

Addendum to Quality Meat Scotland 2018 Cattle & Sheep Assurance Scheme Standards

Standard 6.8

With effect from 29.11.18, **Standard 6.8 is superseded and replaced by the following Standards 6.8A and 6.8B**, to enable the use of PAS 100 Certified Composted Green Waste as a Bedding Material:

6.8A Bedding material must not include poultry litter. Recycled Manure Solids (RMS) also known as Green Bedding, is allowed for cattle, provided the user registers with and follows guidance from APHA, but can only be used in cubicle systems, not in deep bedded pens. Current government guidelines must be followed and are available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/use-recycled-manure-solids-as-cattle-bedding. Untreated paper and wood waste must be free from any contaminants such as glass.

6.8B Composted green waste can be used as a bedding material, provided the following conditions are met:

- The member has considered any potential risks to animal health and welfare.
- It must not contain food waste or animal by-products.
- It must be certified by the Compost Certification Scheme (CCS) to PAS100:2011/2018 quality specifications i.e. sourced from a supplier who can demonstrate this.
- It must meet the additional QMS requirements for physical contaminants i.e. the quantity of physical contaminants must not exceed half that permitted by PAS100:2011/2018 (please refer to Appendix 11 and 12 for further details).
- Members must retain evidence to prove:
 - the product contains no food waste or animal by-products i.e. supplier statement of inputs
 - the certified source i.e. PAS100:2011/2018 despatch note
 - that the physical contaminants requirements have been met i.e. supplier's laboratory analysis results
- When applied to land, members must demonstrate that they have met Standard 10.1, adhered to the Guidance Notes in Appendix 11 and the requirements of Appendix 12.
- Records must be kept if bedding material is subsequently exported off farm.

6.8Ra It is recommended that composted green waste is used in conjunction with straw, to aid absorption of urine and faeces.

6.8Rb It is recommended that dairy producer members obtain approval from their milk purchaser, prior to use.

Additional Note: Current Cattle & Sheep Standards Continue to 31 December 2019

The 2018 Cattle & Sheep Assurance Scheme Standards document, inclusive of the above mentioned Addendum to Standard 6.8, will remain effective for the 2019 assessment year period (1 January to 31 December 2019), unless otherwise notified.