

Australian Grain Industry – Code of Practice

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Summary of Modifications to the Code of Practice, the Transport Code of Practice and Technical Guidelines Documents

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1.0 Code of Practice

c	Topic	Modifications/Improvements
1	About this Code of Practice	
1.1	Purpose of the Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reworked the wording in this section extensively to be more relevant. • Included a more extensive description of the Structure of the Code and ancillary codes and TGDs
1.2	Scope of this Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified and reworked the Scope of the Code including articulating recommended compliance with specific industry practices.
1.3	Industry Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifications made to improve this section and make this section more relevant whilst concise.
1.4	Technical Guideline Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements made to this section and a change in structure was designed. • Structure of TGDs as seen on the GTA website has/will be re-ordered into logical groupings at the completion of the review process.
2	Code of Practice Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive improvements made plus the inclusion of 'Impact on the environment' as a generic process.
2.1	On-Farm Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified and re-worked this section. • Included a Link to the stewardship guide – growing Australian grain • Included an updated section outlining the steps involved to identify traceability of seed Variety. • Includes a Link to Plant Health Australia Biosecurity security manual • Includes a requirement to use a Grain Commodity Cleanliness and Prior Load Declaration for external transport movements • Includes Link to Grain Commodity Vendor Declaration
2.2	Sampling and Testing Grain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive rewording and updating. • Inclusion of a new sub-heading – General Requirements.
2.3	Storage Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rewording occurred across all sections and all Links have been refreshed and updated. • New link to Stored Grain Website in section 2.3.1.
2.4	Chemical Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Practices section 2.4.3 has major update of measures in bullet points. • All other sections were also improved to ensure relevance.
2.5	Grain Quality Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater focus on traceability of grain through the supply chain • Inclusion of reference to compliance with the DAWR Export Control Act and Link provided. • Bullet points updated in section 2.5.1 – Grain Receival and segregation. • Section 2.5.2 Grain outturn domestic has had a major update and includes new bullet points to assist clarity and to ensure relevance. • Section 2.5.3 Grain Outturn Export was also updated and includes several new bullet points on what must occur during loading
2.6	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some major rewording occurred in this section – Note: Major changes also occurred in the Grain Transport Code of Practice. The Transport Code was updated to ensure compliance with the update to the NHVL. • Inclusion of a major section on Chain of Responsibility requirements.
2.7	Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial wording changes and an update of relevant International Standards in section 2.7.1 • Market Access section 2.7.2 revised to place greater focus on Industry cooperation, compliance with market requirements, support to industry promotion and corrective action to repair reputational damage. • Improvements made also in the following sections - 2.7.3 , 2.7.4, 2.7.5, & 2.7.6
2.8	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated in line with modern industry practices and approach.

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2.9	Complaints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements made in this section. A very extensive rework and update was performed to the Complaints handling TGD
3	Reference Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifications were made as required to this section.

2.0 Transport Code of Practice

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1	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated and reworded to improve and clarify.
2.0	Code Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major rework of the structure of this document. Describes linkages to the Industry Code and the Transport Contract (also under review and modification) Introduced the changes associated with new NHVR legislation – performance of risk review, defining risk controls, Policy and procedure, training etc. Note: Document also restructured into 3 sections; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) General grain industry safety protocols, and Grain industry biosecurity-security protocols
3.0	Scope of this Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements made to ensure relevance.
4.0	Application of the Transport Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to be more relevant to CoR legislation
5.0	Bulk Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated and reworded to improve this section.
6.0	Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated where required.
7.0	Accreditations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New section. Reference to Accreditation was in the Code framework previously.
8.0	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated extensively. Defined and clarified the key focus of training in CoR and policy and procedures, etc
9.0	Audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New section introduced to focus more on safety and compliance processes.
10.0	Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major rework to ensure focus on the capture of records to show proof of compliance to CoR and biosecurity.
11.0	Procedures and Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major rework to ensure focus on having a designated person responsible for policy procedure, and training.
12.0	Complaints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes made – improvements made to be more reflective of the industry practices.
13.0 & 14.0	Administration of the Code & Contact Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes made to introduce a formal process to ensure the code is reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Necessary modifications were performed in this section.
15.0	The Grain Supply Chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements made by the introduction of a short description of the notable characteristics of the supply chain.
16.0	The Grain Transport Code of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced a description of the 3 sections of the Code.
16.1	HVNL & Compliance with CoR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New section describes the CoR legislation (new and updated) and how it applies

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16.2	The Risk Identification Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New section describes the Risk process and introduces the four risk categories • Tables of minimum guidelines are captured in this section. These apply for the 4 categories of risk – mass, speeding, fatigue and roadworthiness. • All industry specific safety protocols (not CoR or biosecurity security focussed) existing in the current TCOP were consolidated into this section. • Updated section on cleaning of vehicles to align with relevant TGDs • Appendixes were updated where required
16.3	Risk Control Guidelines	
17.0	Grain Industry safety Protocols	
18.0	Grain Industry Biosecurity Security protocols Appendixes	

3.0 Technical Guidelines Documents

c	TGD	Modifications/Improvements
1	Complaints Handling Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major changes made to the existing TGD. • Enhancements made to this section to ensure the process is more open, is process driven, transparent and provides greater feedback to all stakeholders of a complaint. • Improvements made to wording to ensure this TGD is more relevant • Review occurred and enhancements were made to bring this TGD in line with current practices • This TGD has recently undergone a major review as part of a separate update. Standards for Pool Providers are greatly improved and enhanced. • Modification to the wording and some additions to update relevant Industry bodies responsible for reviewing the sampling procedures. • Improvements made to wording to ensure the TGD is relevant and up to date. • To ensure relevance this section was reviewed and improvements were made.
2	Test Weight Assessment	
3	Sprouted Grain Assessment	
4	Operating Standards for Pool Providers	
5	Static Grain Sampling - Road Truck	
6	Grain Certification	
7	Wheat Blending	
8	Disputing Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document updated with a moderate level of changes to ensure the TGD is up to date. • Improvements to this TGD were made and all relevant Links were updated. • Modifications were made to improve and update this TGD and all relevant Links were updated. • Updated to include changes to CoR legislation – GTA is not the custodian of this document. • Improvements made with a moderate amount of change introduced to ensure relevance of this TGD, including a change of title. This TGD is now titled Managing Severely Damaged Grain. • Moderate levels of improvements have been made to the Grain Levies TGD to ensure it is relevant in current times – All Links updated with some new ones included also. • Enhancements were made to the CVD document and all relevant Links were updated. • TGD was reviewed and beneficial modifications were made – including a change of title. This TGD is now titled Managing Chemical Residue Violations. • To ensure relevance this section was reviewed and improvements were made to bring it in line with current practices. All relevant Links were also updated. • All sections reviewed and enhancements made. All relevant Links were also updated. • Reviewed and some elements were modified and updated. • All relevant Links in the TGD were updated. Enhancements were made to some of the text to improve and update the document. • This a recently completed new Technical Guidelines document.
9	Grain Drying	
10	Truck Cleaning	
11	Growing Australian Grain	
12	Managing Heat Damaged, bib Burnt and Storage Mould	
13	Grain Levies	
14	Commodity Vendor Declaration	
15	Managing Chemical Violations	
16	Trade Certification	
17	Container Packer Operations Manual	
18	Truck Cleaning Procedures – Treated fertiliser	
19	Broker Agent Operating Standards	
20	National Residue Survey Participation	