



**COVID-19: Position on Red Tractor Farm, Market, Collection Centre, Haulier Schemes  
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As this health crisis deepens, we continue to review our policies daily to ensure that we have the right systems in place to protect the health of our members and their assessors, whilst protecting the integrity of the Scheme.

This is an unprecedented time for UK farming and food production, but shoppers and customers are relying on farmers, food companies and the wider industry to provide the reassurance they expect from us.

**We continue to work closely with our certification bodies and from 00.01 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, we will be suspending all physical inspections in these schemes until further notice.**

In making this decision Red Tractor has consulted with the Food Standards Agency and other enforcement bodies that we have earned recognition arrangements with and members can be reassured that these arrangements will be unaffected by the decision to suspend assessments. This includes earned recognition around dairy hygiene inspections as well as food and feed hygiene inspections carried out by Local Authorities.

In order to maintain certification to the Red Tractor scheme, there will be a requirement for the certification body to carry out a remote assessment- which is in accordance with UKAS requirements.

We have worked with our certification bodies to develop a remote assessment protocol for farm scheme members. From Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a phased roll out of the new remote assessment protocol for new applicants and for members overdue an assessment. Members affected will be contacted by their certification body in advance of any upcoming assessments. More details are available on the Red Tractor Assurance website [here](#).

If members have any questions or concerns about how this will affect their individual certification, please contact your certification body who will continue to manage your Red Tractor certification on your behalf.

See separate position relevant to Red Tractor Meat and Poultry Processor Members and Licensees.

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