

SALSA

Safe and Local Supplier Approval



Position Statement



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Introduction

During the lifetime of a published issue of the SALSA Standard, the SALSA Standards Committee may be asked to clarify or qualify the wording or interpretation of a requirement. Such requests may arise in order to remove ambiguity or uncertainty, where there are identified conflicts or contradictions between requirements.

About Position Statements

Position statements provide information and guidance for Members, Auditors and Mentors.

The introduction of a position statement shall be communicated to all Members, Auditors and Mentors on or before its release.

If the position statement is subsequently partly or fully incorporated into the standard and Interpretation Guide, it will be amended or withdrawn.

Using Position Statements

Where new industry, sector or legislation information or circumstances arise that may affect the interpretation of the current SALSA standard, Position Statements may be used to clarify or qualify evidence that is required to verify compliance in situations or circumstances where the SALSA Standards Committee agree that this is necessary to avoid misinterpretation.

Position statements shall not be used to introduce additional requirement clauses within the lifetime of a published issue of the SALSA Standard.

Position Statement for SALSA and Republic of Ireland

1. The introduction to the SALSA Standard within the Interpretation Guide states “The SALSA Standard has been written by experienced food safety experts to reflect the legal requirements of UK food producers and suppliers and the enhanced expectations of 'best practice' of professional food buyers. To gain SALSA Approval, members must demonstrate to an auditor that they produce and supply safe and legal food and are committed to continually meeting the requirements of the SALSA standard.”

The SALSA Standard is designed to create a framework for a Food Safety Management System which supports the SALSA Member in producing and handling safe and legal food. It is the responsibility of the SALSA members to be aware of, and to follow, food safety and other legislation which is relevant to their products and markets. This statement is relevant to all SALSA Members regardless of their geographical location.

The term ‘food’ includes drinks.

2. Eligibility for SALSA
 - a. The reference to Food and drink producers and suppliers based in the UK should be extended to include those based in the Republic of Ireland.
 - b. Further eligibility criteria continue to apply
 - i. Enterprises that operate from commercial (not domestic) premises
 - ii. Enterprises which have between 1 to 50 full-time employees (small and micro enterprises)
3. Clarification of the audit requirements for Members based in the Republic of Ireland (ROI).

Clauses	Details of the requirements
<i>Section 1</i>	<i>All requirements mandatory</i> • 1.6.5 Private Water Supplies should be taken to have the meaning in ROI as small private supplies. For small private supplies evidence that the water is “potable and shall not present a contamination risk to products” must be in place.
<i>Section 2</i>	<i>All requirements mandatory</i>
<i>Section 3</i>	<i>All requirements mandatory</i>
<i>Section 4</i>	<i>All requirements mandatory</i>

4. References within the Interpretation Guide to UK specific agencies or legislation should be taken to have the equivalent meaning in the Republic of Ireland.
 - a. ‘Food Standards Agency’ or ‘Local Authority’ or ‘appropriate authority’ should be taken to have the meaning in ROI as Food Safety Authority of Ireland and/or Competent Authorities. Where specific Guidance is referred to the equivalent guidance provided within ROI by Food Safety Authority of Ireland should be referred to.

- b. COSHH should be taken to have the meaning in ROI as Chemical Agents Legislation collectively known as the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Chemical Agents) Regulations 2001 to 2021 see Health and Safety Authority www.hsa.ie
- c. Reference to protection of bird species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 should be taken to have the meaning within the ROI Wildlife Act 1976
- d. Where the disposal of animal by products is referred to within “Products that require specific conditions for disposal” this should be reviewed against the ‘use or handling of Animal By Products’ in the categories listed under Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine [Animal By Products](#)
- e. For competency of Pest Contractors the BPCA and NPTA schemes operate within ROI and can be used of evidence of continuing professional development. This extends to members of the IPCA (Irish Pest Control Association). In addition, an individual must show registration as required by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) and hold a PMU number in the format PMUxxxxxx.
- f. Within the guidance for 3.4.3 the reference to public procurement and Micron2 is for UK based businesses only.
- g. Within the guidance for 3.8.1 the reference to shelf life guidance should be considered to extend to FSAI Guidance note 18.
- h. Within the guidance for 4.2.3 the reference for cyber security for small business for ROI is [NCSC-SME-Guidance-0225.pdf](#)