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Quick Start Guide for Feed Mills



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A Step-by-step guide for getting certified to the ASC Feed Standard

Thanks for considering getting your feed mill(s) certified to the ASC Feed Standard. This Quick Start Guide provides you with an overview of the steps to take to reach a positive certification decision.

1. Read ASC documents:

Familiarise yourself with the relevant ASC documents, starting with the two normative documents:

- The ASC Feed Standard Version 1.01 (published January 2023), detailing the requirements of compliance for feed mills. This document is currently available in English, Japanese, Spanish, Thai, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Chinese and Korean.
- The ASC Feed Certification Requirements for Unit of Certification (RUoC). It contains administrative and process requirements that feed mills need to conform to, in addition to the performance requirements specified in the standard.

Additionally, the ASC Feed Interpretation Manual is a supplementary document providing explanations, background information and interpretation of the standard – to support feed mills in implementing the standard.

All other supporting documents and reporting templates can be found [here](#).

2. Get support from ASC

There are many aspects to consider when starting your journey towards certification. We are here to support you. Please reach out to standards@asc-aqua.org with any technical queries, translation requests or to arrange a training call. The best time is before you contact a certifier, also called Conformity Assessment Body (CAB).

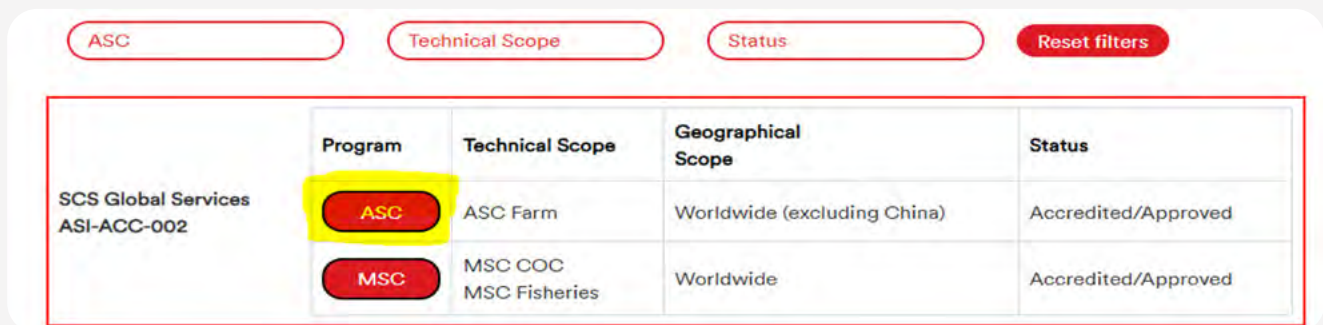


3. Compare CABs and choose one

Whenever you feel ready to start the certification process, it is up to you to get in touch with certifiers who can do the assessment.

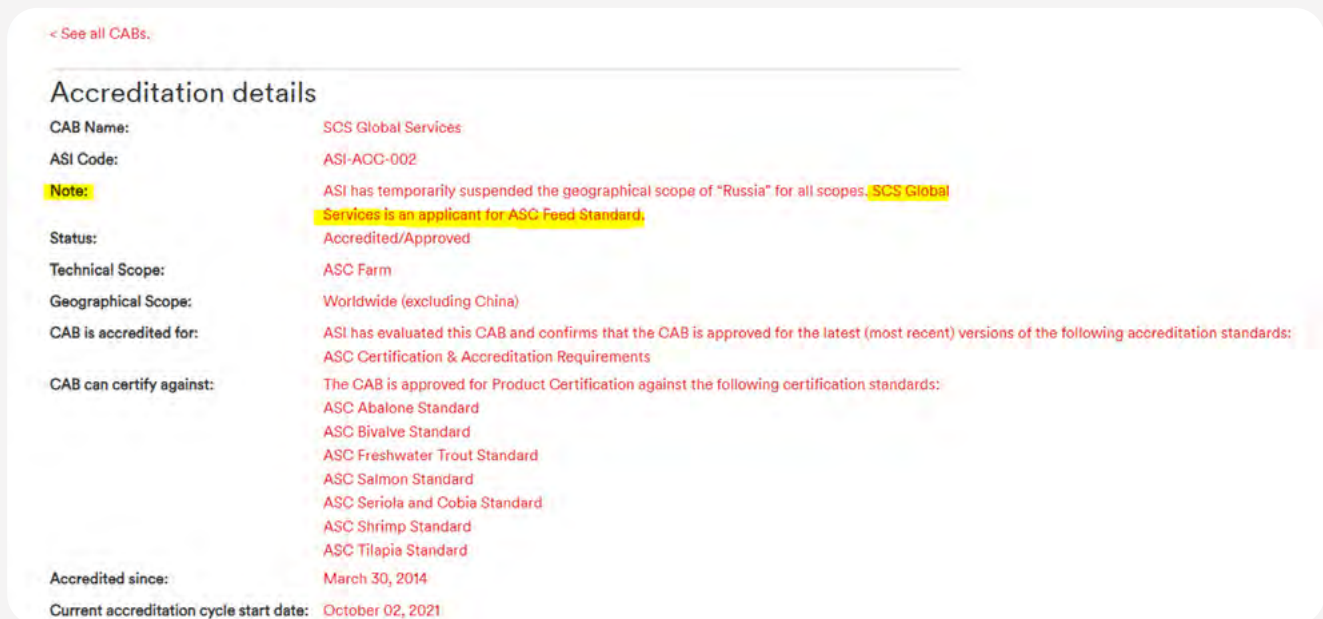
How to find a certifier:

