

Member Update

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TOPIC: Calling for Industry Submissions: Aust. Grain Industry Code of Practice Review

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1. Background:

GTA has commenced a project to review, update and revise the Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice (COP). The COP, and the supporting Technical Guideline Documents (TGDs), are provided as a minimum standard for the management of grain along the supply chain. The objective of the review is to ensure continued improvement, relevance and integrity of the COP to the grain Industry. The COP is an integral part of the Grain Industry Self-Regulatory Framework. It is supported by GTA products & services and its adoption is mandatory for GTA Members.

While the project is designed to assist small exporters to meet their obligations under the COP, the project will also enhance the ability of all Industry Participants (including storage providers, transport operators, supply chain managers domestic processors and large exporters) to conduct their business to meet industry standards and obligations, and to improve access to new and existing markets.

An Industry Working Group (IWG) consisting of a cross section of industry participants has been formed. Similar to a GTA Technical Committee, the IWG's purpose is to provide independent and expert consultation and technical oversight of the project. The IWG will ensure that the COP is practical and will be applicable to the grains industry.

Following the conclusion of the project, GTA will implement an industry wide extension and communications program to all sectors of the grains Industry and Government to ensure awareness, compliance to the COP and its benefits are achieved.

Adequate engagement and input to this project from industry participants is also essential to ensure the continued relevance of the COP to all stakeholders and their businesses. Participants are invited to provide a submission to assist the project and enhance the current version of the Grain Industry Code of Practice.

2. Calling for Industry Submissions:

GTA and the Industry Working Group is seeking feedback via Submissions from GTA Members and the broader Industry on the Grain Industry Code of Practice, the associated Grain Transport Code of Practice and the Technical Guideline Documents (TGDs).

Submissions should be received by COB Monday 8 January, 2018.

The existing Grain Industry Code of Practice, Grain Transport Code of Practice and Technical Guideline Documents are available from the GTA website - [Click Here](#)

Submissions should indicate or reference:

- Which Code or TGD comments refer to
- The Section of each Code or TGD being considered
- If additional content is being suggested, a relevant area of the current documents that the comments could be located.

Submissions should be lodged by emailing submissions@graintrade.org.au and title your email – “Review of COP – Round 1”.

A pro-forma for lodging submissions is located on the GTA website at <http://www.graintrade.org.au/committees>, noting that submissions do not need to be supported by other GTA Members, however, if they are supported, please indicate on the form.

Unless marked “confidential” and appropriate supporting reasons are provided, all submissions may be placed on the GTA website for industry review.

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