



23rd March 2018

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Dear Pat,

**RE: 2018/2019 GTA STANDARDS SUBMISSIONS REVIEW
GIWA WHEAT COUNCIL SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF REVIEWING ANW2 STANDARDS**

Please find the submission below from the GIWA Wheat Council:
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Issue:

Market requirements for Noodle (ASWN) grades when exported from Western Australia to our primary customer base in Japan or Korea require that a maximum of 0.5% dockage is allowed. The Japanese Flour Millers Association (JFMA) and the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) have signalled to the West Australian noodle wheat industry via the AEGIC, GIWA, CBH Noodle Industry Communications Protocol that the dockage levels of ASWN have been increasing significantly over time. Proximate measures for dockage in the WA receival standards are screenings, un-millable material whiteheads/chaff, and weed seeds. Under the Communications Protocol a GIWA Wheat Council Technical Committee has been established to compare like for like data on dockage between WA and Japan sides to address this issue.

Impact on (GTA) Member Business:

MAFF/JFMA are valued long term customers of the WA grain industry and as such the GIWA Wheat Council supports a range of measures to mitigate the increase of dockage levels, maintain quality and customer confidence. As a GTA member, GIWA suggests one of the contributing factors to an increase in dockage level is the grade ANW2. ANW2 has an AGP1 style quality spec that allows for significantly higher amounts of small foreign seeds, screenings, white heads and type 7b seeds, all elements that contribute to dockage. GIWA understands that a failure to address dockage as a quality issue could result in long term customer dissatisfaction.

Recommendation:

The GIWA Wheat Council recommends that GTA give due consideration to reviewing the ANW2 trading standard parameters for screenings, small foreign seeds, un-millable material whiteheads/chaff, and foreign seeds T7B etc. The GIWA Wheat Council further recommends that the grade AUN1 remain unchanged to become a true off-grade for ANW varieties in WA.

CBH has committed to supplying additional data to facilitate this submission through the GTA Standards Committee.

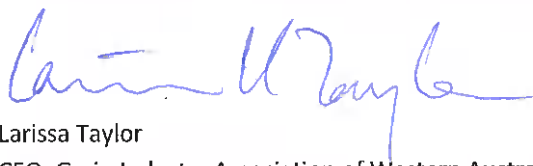
GTA Members Who Support This Submission: GIWA

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GIWA will support GTA in further industry consultation through the GTA submissions process on this matter over the next 3 months. Under the AEGIC, CBH, GIWA Noodle Industry Communications Protocol, AEGIC faces Japan side and GIWA faces the WA grain industry through the GIWA Wheat Council. This communications protocol is endorsed by MAFF and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, WA.

Sincerely,



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