

# Member Update

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*TOPIC: Revised Aust. Grain Industry Code of Practice - Round 2 - Calling for Industry Submission*

## 1. Purpose

*The purpose of this Member update is to seek Member feedback on the revised Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice by **COB Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May**.*

## 2. Background

The **Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice (COP)** is an integral part of the Grain Industry Self-Regulatory Framework provided by GTA products & services. The COP, and the supporting Grain Transport Code of Practice (TCOP) and Technical Guideline Documents (TGDs), are provided as base standard for the management of grain along the supply chain.

Adoption of the Code is mandatory for GTA Members.

An extensive review process has been undertaken by GTA and an Industry Working Group (IWG). Industry input and Submissions have been previously sought via GTA [Member Update 27 of 17](#). As part of the review project, the updated COP (draft version) and supporting documents have now been released for industry review and comment.

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

To assist, a Summary of Changes is provided on the GTA Website – [Click Here](#).

Grain industry review and input into the revision of this draft of the COP is critical to ensure continued improvement, relevance and integrity of the COP to the grain industry.

An intended outcome of the review project is to assist small exporters to meet their obligations under the COP. The project will also enhance the ability of all Industry Participants (including grain producers, 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.

Once the revised COP is finalised and approved by the GTA Board, GTA will implement an industry wide extension and communications program to all sectors of the grains industry and Government to ensure awareness, compliance, and COP benefits are achieved.

### 3. Calling for Industry Submissions – Round 2

Engagement and input to this project from industry participants is essential to ensure the continued relevance of the COP to all stakeholders and their businesses.

GTA recognises the Code and TGDs contains a significant amount of information. Therefore, it is suggested industry participants prioritise, in the first instance, on their areas of expertise and, where possible, delegate review of other information to subject matter experts within their business.

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

#### **Submissions close COB Thursday 10 May 2018.**

A word version of the documents is available to Members upon request, please email [admin@graintrade.org.au](mailto:admin@graintrade.org.au)

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](mailto:submissions@graintrade.org.au) and title your email – “Review of COP – Round 2”.

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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