



Standard & Rules

The Product Standard and Rules of the Northern Ireland
Beef and Lamb Farm Quality Assurance Scheme (APRIL 2022)

ADDENDUM (MAY 2023)

22. All pre-acceptance checks and inspection reports will be confidential to the contracted Certification Body and Scheme Owners. However, information additional to that required for certification, which may be used for the operation of the Scheme and/or marketing purposes, may be disclosed to another named party as per the declaration on the application form, or as stated on the Privacy Policy. Applicants/Approved Producers must agree to provide the information required for the completion of Greenhouse Gas/Grass Fed Beef calculations.

Carbon related data must be collected at the same time as a FQAS inspection. Failure to provide carbon data on the day will result in a second visit to the farm. If a second visit is necessary to collect the carbon data, a fee will be incurred and the cost of this recovered in full from the Applicant/Approved Producer. Failure to pay the necessary fee and participate in the second visit within 2 months of the original inspection taking place will result in suspension/refusal. The Applicant/Approved Producer will be suspended/refused and DAERA will be instructed to remove FQ status from the producer's herd/flock on the APHIS/NIFAIS database.

If the Applicant/Approved Producer does not pay the necessary fee and/or participate in the second visit within a further 14 days their registration and certification will be revoked. A fresh application will then be needed if the producer wishes to re-join the scheme.

All carbon data collected will be processed in accordance with the Privacy Policy and is separate to the data collected for the purposes of FQAS.