- Go to the ASI 'Find a CAB' Web page: <https://www.asi-assurance.org/s/find-a-cab>
- Filter for "ASC" in "Programme" to get to the list of ASC accredited CABs
- Currently, CABs are still in the process of gaining accreditation for Feed, which is why Feed does not yet appear under the technical scope. You need to click on CAB and check the 'notes' section to see which CAB is in application for the ASC Feed Standard. Currently these are: SCS, BVC, CUP & DNV (Note: Once a CAB has been awarded Accreditation, Feed will appear in Technical Scope which will make the search much easier)



The screenshot shows the ASI 'Find a CAB' web page. At the top, there are filter buttons for 'ASC', 'Technical Scope', 'Status', and a 'Reset filters' button. Below the filters is a table with the following columns: Program, Technical Scope, Geographical Scope, and Status. The table lists two CABs: SCS Global Services ASI-ACC-002 and MSC. The 'ASC' button in the Program column for SCS Global Services is highlighted in yellow.

Program	Technical Scope	Geographical Scope	Status
ASC	ASC Farm	Worldwide (excluding China)	Accredited/Approved
MSC	MSC COC MSC Fisheries	Worldwide	Accredited/Approved



The screenshot shows the 'Accreditation details' page for SCS Global Services. The page includes the following information:

- CAB Name: SCS Global Services
- ASI Code: ASI-ACC-002
- Note: ASI has temporarily suspended the geographical scope of "Russia" for all scopes. SCS Global Services is an applicant for ASC Feed Standard.
- Status: Accredited/Approved
- Technical Scope: ASC Farm
- Geographical Scope: Worldwide (excluding China)
- CAB is accredited for: ASI has evaluated this CAB and confirms that the CAB is approved for the latest (most recent) versions of the following accreditation standards: ASC Certification & Accreditation Requirements
- CAB can certify against: The CAB is approved for Product Certification against the following certification standards: ASC Abalone Standard, ASC Bivalve Standard, ASC Freshwater Trout Standard, ASC Salmon Standard, ASC Seriola and Cobia Standard, ASC Shrimp Standard, ASC Tilapia Standard
- Accredited since: March 30, 2014
- Current accreditation cycle start date: October 02, 2021

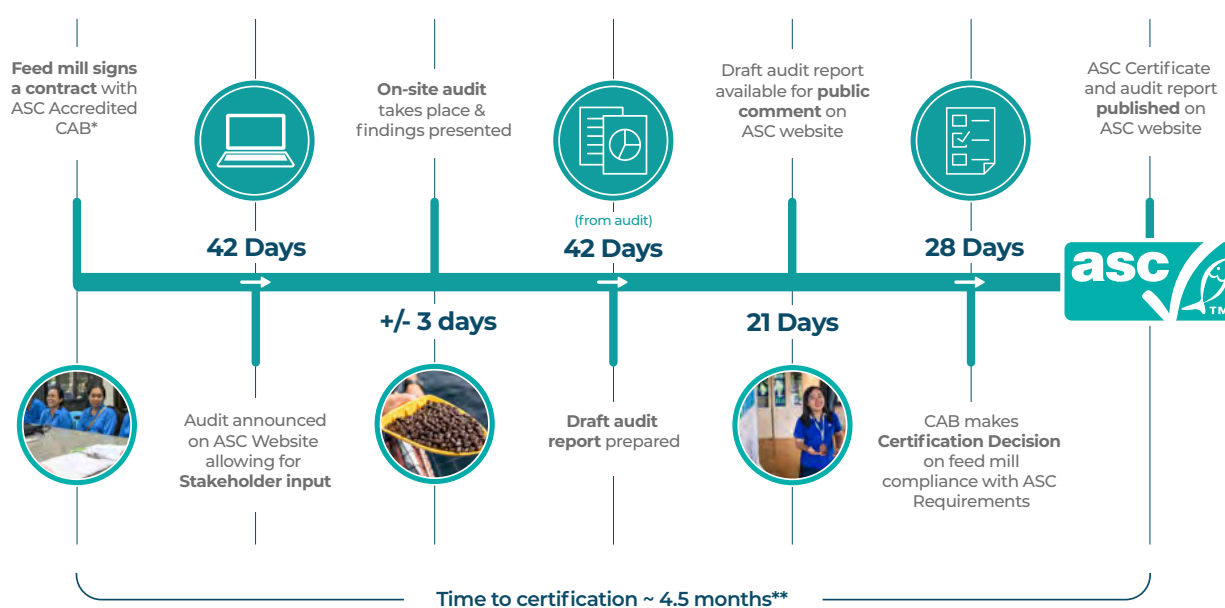
ASC strongly recommends asking more than one certifier for a quote.

4. Go through the certification process

ASC audits follow a clearly defined process that values independence, transparency and stakeholder engagement.

ASC Feed Certification Process

Valid from January 14th 2023



*Conformity Assessment Body

**Certification process may be longer where major findings are identified.

Note: All days are Calendar Days

Note: ASC uses a digital platform called MyASC for all certified entities to report requested certification data, register products and get your labels approved. Once you have signed a contract with a CAB, you can request a new user log in by sending an email to myasc@asc-aqua.org

5. Sign a licence agreement

Once you have successfully gone through the process and are awarded an ASC certificate, you will need to sign a licence agreement with ASC and pay annual licence fees based on the volumes of feed sold by your company. You can find more information in the [ASC Logo / Claim User Guide](#)





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