

#### SQC MOVE TO PRODUCT CERTIFICATION - GUIDANCE FOR BUYERS

# Why the move to a Product Certification model?

Grain buyers and SQC members have for some time been raising concerns around the validation of certificates and the issuing of passports in time for harvest. We have taken on board these questions and made the decision to move from an annual scheme model to a product certification model.

Under the current annual scheme model, all growers must be assessed prior to harvest and successfully complete the Certification process to gain assurance. Only at this stage can passports currently be issued and the online member status checker updated.

With the move to Product Certification, we can provide rolling certification meaning that the member status checker is the reference point for buyers and passports can be issued earlier in the season before harvest starts.

In addition, it will bring us in line with other assurance schemes, adding integrity to the SQC scheme.

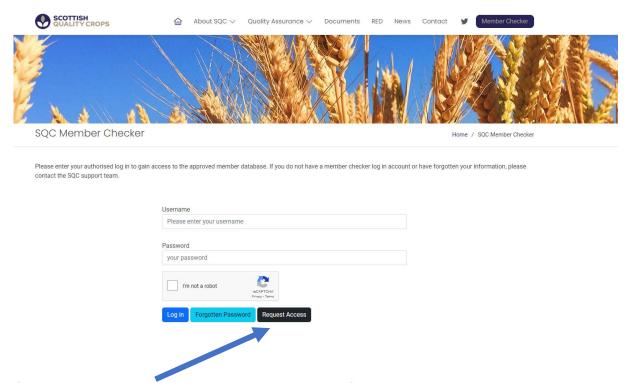
### Validating approved status of SQC members

The SQC website has a Member Checker section for buyers to validate the approved status of members.

Access is via an approved log-in and full details on how to access the checker and validate the status is in the attached document.

# Accessing the SQC Member Checker - New Users

Go to the SQC website www.sqcrops.co.uk/member-checker/

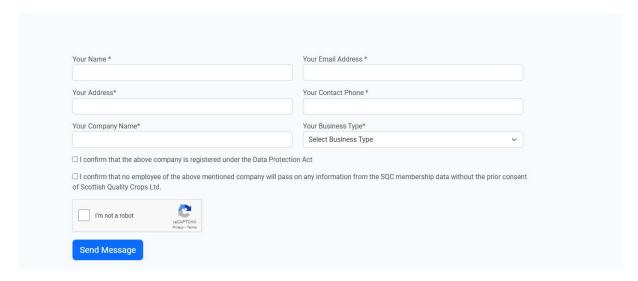


Click on the Request Access button and complete the fields and declarations and click 'send message'

## Request Access to SQC Member Checker

Due to current regulations governing computer data, it is necessary for us to ensure that information from our membership data is not viewed or passed on to a third party without the consent of Scottish Quality Crops Ltd. Please complete the access request form to begin the process for the creation of a user account to check current approved growers

Note fields marked with \* are compulsory/required fields



The request for access will be reviewed and authorised.

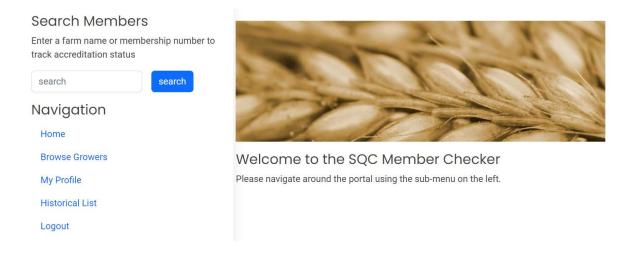
Once approved you will be sent an email from 'SQC website mailer' notifying you of a username, password and instructions on how to set up your account and create your own password.

Whilst every effort is made to authenticate and authorise access for new users as quickly as possible, please allow at least two working days and check your spam/junk mailbox before contacting the certification body.

If you need help accessing the site please email <a href="mailto:info@foodassurance.co.uk">info@foodassurance.co.uk</a> or telephone: 0131 609 0558

### **Validating Approved Members**

Once you have logged into the checker you will have the option to search the member.



Enter the business name or membership number in the search box and if the member is approved the result will show as follows:

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If the returning entry does not match the information you have used, i.e. the business name is different, or if there are not results for the details you have entered please contact FIA Ltd on 0131 609 0558 for confirmation.