




Fresh Produce Standards Changes: 1 February 2025

- **Recommendation.** This is not a standard and a non-conformance raised will not affect your certification. However, these are recommended actions to undertake to help demonstrate working to Red Tractor and industry core principles.
- **New.** A completely new standard which the member must now adhere to, or a new recommendation.
- **Revised.** A standard that has changed and requires the member to take some different or additional action to before. Changed content is highlighted



This icon indicates that a record is required and suggests potential documentary evidence which could be used to show compliance.

Risk Assessment

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>RA.8 Members understand the Red Tractor standards and complete Internal Audits to verify their effective implementation. (REVISED)</p>	<p>RA.8.a A minimum of one self-assessment per year is completed against the Red Tractor Fresh Produce scheme standards.</p> <p>RA.8.b Category 0, 1 & 2 only. Regular Internal Audits are completed to verify that the preventative actions identified within the Risk Assessment are operating effectively.</p> <p>RA.8.c Where non-conformances are detected, effective corrective actions are implemented</p>	<p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal audit (against Red Tractor Fresh Produce Standards) • Internal Audit Report


GUIDANCE:

Self-assessment must include review of documentation and practical, operational activities.


A suitable frequency for the completion of Internal Audits will vary based on the scale and complexity of operation and may also be influenced by seasonality.

A minimum of one Internal Audit per year must be completed. In most cases, it will be appropriate to complete more.

Documents and Procedures

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>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)</p>	<p>DP.3.a System includes recording the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complaint • investigation result • action taken to prevent/stop the issue happening again • complaints trending for food safety issues 	<p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaint records • Complaints trending • Sample Records
<p>GUIDANCE: Includes complaints made by local authority, general public, customers or other, including but not limited to those related to food safety and environmental protection. Includes results of any relevant analyses carried out on any samples that have importance to human health, e.g. microbiological testing, residues, environmental sampling</p>		

Personnel

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>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 (REVISED)</p>	<p>PL.1.a No person starts work without an induction, supervision and explanation of the tasks they will carry out</p> <p>PL.1.b Induction record to include as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities role will undertake • Health & Safety information • Reporting lines <p>PL.1.c Language and learning style is given due consideration to ensure all workers understand information.</p>	<p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction record

GUIDANCE:

Records of induction and training may be recorded on either separate or consolidated records, provided that compliance with all relevant requirements can be demonstrated.

PL.5.1

Accident and emergency procedures are displayed and communicated
(NEW)

GUIDANCE:

Additional information can be found at: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/workplace-health/emergency-procedures.htm>

PL.6.1

Workers have access to clean drinking water, food storage where appropriate, and areas to eat and rest **(NEW)**

PL.6.1.a

All workers have unrestricted access to drinking water

PL.6.1.b

If workers eat on the farm, they are provided with a suitable place to store food and eat

PL.10.1

A grievance mechanism appropriate to the scale of the farm is in place which allows workers to file complaints

Applies to any farm with workers **(NEW)**

PL.10.1.a

The mechanism is confidential with no potential for complaints to be traced to individual workers

PL.10.1.b

The mechanism is simple to use and is clearly described in a way which is understood by all workers

PL.10.1.c

Complaints are reviewed and issues are resolved where possible

PL.10.1.d

Records are kept of filed complaints and evidence of resolution

GUIDANCE:

Additional guidance can be found on the Acas website: <https://www.acas.org.uk/acas-guide-to-discipline-and-grievances-at-work>

A post-box approach may be suitable for smaller farms

Traceability and Assurance



Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>TI.2 Records of bought-in seeds or plants must be kept. (REVISED)</p>	<p>TI.2.a Records detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suppliers • variety names • purity • germination rates • batch numbers • quality control systems • agreements with seed houses (where applicable) <p>TI.2.b Pest and disease monitoring is recorded for seeds, nursery stock and young plants.</p> <p>TI.2.c Category 0 only. Microbiological testing of seed is completed.</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">R</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed/ plant traceability records • Quality control information • Pest and disease monitoring records • Microbiological testing certificates
<p>GUIDANCE: Microbiological test results may be provided by the seed supplier, or the farm/business can organise its own testing through an accredited laboratory.</p> <p>Agreements with seed houses may be required when growing registered varieties covered by Plant Breeders' Rights</p>		

Energy Efficiency/Environmental Impact

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>EE.1.1 <i>(Recommendation)</i> It is recommended that a plan is in place to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon where possible</p>	<p>EE.1.1.a The farm's reduction and sequestration of greenhouse gases is supported with metrics</p>	

