



TOP TIPS TO AVOID NON-CONFORMANCES

We understand that you are passionate about the food you produce and work hard to ensure it is produced to Red Tractor standards. No-one likes a non-conformance, so this flyer sets out top tips for how to avoid the most common non-conformances in the Red Tractor Crops Scheme.

Remember to make use of our templates and checklists which are available online. Seeing this symbol means there is a template available:



1. Is your **PPP store** of suitable design, construction and layout? Ensure: stores have adequate ventilation, there are warning signs on or adjacent to the door including a general warning sign, no smoking sign and naked flames prohibited sign. **A list of emergency contact numbers must be displayed in the store. A first aid kit and fire extinguisher must be available on site too.**



2. Is there a Health and Safety Policy in place which is being effectively communicated to workers? Ensure: this is being effectively communicated to all relevant workers and language and learning style is being given due consideration to ensure all workers understand information. **The H&S policy is required even if you don't employ staff. Family members and contractors still count as workers.**



3. Is **PPP application** being undertaken by competent operators? Ensure: **operators hold the correct NPTC/LANTRA qualifications and are part of a CPD scheme such as the National Registration of Sprayer Operators (NRoSO). Have the sprayer operator's certificates/cards and NRoSO details to hand to show your assessor.**



4. Is there a **mass balance** in place? Ensure: the estimated quantity of grain and oilseed stored, per site, is recorded immediately post-harvest. **Update the mass balance each time grain leaves the farm. When a new harvest starts a reconciliation is carried out and any carry-over grain is transferred to a new mass balance record.**



5. Is the documented **Crop Contamination Risk Assessment** completed? Ensure: possible areas of contamination from physical, chemical, biological and allergen aspects are covered within the risk assessment. **Risk assessments include the growing crop, the grain store, the AHDB mycotoxin RA, & CIPC.**



6. Is **toxic bait** being used responsibly? Ensure: non-target animals do not have access to baits and the environmental risk assessment is being undertaken **and documented** in accordance with the Appendix before bait is laid. **Make sure your baiting points are secure and identifiable.**



7. Is all **PPP application equipment** being maintained and tested? Ensure: equipment including a 3m+ boom sprayers, granular nematicide applicators **have an annual NSTS test.** slug pellet applicators and granular herbicide applicators **must have an NSTS test on their 5th birthday and every 6 years thereafter.** Handheld knapsack sprayers are receiving an annual on farm self-check and calibration.



8. Is there **effective control of vermin**? Ensure: a **documented site survey** is being completed at least quarterly detailing the date of inspection, locations inspected, findings, actions required, and date actions are completed. **Ensure there is no build up of vegetation/rubbish around stores that could harbour vermin.** Ensure long-term grain stores are well proofed against vermin access.