

Safe Loading Pass Scheme

Terminal Checks project update January 2026

Background

The Safe Loading Pass Scheme (SLPS) helps to meet each terminal's obligations under the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 (COMAH). This keeps sites safe for all. The last major revision of the scheme was in April 2016. Nearly ten years on and following user feedback, the Management Group feel that it is time to take the scheme forward, making it fit for purpose for the next ten years.

Terminal checks are already carried out as part of the ongoing implementation of the SLPS. They are the critical element to ensure that only those road tankers which have passed a SLPS inspection within the previous six months and remain compliant post inspection are permitted entry to a terminal. They provide safety critical checks on equipment and the vehicle. After the changes are implemented, they will also be used to provide ongoing data on the effectiveness of the scheme, enabling action to be taken to improve safety and ensure continuous improvement.

The project is being funded through the sale of SLPS discs. The price of each disc was increased in February 2025 and it will take around two years for the project to be funded in full. The SLPS Management Group and the Scheme Manager (Logistics UK) has agreed to freeze the cost of discs for at least two years (to February 2027).

Overview of the Terminal Check project

Project phase	Description
1. Review	A Working Group has reviewed the existing form and process. The original form contained 35 items to be checked, the new form has just 14, concentrating on site-safety items that can be checked visually at ground level (with the assistance of the driver, if available). The check should take around five minutes for anyone who has familiarised themselves with the new manual. A background in tankers or fleet management is not essential. A vehicle will either have no issues found, receive a notification or have failed an item. A failed check means the SLPS pass is revoked, and the vehicle will not be permitted to continue onto the site to load. The failed item must be rectified and a new SLPS pass issued following inspection. Notifications are given for minor issues that don't currently pose a danger, but which must be rectified by the operator as soon as possible. The revised form and new manual are being set for publication this month.
2. Train	An instructional video for terminal checkers is being produced to support the manual. This has been filmed, edited and reviewed. It will be finalised at the end of the month.
3. Data capture and reporting	There will be system changes to allow terminal check data entry, an App to capture checks in real time and a dashboard for dynamic reporting. The development has been scoped, work has begun and is expected to be completed next month. The developments will be tested on a Beta version before going live in a phased roll out.
4. Communication	All stakeholders will be advised of changes and given guidance before the enhancements are implemented. The SLPS website will be updated

What this means for you

Terminal organisations

We will continue to update you as the project progresses and circulate the new terminal check form, manual and video as soon as they are complete.

For you and your teams to access the SLPS database and App, we will need to set you up on the SLPS database. There is a simple online form for you to complete with details of your organisation, locations and personnel, assigning them

with the permissions you choose. Each user will need an email address. The various permissions are summarised in the columns of the table below. The rows show some examples of how you might choose to set up individuals.

Examples of job roles (you will be able to use your own job titles)	Associated with all locations	Associated with specified location(s)	Carry out/input terminal check and look up vehicles/passes	Look up vehicles/ SLPS passes	Set up and manage terminal users on SLPS*	View Terminal Check data
Operator		☒	☒			
Admin Manager		☒	☒		☒	
Terminal Manager		☒		☒	☒	☒
Terminal Operations Manager	☒			☒		☒

*The Scheme Administrator (Logistics UK) will set up and manage your personnel instead, if you prefer

Complete the online form here: [SLPS Terminal Checks - terminal online survey](#)

Inspection Providers

We will continue to update you as the project progresses and circulate the new terminal check form, manual and video as soon as they are complete. We suggest you make your SLPS customers aware of this communication and circulate any future information.

Following roll out in the next month or so, we will be asking Inspection Technicians (or Administrators) to input the name of the vehicle operator onto the database when they complete the SLPS pass information (it is already captured on the SLPS Inspection form), along with the trailer C number, which has a new field on the trailer inspection form. We will also be providing the ability to revoke a SLPS pass if, on inspection, your technicians find a failure item that poses an immediate danger to terminals. More details and guidance will be provided.

Fuel tanker vehicle operators

We will continue to update you as the project progresses and circulate the new terminal check form, manual and video as soon as they are complete. We suggest that you consider including the check items in your drivers' daily walk around checks (if they are not already included) and informing your drivers through the video ahead of the roll out.

If one of your vehicles receives a notification or failure at a check, your driver will be given a hard copy of the check and instructed to hand it to you. There will also be an option for you to be automatically informed by email. There is a simple online form for you to complete with your details here: [SLPS Terminal Checks - vehicle operator online survey](#)

Next steps

We will provide a further update next month, which will include links to the new form, manual and video, along with details of the phased project roll out.