(NEW)

Integrated Pest Management


Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>IM.1 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) must be in place to proactively manage crop production (REVISED)</p>	<p>IM.1.a An IPM Plan is documented and followed</p> <p>IM.1.b The IPM Plan is discussed with relevant staff, advisers and contractors</p> <p>IM.1.c The IPM Plan covers all areas of good agricultural practice with an emphasis on optimising the use of PPPs and improved protection of the environment.</p> <p>IM.1.d The person technically responsible for the IPM plan has received appropriate training or has sought advice from a suitably qualified person</p> <p>IM.1.e Prevention measures identified in the IPM plan are implemented</p>	<p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IPM Plan
<p>GUIDANCE: For a template IPM plan visit: https://voluntaryinitiative.org.uk/schemes/integrated-pest-management/</p>		
<p>IM.5 A sample of each crop must be tested for pesticide residues at least annually, unless an evidence-based justification for less frequent testing is present (REVISED)</p>	<p>IM.5.a Testing is completed by a laboratory with accreditation for pesticide residue testing (issued either by UKAS or another ILAC signatory).</p> <p>IM.5.b Samples are collected in accordance with a documented sampling procedure.</p> <p>IM.5.c Pesticide residue test results are traceable to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• producer• production site• batch• date of harvest <p>IM.5.d</p>	<p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pesticide residue test results• Documented follow up actions (where appropriate)• Documented sampling procedure• Documented justification for reduced testing frequency or testing suite


	<p>A multi-residue screen is completed unless a clear justification is present for an alternative testing suite.</p> <p>IM.5.e Investigation and appropriate follow up actions are taken in response to any MRL exceedance or detection of non-applied PPPs (including use of contingency plan where needed).</p> <p>IM.5.f A means of checking applicable MRLs for country of production and market of sale (if different) is available.</p> <p>IM.5.g Where crops are tested less than annually, a documented, risk-based justification is present and - as a minimum - consideration is given to the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • historical results are available and indicate a particularly low risk of MRL exceedance • crop management practices and PPP use presents a particularly low risk of MRL exceedance and has not substantially changed since the last available test was completed • consideration is given to risk of adventitious contamination routes (e.g. legacy contamination, spray drift) • an alternative testing frequency is defined, ensuring that testing is completed at least once every three years 	(where applicable)
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GUIDANCE:


Testing may be completed by a customer or other supply chain stakeholder provided that the required testing frequency is met, and results of testing are made available to the grower.

Soil Management

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>SM.1 A Soil Management Plan (SMP) must be</p>	<p>SM.1.a Production practices are adjusted to maintain soil structure and control erosion</p>	

<p>established and implemented (REVISED)</p>	<p>SM.1.b The classification of soils on the farm is known</p> <p>SM.1.c Crop rotations are employed whenever possible, and details are recorded and retained for at least 3 years.</p> <p>SM.1.d Appropriate measures are taken where possible to maintain crop cover to ensure bare soil does not remain exposed for extended periods of time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil Management Plan
<p>SM.2 It is recommended that the Soil Management Plan is informed by site specific data and key information is shared with relevant personnel (REVISED)</p>	<p>SM.2.a Conservation and building of soil organic matter is considered.</p> <p>SM.2.b Scientific tests are undertaken where available to ascertain pest and disease levels in the soil.</p> <p>SM.2.c Soil management is discussed with advisers and relevant staff in order to ensure that cultivations are appropriate for soil type, cropping, topography, erosion risk and climate.</p> <p>SM.2.d Classification of soil type is included on farm maps.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test results • Farm map(s)

Environment


Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>EC.12 Systems are in place to manage waste responsibly (REVISED)</p>	<p>EC.12.a Opportunities are considered for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reducing the production of waste • re-using waste • recycling waste, plastics in particular <p>EC.12.b A Waste and Recycling Management Plan is documented and implemented.</p> <p>EC.12.c</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste and Recycling Management Plan

Consideration is given to the minimisation and management of food waste, where applicable

Irrigation

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>IG.3.1 (Recommendation) It is recommended that the Water Management Plan gives consideration to participation in collaborative water management activities with neighbouring stakeholders (NEW)</p>		

