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SQC Standard 2.15 update – Annual Sprayer Training Course

As you plan training for the year ahead, we wanted to highlight a small technical change to our SQC Standards from 01 October 2024 in relation to the annual sprayer training course which many of you complete as part of your SQC certification.

SQC Standard 2.15 states that 'all sprayer operators must undergo Continual Professional Development (CPD) during the current year'. The options are either to enroll for a SQC sprayer training course or join the NRoSO scheme in order to maintain an annual record of 10 CPD points.

For the first option, SQC has to date provided a dedicated annual sprayer course via Ringlink, which will cease after this year. From the new scheme year (starting 01 October 2024), members can select to undertake

any BASIS approved annual sprayer training course with an organisation of their choice.

Ringlink will continue to provide the course in conjunction with BASIS, and this can be booked with Ringlink by contacting Tracy Walker on **01561 376000** or by emailing: **tracey@ringlinkservices.co.uk**.

Dates for the Ringlink course will be shared once available.

Importantly going forward, as part of the NRoSO Advisory Board, SQC will continue to have input and influence on the BASIS course content, to ensure it remains relevant and appropriate.

If you have any queries about this change, please don't hesitate to get in touch via our Certification Body, FIA on **0131 609 0558** or by emailing: **info@foodassurance.co.uk**



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