed/ handled in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
EC.5 Key	PPPs must be applied in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
EC.6	PPP application must be undertaken by competent operators *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
EC.7	All PPP application equipment must be maintained and tested	Y	No		
EC.7.1	PPPs must be transported in manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution	Y	No		

EC.7.4	Advisers making recommendations on PPP use must be on the BASIS Professional Register	Y	No		
EC.7.5	Surplus spray mix must be dealt with in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution	Y	No		
EC.8	Records must be kept of all PPP applications	Y	No		
EC.8.1	Systems must be in place to ensure statutory harvest intervals for PPPs are complied with	Y	No		
EC.9.Key	Manufactured fertilisers and organic manures must be applied in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution *(Revised)*	Y	No		
EC.9.1	Advisers making recommendations on manufactured fertiliser use must be on the FACTS Professional Register	Y	No		
EC.9.2	Fertiliser rates must be based on a calculation of the nutrient requirements of the crop and on regular analysis of nutrient levels in soil, plant or nutrient solution and with consideration of nutrient content of any organic manure applications *(Revised)*	Y	No		
EC.9.4	Documented evidence detailing the chemical content (N, P, K) of all purchased manufactured fertilisers must be kept for twelve months	Y	No		
EC.9.5	Documentary evidence must be kept which demonstrates that manufactured fertiliser is responsibly sourced and traceable, e.g. from a Fertiliser Industry Assurance Scheme (FIAS) approved supplier *(New)*	Y	No		
EC.10	All manufactured fertiliser application equipment must be maintained and calibrated at least annually	Y	No		
EC.10.1	Records must be kept of all applications of manufactured fertilisers and organic manures	Y	No		

EC.11 Key	All wastes which cannot be utilised are disposed of in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution *(Revised)*	Y	No		
Risk Assessment					
RA.1 Key	A documented Crops Contamination Risk Assessment must be completed	Y	No		
Environmental Impact/Conservation and Sustainability					
EI.1	Producers must be aware of any practices that have an adverse environmental impact	Y	No		
EI.2	A mass balance must be in place	Y	No		
EI.3 Key	Crops and sugar beet that may be used to produce biofuels and bioliquids must not be produced on land that had one of the following statuses on or after Jan 2008: • a high biodiversity value • land with high carbon stock • land that was peatland unless evidence is provided that the cultivation and harvesting does not involve drainage of previously undrained soil	Y	No		
Integrated Pest Management					
IM.1	Integrated Pest Management (IPM) must be in place to proactively manage crop production	Y	No		
IM.2	Regular crop inspections must be undertaken and recorded	Y	No		
IM.3	Relevant pests, diseases and weeds must be monitored regularly and recorded	Y	No		

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Irrigation					
IG.2	Untreated sewage water must not be used	Y	No		
IG.3	Where irrigating a Water Management Plan must be produced and used to identify opportunities for water use efficiency and reducing waste *(Upgraded)*	Y	No	n/a	
IG.4	Crop irrigation must be based on an identified need *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
IG.5	Records must be kept of irrigation water usage *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
IG.6	Licenses are in place where required for water used on farm	Y	No	n/a	
Storage of Combinable Crops					
ST.1 Key	All equipment which comes into contact with grain must be thoroughly cleaned prior to use *(Revised)*	Y	No		
ST.2 Key	The condition of crops must be determined as they go into store and an assessment made of storage and conditioning requirements *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
ST.3 Key	The condition of stored crops must be monitored *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
ST.4	Moisture meters and temperature probes must be calibrated annually and records kept	Y	No	n/a	
ST.5 Key	Insect traps must be used in stored crops *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
ST.6	Drying equipment must be regularly maintained	Y	No	n/a	
ST.7	Drying equipment must be operated in line with manufacturer's instructions in a manner that prevents contamination	Y	No	n/a	

ST.8 Key	Walls, floors and horizontal surfaces within storage, holding or reception facilities must be clean prior to use *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
ST.9 Key	If livestock buildings are intended for use as crop storage or temporary holding facilities they must be thoroughly cleaned, power washed and sanitised with a combined food grade detergent/ disinfectant and left to dry before use *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
ST.10	Stores must be inspected immediately prior to use	Y	No	n/a	
ST.11 Key	Buildings must be weatherproof	Y	No	n/a	
ST.12 Key	Controls must be in place to protect crops from contamination with any broken glass or hard plastic *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
ST.13	Loading areas outside crop storage must be maintained in a clean and well drained condition	Y	No	n/a	
ST.14 Key	Temporary stores can only be used for the storage of crops until the 31st October *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
ST.15 Key	The roofs, floors and walls of temporary stores must be of a suitable construction which prevents crops becoming contaminated with earth, stones or debris *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
ST.16 Key	Buildings must have suitable and solid roofs, floors, walls and doors	Y	No	n/a	
ST.17 Key	The holding of grain outside must only occur in exceptional circumstances, for a maximum of five days *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
ST.18	GM crops or other GM material must not be stored with non-GM crops unless separated by a rigid physical barrier	Y	No	n/a	
ST.19	Treated seed must not contaminate stored grain *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
Own-Transport For Off-Farm Delivery					

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OT.1	All trailers must be identified using your Red Tractor membership number and an individual trailer ID *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
OT.2	Records must be kept of all vehicles or trailers owned, hired or leased	Y	No	n/a	
OT.3	All vehicles, trailers and sheets must be clean, inside and out, before use *(Revised)*	Y	No	n/a	
OT.4	Records are kept of the vehicle's/ trailer's three previous loads	Y	No	n/a	
OT.5	Vehicles/ trailers carrying combinable crops must be sheeted during delivery off-farm	Y	No	n/a	
Urea					
UR.1	Fertiliser containing urea must only be applied where the following requirements are met (see full standards for detail)	Y	No	n/a	