



SQC MEMBERSHIP RULES – AMENDMENTS TO RULES

Under SQC Membership Rule number 4 – ‘SQC may update these Membership Rules and the Standards at any time. You will be given notice of the specific changes made to the Standards and the date that they will come into effect. When changes are made to the Membership Rules, SQC will give You notice of the changes, when the new or amended Rules come into effect and where You can view and/or download copies of the amended Rules. You must ensure full compliance with all such changes to the Standards and the Membership Rules in order to retain SQC Assured status.’

Changes to the Membership Rules are noted below:

Date	Membership Rule	Original wording / document version	New wording / document version
01 Dec 23	Rule no 40	Doc version 1 - Each of SQC, the Certification Body and any third party duly authorised to act on behalf of either or both of them has the right to carry out an Assessment or spot check at Short Notice or Unannounced.	Doc version 2 - Each of SQC, the Certification Body and any third party duly authorised to act on behalf of either or both of them has the right to carry out an Assessment or spot check at Short Notice or Unannounced. This includes allowing Member States to supervise operations / allowing Member States access to premises where relevant and requested.

12 Dec 23	Rule no 40	Doc version 2 - Each of SQC, the Certification Body and any third party duly authorised to act on behalf of either or both of them has the right to carry out an Assessment or spot check at Short Notice or Unannounced. This includes allowing Member States to supervise operations / allowing Member States access to premises where relevant and requested.	Doc version 3 - Each of SQC, the Certification Body and any third party duly authorised to act on behalf of either or both of them has the right to carry out an Assessment or spot check at Short Notice or Unannounced. This includes allowing Member States to supervise operations / allowing Member States access to premises where relevant and requested. Members failing or unwilling to comply with this requirement shall be respectively excluded from participating in the SQC scheme.
22 Jan 24	Rule no 40	Doc version 3 - Each of SQC, the Certification Body and any third party duly authorised to act on behalf of either or both of them has the right to carry out an Assessment or spot check at Short Notice or Unannounced. This includes allowing Member States to supervise operations / allowing Member States access to premises where relevant and requested. Members failing or unwilling to comply with this requirement shall be respectively excluded from participating in the SQC scheme.	Doc version 4 - Doc version 3 - Each of SQC, the Certification Body and any third party duly authorised to act on behalf of either or both of them has the right to carry out an Assessment or spot check at Short Notice or Unannounced. This includes allowing competent authorities of Member States to supervise operations / allowing competent authorities of Member States access to premises where relevant and requested. Members failing or unwilling to comply with this requirement shall be respectively excluded from participating in the SQC scheme.

01 Oct 24	Page 6 – Definition of Terms used within these Rules		<p>Addition of 2 new terms in Doc Version 5:</p> <p>‘Contractor’ - A person or company that does work for other people or organisations but is not directly employed by them. E.g. a contracted sprayer operator is a person who is not employed by the grower/member, but who undertakes spraying either using their own machinery or by using the grower’s/member’s equipment.</p> <p>‘Grower’ – This term is interchangeable with ‘Applicant’ and/or ‘Member’.</p>
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