

Derogation – Harvest 2025 Standard 4.1 – Temporary Storage of Grain

Due to storage challenges already raised this harvest, SQC will consider an extension to a grower's period of temporary storage of grain to 30 November 2025.

IMPORTANT - Next steps for SQC members:

1. In accordance with Standard 4.1, members who still have grain in temporary storage (see description below) after 31 October 2025, **must contact the certification body, FIA, to request a derogation:**

Ref	Standard	Producer Guidance
4.1 HACCP 8	Temporary/intake stores must be suitable.	<p>Suitable stores must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be rainproof with a roof • Have a clean floor with solid construction • All temporary stores must be emptied by 31 October. <p>External storage is not permitted, other than in exceptional circumstances on a concrete pad prior to drying. Growers must inform SQC if they plan to do this.</p> <p>A derogation may be granted at the Certification Body's discretion where crops may need to be retained in a temporary store after 31 October. It is the grower's responsibility to seek this derogation.</p>

SQC standard 4.1 (extracted from SQC Scheme standards October 2025)

2. **To request an extension for temporary storage please contact FIA on:**
 - Telephone: 0131 609 0558
 - Email: info@foodassurance.co.uk
3. The Certification Body will require details of grain still in temporary store (location of store, tonnage etc.) and the likely date that the grain will be moved. It may also be necessary for an integrity check to be undertaken to validate compliance with the requirements of temporary stores to protect the integrity of the SQC Scheme.