

Dear Member

Due to the current difficulties in the supply chain - especially around grain storage - SQC has introduced a derogation to Standard 4.1. This allows grain to remain in temporary stores until **30 November 2025**.

What you need to do:

If you require an extension under this derogation, you must request approval from our certification body, Food Integrity Assurance (FIA), who can be contacted on:

Email: info@foodassurance.co.uk

Phone: 0131 609 0558

We hope this extension gives members some breathing space to arrange suitable long-term storage for grain currently held in temporary facilities.

Please note: Any grain still in temporary storage after 30 November 2025 will not be compliant with the SQC Standards and therefore non-assured, which could place producers in a difficult position.

Compliant storage is vital for food safety under SQC Standards. While we recognise the challenges growers are facing, it is important that these standards continue to be consistently and robustly applied.