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Hammond Poultry
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11th November 2022

Dear all at Hammond Poultry

PIG AND POULTRY ASSURANCE SCHEME MEMBERSHIP

Hammond Poultry is eligible to join the Pig and Poultry Assurance Scheme. Please find below information to join the membership scheme.

The scheme is voluntary, if you choose not to join, we'll continue to inspect and charge you as normal. You can decline to join but join in a subsequent year if your farm remains eligible.

Information is supplied on the NRW website to enable you to decide on eligibility. [Natural Resources Wales / Pig and Poultry Assurance Scheme](#)

NRW assess permitted farms that are not members of the scheme in January each year to see if they're eligible to join. In February/March we'll write to the operators of eligible farms to invite them to join the next scheme year beginning in April.

If you wish to join the scheme, **you will need to get in touch with one of the approved Certification Bodies (CB)**. The CBs will provide further details of their procedures and the charges that will apply.

Examples of CB's, **please note there are other bodies**, you can choose who you wish to visit your farm –

NSF Certification (UK) Ltd (previously known as CMI) – phone 01993 885610, or email ippc@nsf.org, or fax 01865 595762

Kiwa PAI – phone 01423 878878 or email enquiries@thepaigroup.com

SAI Global – phone 01908 249973 or email agrifood@saiglobal.com

Scheme Overview

The scheme aims to save you time and money. Each farm will save a proportion of the Natural Resources Wales annual charges and will be visited by NRW only once every three years.

Your CB will visit your farm on our behalf and will collect information related to your permit using a standard questionnaire. We will remain responsible for regulating your farm and will use the information collected by your CB to assess whether you are complying with your permit.

Where possible visits will take place at the same time as another assurance scheme audit, such as Red Tractor Assurance or the Lion Code of Practice. However, you do not need to be an existing member of another assurance scheme to take part in this scheme.

Farm visits

As stated, we will visit you once every three years, unless we need to make additional visits to check permit compliance or investigate complaints.

Your nominated CB will carry out a visit once annually. We will give them a copy of your permit, together with any other relevant information.

After the Farm Visit

Once we have assessed the information collected by your CB, we will send you our decision on compliance and any further action you need to take. We may decide it is necessary to carry out a follow up visit.

Your local Natural Resources Wales Officers will remain your point of contact for any advice on changes you may wish to make at your farm including any technical questions about putting right any non-compliances.

Your Responsibilities

You must comply with the conditions of your permit.

In the event of any non-compliances you must agree an action plan with us when we write to you asking for one.

You must have an annual CB visit and cooperate reasonably with the CB, for example, to arrange visits, provide access to relevant areas and records, and pay for the CB visit. If you fail to do so you may be expelled from the scheme.

If you wish to discuss the contents of this letter, please contact me via the email or telephone, details below.

Yours sincerely

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