

2026 SAF Guidance

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Claim Organic Status

Tick the organic box and declare your Greening status. Note that if you have any non-organic areas you may have to do Enhanced Greening - check with your local RPID office.

two

Whole Farm Plans - Select a minimum of two plans

1. Your **SOPA Livestock Management Plan** meets the requirement for Animal Health Plan.
2. The **SOPA Crop Management Plan** meets the requirement for Integrated Pest Management Plan.
3. Enter the last review date of your plans, making sure the date is after 16/5/2025.

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AECS

If you have a current AECS contract check the box is ticked.

If your AECS contract expires this year you should be reapplying before 31st July 2026.

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Complete the individual Land LPIDs

1. Check all pre populated fields and areas are declared.
 2. Check your AECS contract field numbers are all claimed, and
 3. Check the LPID areas do not exceed your AECS contract areas.
 4. If you have had any map changes, double check all the LPIDs are correct.
- Please inform your organic certification officer if you have changes to your LPIDs, OR complete your inspection field records correctly.

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Supporting Information

1. You should upload your current valid SOPA Organic Certificate, and
2. Your current SOPA Producer Operations Schedule (POS), which you will have checked the areas are no less than the LPID areas declared on the SAF and AECS organic areas.

If your certificate expires before 15th May then add comments in the box to say the new certificate will be supplied later.



Check your emails for your certificate and POS but if you need a copy, you should contact your Certification Officer before **9th May 2026**

2026 SAF Guidance for new converters

If you have a successful AECS contract for starting conversion in 2026 then you must make your first claim on your 2026 SAF.

There are new things you need to do on your SAF.

one

Claim Organic Status

Although you are only entering conversion this year and will not achieve full organic status for two years, you should still declare your greening status. Tick the organic box and claim your organic exemption if your whole holding is converting. If you will have some non-organic fields then you must declare partial organic and undertake Enhanced Greening.

two

Whole Farm Plans - Select a minimum of two plans. The SOPA Conversion Plan requires you to produce a Livestock Management Plan and a Crop Management Plan.

1. Your **SOPA Livestock Management Plan** meets the requirement for Animal Health Plan.
2. The **SOPA Crop Management Plan** meets the requirement for Integrated Pest Management Plan.
3. Enter the date of your plans were approved. If your Plans are not approved by 15th May they will not meet the SGRPID requirements.

three

AECS

Ensure the AECS contract box is ticked.

four

Complete the individual Land LPIDs

Each LPID should be pre-populated but CHECK the organic areas correspond to your AECS organic contract.

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Supporting Documents

As you are entering conversion you do not yet possess an organic certificate to upload in this section. Instead, you should upload:

1. Your letter of Approval to Start Organic Conversion sent to you by your organic Certification Officer at OF&G (Scotland).
2. Your Producers Operations Schedule (POS) issued to you by your organic Certification Officer at OF&G (Scotland).

If you do not yet have these two documents you should tick the box to say you will forward these at a future date, and remember to do this when you receive them from your OF&G (Scotland) Certification Officer. RPID have informed us they need these two documents by 1st June 2026.

If you have not yet submitted your proposed organic conversion plan and start date, you need to attend to this *post haste*.