

MemberUpdate

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TOPIC: China Barley Update - MOFCOM Statement of Basic Facts for Barley Review

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1. Purpose

- The purpose of this Member Update is to update GTA members on the MOFCOM Review Process and the recent release of MOFCOM's Statement of Basic Facts.

2. Update

a) Background

- On 11th April 2023, Australia and China announced an agreement to suspend the WTO Dispute Panel initiated by Australia in response to AD/CVD Measures implemented by China on Australian barley exports.
- As part of the agreement China initiated an expedited review of these duties on Australian barley. This review was to take three months, with the possibility of a one-month extension, and includes the time required to implement the review's findings.
- On 14 April 2023, MOFCOM (China's Ministry of Trade/Commerce) initiated a review into the necessity to continue the AD/CVD measures on barley from Australia.
- This followed an application for review from the China Alcoholics Drinks Association and subsequent support from China Feed Industry Association.
- GTA and Grains Australia made formal submissions and completed a MOFCOM Questionnaire on behalf of GTA members and Industry to assist the MOFCOM review process.

b) MOFCOM Statement of Basic Facts for the Review of the AD/CVD Measures

- On the 7th of July 2023 MOFCOM released a statement of Basic Facts for the Review of the AD/CVD Measures.
- The statement follows the submissions of the Interested Parties and notes changes in the industry environment for China's producers and consumers of barley and customers and has noted "*The abolition of anti-dumping duties and countervailing duties will have a positive impact on the interests of downstream users and consumers, which is in the public interest.*".
- MOFCOM have called for submissions from Interested Parties by 17th July 2023.
- GTA will make a further submission with Grains Australia to MOFCOM on behalf of GTA Members and Industry.
- Specific timing of any further announcements and decisions by MOFCOM is unknown, however it is expected to be consistent with the agreement announced by the Australian Government on 11th April 2023 that the expedited review will take a maximum of four months.
- GTA has been advised this is an encouraging step by China towards resolving the barley AD/CVD measures.

3. Further Information

Please note this information is provided for GTA Members use only.

Members are welcome to refer any media enquiries on the China barley issue to GTA:

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