

COVERING  
**OVER 90%**  
OF MILK  
HAULAGE CAPACITY  
IN THE UK

MEMBERSHIP UP  
BY **40%** IN **2016**

PART OF THE  
RED TRACTOR  
ASSURANCE  
SUPPLY CHAIN   
**SINCE 2015**

 **STANDARDS  
COVERING:**  
FLEET & EQUIPMENT  
MILK QUALITY, HYGIENE & SECURITY  
OUTBASED RELOAD SITES  
PERSONNEL & TRAINING  
GENERAL MANAGEMENT



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## ABOUT DTAS

The Dairy Transport Assurance Scheme (DTAS) provides assurance to milk purchasers that the transport of raw milk and milk fractions by hauliers meets food safety requirements, recognised industry good practice and specific customer needs.

The scheme is based on annual inspections of the milk haulage depots operated by scheme members and the assessment is conducted against a range of standards covering fleet and equipment; milk quality, hygiene and security; outbased reload sites; personnel and training; and general management.

In 2015, it became a requirement that all dairy products carrying the Red Tractor logo have to use milk hauled by a DTAS approved haulier.

DTAS is administered by Dairy UK and overseen by a Management Committee drawn from the major milk purchasers and hauliers in the UK as well as a representative from Red Tractor.

Membership of the scheme covers over 90% of milk haulage capacity in the UK.

## IMPLEMENTATION

### ANNUAL DEPOT ASSESSMENTS

Annual depot assessments are carried out by DTAS certified assessors and organised in conjunction with the milk purchaser and the haulage company with an additional half-yearly internal self-assessment for all hauliers. Depots fully compliant with the standards are awarded a certificate by Dairy UK via the assessor.

### TRAINING

DTAS offers two-day assessor training courses including classroom training, a practice assessment and a final exam. An initial assessment must be successfully completed within three months of the exam, shadowed by a registered DTAS assessor. In order to retain their status, assessors must attend a training event either once a year or every two years depending on the number of audits undertaken per year.

### RANDOM AUDITS

In addition to the scheduled audits, a maximum of four random audits by independent assessors are authorised throughout the year to ensure consistent application of the standards.

### SHADOW AUDITS

Companies employing more than one active assessor must ensure that each one undertakes at least one shadow assessment with another assessor during the course of a year.

### AWARENESS COURSE

DTAS offers an Awareness Course to haulage and processing companies to improve their knowledge of the scheme.

## BENEFITS

### INDUSTRY BENEFITS

The average number of non-compliances per depot has decreased by 13% to only 3.3%, demonstrating the ongoing improvement in the hygiene/safety of their depots and transport fleet.

Alongside the Red Tractor Assurance Dairy Scheme for on farm production, and the British Retail Consortium standards for food processing, the DTAS scheme completes the proposition behind the Red Tractor Logo of farm to fork assurance of the dairy supply chain. This collaboration gives consumers even more reasons to trust the Red Tractor when buying dairy products.

### MEMBERS' BENEFITS

According to DTAS standards, hauliers must have a documented **Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point** (HACCP) in place that fully covers all aspects of milk collection and delivery. DTAS members have access to the Dairy UK HACCP to comply with these standards as long as the haulage depot is involved in the annual review process.

At the **DTAS Annual Conference**, members and assessors receive essential information on changes proposed by the Standards Working Group, new members, the HACCP review, forthcoming training, scheme statistics, non-compliance data and more.

DTAS certified hauliers have access to **communication and promotion material** to increase their visibility and showcase their scheme membership.

