

Agricultural Operations Scheme

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Quality control, safety, professionalism and traceability are essential elements in carrying out agricultural operations and the NAAC has taken a proactive role in establishing an independently audited quality standard for agricultural operation contractors.

The scheme covers the quality of service which the contractor provides and is known as the NAAC Assured Land-Based Contractor (Agricultural Operations) Scheme. Agricultural Operation contractors and their customers must co-operate to ensure a safe, professional operation can take place.

This Scheme offers customers genuine assurance about the activity of contractors.

Contractors will only be certified if they can meet the appropriate standards.

SCOPE

This scheme applies to contractors who carry out agricultural operations on-farm. This scheme aims to promote a co-ordinated, traceable route between farmer and contractor.

OBJECTIVES

The NAAC scheme is designed to help contractors involved in agricultural operations to identify the hazards and critical control points of the process.

The scheme aims to help the person carrying out the operation to fully understand, and to be able to show full understanding of, the operation and the critical control points of that process. These critical control points will include:

- Ensuring that personnel involved in the operations are suitably skilled.
- Ensuring that machinery is regularly and appropriately maintained and cleaned;
- Adopting production processes, such as record keeping, which ensures full traceability;
- Identifying and controlling hazards which might occur.

The scheme will establish a framework of good and safe working practices, to be verified by independent external assessors that will enable members of the scheme to provide a safe, traceable and professional agricultural contracting service to meet the requirements of national quality assurance programmes.

INFORMATION

For more information about the Agricultural Operations scheme contact the NAAC offices (see below).

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