

S5 Certified Quality Aquaculture (CQA) Programme

Programme of Work for Standards

May 2018 – October 2018

– List of standards currently under reviewing or revision:

- Certified Quality Aquaculture (CQA) Farm Standard Version 1 Jan 2017.

Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) has in place short term review of the Certified Quality Aquaculture (CQA) Farm Standard Version 1 Jan 2017 to create a new Version of this standard.

This revision and review is restricted in its scope to address some improvement of grammar, removal of repetition and improve specificity of some clauses to address and to better facilitate the ability to meet benchmarking standards such as the Global Seafood Sustainability Initiative (GSSI). The new Version will be in consultation phase until April 2018. The current CQA V1 Standards remain relevant until formal notification and transition periods have been announced.

The scope of the proposed new Version of the CQA Farm Standard will remain unchanged and the geographic application will remain unchanged.

The objectives that the Standard seeks to achieve remain unchanged and are listed in the Programs Quality Management System. GSSI Benchmarking approval is a new objective.

BIM will be reviewing Procedure and Document Control in the next 6 months and benchmarking and editing these Procedures to meet GSSI Benchmarking Requirements. All Standards Procedures and Controls will be placed on the BIM website.

Proposed Program of Work

April 2018

Relevant comments made through the Public Comment Period, which ends 9th April 2018, will be presented and reviewed by the TAC members
GSSI Independent experts will be giving a critique of the Standards

May 2018

A TAC will be convened to and review the Public and GSSI comments and decisions made on their relevance to the current draft.
The TAC will finalise draft for Oversight Committee review and approval.

June

An Oversight Committee will be convened to discuss the new draft of the CQA Farm Standard presented by the TAC.
Response to Public Comments will be posted on the BIM website

July

Target for the Approval of the new Version of BIM CQA Farm Standard and issue to AB's and CB's for training. Agreement of a suitable Transition time for CQA Farm Standard implementation.

Historic Program of Work Related to this Revision

September 2017

Review of the CQA Farm Standard and Controls to create a draft that is in line with GSSI Essential Criteria

October 2017

A Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be held to review the proposed changes to the existing V1.0 CQA Farm Standard and to agree a Working Draft CQA Farm Standard.

November 2017

The Working Draft CQA Farm Standard will be circulated for comment and review by interested parties

December 2017

The Working Draft CQA Farm Standard will be reviewed by the Oversight Committee for approval for Public Comment

Jan 2018

The Working Draft CQA Farm Standard will be put out for Public Comment on the BIM Website for 60 days

March 2018

Relevant comments will be reviewed and decisions made on their relevance to the current draft. The TAC will finalise another draft for Oversight Committee review and approval.