Harvesting / Produce Packing and Site Operations


Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>HS.4 / PP.5 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) appropriate to the crop type being produced must be provided and maintained in good condition. (REVISED)</p>	<p>HS.4.a / PP.5.a Personal Protective Clothing (PPE) requirements are clearly defined by the business.</p> <p>HS.4.b / PP.5.b All PPE used is clean and fit for purpose.</p> <p>HS.4.c / PP.5.c If hair is identified as a contamination risk within the Risk Assessment, suitable head coverings are in use (and beard snoods where appropriate).</p> <p>HS.4.d / PP.5.d Where PPE is required to protect the product from contamination, it is captive to the business and not taken home or to employee accommodation.</p> <p>HS.4.e / PP.5.e Where PPE is required to protect the product from contamination, it is not worn in the smoking area or toilets.</p> <p>HS.4.f / PP.5.f Category 0 & 1 only. Where gloves are used, a glove use procedure is in place which includes:</p>	<p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE requirement policy • Glove use procedure • Contract laundry audit report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only intact and clean gloves are used • Glove storage • Staff to discard when torn or heavily soiled • Hand washing before and after gloves are put on <p>HS.4.g / PP.5.g Category 0 only. System for managing the laundering of non-disposable overalls (where these are used to prevent product contamination and not solely for the protection of workers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • laundered by an audited contracted facility or • laundered in-house in a manner that minimises the risk of cross-contamination <p>HS.4.h / PP.5.h There is evidence that the PPE provided is being used by the workers</p> <p>HS.4.i / PP.5.i Suitable changing facilities are provided where necessary. This may not be needed if PPE is worn over existing clothing</p>	
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GUIDANCE:

Where PPE or work wear is provided exclusively for the protection of workers and is not deemed to be a product contamination risk, it may be appropriate for this PPE to be taken into and worn in non-operational areas.

Urea (Added 1 April 2024)

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>UR. 1 Fertiliser containing urea must only be applied where the following requirements are met (NEW)</p>	<p>UR.1.a Protected/inhibited fertilisers containing solid urea can be applied within any product use by/best before dates</p> <p>UR.1.b Protected/inhibited fertilisers containing liquid urea can be applied with the prescribed rate of protector/inhibitor for the application, and within any product use by/best before date</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application records • Name and FACTS professional register number • Recommendation sheet for applications



	<p>UR.1.c In England, unprotected/uninhibited solid fertiliser containing urea can only be applied between 15th January and 31st March</p> <p>UR.1.d In England, unprotected/uninhibited liquid fertiliser containing urea can be applied between 15th January and 31st March</p> <p>UR.1.e In England, unprotected/uninhibited liquid fertiliser containing urea can be applied between 1st April and last application in autumn* only if agronomic justification is provided by FACTS-qualified farm personnel** or o Advice specific for the crop has been provided by a FACTS-Qualified Adviser and been followed (see EC 9.1)</p> <p>UR.1.f In Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales fertiliser containing urea (solid and liquid) can be applied as per relevant legislation</p>	
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* All applications should be made before the end of October in accordance with RB209.** A member of the FACTS Professional Register

Protected/inhibited means urease inhibitors or treatments to mitigate ammonia emissions. This standard includes: All mineral fertilisers for agricultural use, containing 1% ureic nitrogen or more, except urea solution for late foliar application for protein

GLOBALG.A.P.

(Only applicable to members who require a GLOBALG.A.P certificate)

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
<p>GG.1 A procedure is in place to manage and control documents and records (NEW)</p>	<p>GG.1.a A system is in place which demonstrates how documents and records are created, reviewed, approved and updated</p> <p>GG.1.b Documentation shall be identified with an issue number and/or date and appropriately paginated</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document control procedure
<p>GG.2 Category 0 & 1 only</p>		<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

<p>A risk-based microbial environmental monitoring program is in place for post-harvest product handling areas (NEW)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documented monitoring programme
<p>GG.3 Where growers are using the GLOBALG.A.P. logo, use must be in accordance with the "GLOBALG.A.P. trademarks use: Policy and guidelines" (NEW)</p>	<p>GG.3.a Transaction documentation includes reference to the GLOBALG.A.P. status and number (GGN)</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example transaction document
<p>GG.4 Energy use on farm is monitored and data is used to inform energy management (NEW)</p>		 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy use monitoring records
<p>GG.5 Customer specifications are available for the product being harvested / packed (NEW)</p>		 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example customer specification
<p>GG.6 Human sewage sludge has not been applied to land in the past 5 years, including treated biosolids (NEW)</p>		