



**ASC Feed Certification and Accreditation  
Requirements (CAR) v0.1  
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Public Consultation Summary  
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### Consultation Summary

**Public Consultation: September 01 - October 31, 2021**

#### Project Objective

The objective of this project is the development of certification requirements for Feed Mills (i.e. the UoC) who will be implementing the ASC Feed Standard and accreditation requirements for the Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) providing certification services.

These requirements are included in two documents, the **ASC Feed Certification and Accreditation Requirements for CABs** and the **ASC Feed Requirements for the Unit of Certification for Mills**.

Both documents are normative and the separation of requirements for CABs and UoC's will allow clearer communication and comprehension of specific requirements for each entity.

#### Purpose of consultation

ASC is committed to public consultations of new programme requirements to ensure final proposals reflect input from those most affected stakeholders.

The involvement of CABs, feed producers, ingredient manufacturers, NGOs, or others with interest and expertise in the production of environmentally and socially responsible aqua-feed, helps ensure the CAR and RUoC provide clear, practical, auditable (by CAB) and implementable (by Mill) requirements.

#### Proposal

The ASC Feed CAR v0.1 and the ASC Feed RUoC v0.1 are structured to follow the certification process from application to certification decision and subsequent surveillance and certification updates.

The ASC Feed CAR uses the existing farm CAR and RUoC as a base, with all applicable requirements transposed directly (e.g. accreditation requirements, stakeholder consultation, social assessment methodology, findings management and reporting timelines). The Feed CAR and RUoC diverge only where necessary to implement the specific ASC Feed Standard requirements.

The main differences are the following developments needed to support audits against the Feed Standard:

- Mass Balance and Segregation Production Models and associated requirements
- Due Diligence processes and preparation requirements

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- Ingredient approval process
- Competency requirements for those conducting Due Diligence using Pathway 2: Sector Assessment or Pathway 3: Ingredient Manufacturer Assessment.

## How to contribute

The documents are available to view on the [ASC website](#).

An excel spreadsheet has been prepared to show these new feed specific requirements in **purple text** and collect feedback, **black text** relates to existing CAR text. Stakeholders can submit comments using this spreadsheet using only the cells in **light green**.

A [survey](#) is also available for stakeholders able to provide specific feedback on some of the more complex proposals.

Additionally, ASC will provide recorded webinars and Q&A sessions for CABs, producers and interested parties who can register via the ASC website.

## Next steps

The ASC Feed CAR V0.1 and ASC Feed RUoC v0.1 will be open for public consultation for 60 days from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.

Following the public consultation, ASC will collate all the feedback and prepare a synopsis of feedback received for publication on the ASC website.

ASC will make any appropriate modifications for review and decision by ASC's Governance bodies. Upon approval, the ASC Feed CAR and RUoC documents will be released at the end of Q1 2022 at which time the CAB Accreditation process can begin and feed mills can begin to implement the requirements of the Feed RUoC document.

A 6-month implementation timeframe for these new requirements will be provided to CAB's and Applicant feed mills. The ASC Feed CAR and ASC Feed RUoC will become effective from end Q3/Q4 2022. During this transitory timeframe ASC will provide training to the CABs and workshops to the applicant feed mills to guide the implementation of requirements.

