

Better Cotton Platform: Key Changes in 2019

Introduction

As part of BCI's commitment to continual improvement, we are making some changes to how Better Cotton Claims Units (BCCUs) can be transferred through the supply chain, via the Better Cotton Platform (BCP). The changes are designed to protect the credibility of BCI's chain of custody system and to simplify the transfer of BCCUs.

The following key changes will be actioned in the coming months.

- As of 01 January 2020, companies wishing to transfer Better Cotton Claim Units (BCCUs) must do so electronically through the Better Cotton Platform (BCP) only. Starting on this date, BCI Members or BCP non-member suppliers¹ will no longer be able to transfer BCCUs using the manual entry option that is currently available in the BCP.
- If a company is already a member of BCI or a BCP non-member supplier, no action is required.
- Paper/hard copy Output Declaration Forms (ODFs) will no longer be accepted as a transaction entry method in the Better Cotton Platform.
- BCI Retailer and Brands Members will have until 31 March 2020 to manually add BCCUs to their accounts for ODFs generated before 31 Dec 2019.
- The annual BCP access fee will be reduced from €750 to €500 on 01 June 2019.
- There will be a 20% promotional discount available for companies that sign up for a new BCP account between 01 June – 30 September 2019 (to a cost of €400).

Key Dates



More Information

Visit the BCI [website](https://www.bettercotton.org) for further information.

¹ A BCP non-member supplier is a company that is not a BCI member but has access to the BCP and can transfer BCCUs electronically using a supplier, end-product manufacturer, non-lint trader or sourcing agent account type.