

MemberUpdate

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TOPIC: *Release of a GTA Information Paper - Australian White Wheat (AWW)*

DISTRIBUTION: *GTA Members – primary contact list. Please circulate to all appropriate internal parties.*

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Member Update is to:

- Advise members of the [publication of an Information Paper](#) that outlines the issues related to the introduction of a new wheat Class Australian White Wheat. [The Information Paper](#) has been prepared by a GTA Trading Standards Committee Working Group.

2. Background

- Wheat Quality Australia (WQA) has introduced a new wheat Hard Class – Australian White Hard Wheat (AWW).
- A summary of AWW includes:
 - WQA have been considering for some time the introduction of a new Hard Class which may fit the requirements of a relatively large proportion of the export market for Australian wheat.
 - The introduction of AWW is proposed to target customers who purchase Australian White Hard wheats for general purpose requirements.
 - The aim of AWW is to provide scope for future high yielding varieties and to remove the need to pass 'end product performance' testing prior to being approved. This is a subtle change as the wheat classification process has long been based on assessing the inherent quality characteristics of a new variety by focussing on its processing and end use performance.
 - All elements of the new Class, including new bin grades, will require a stakeholder engagement and consultation program to ensure industry is adequately aware of and prepared to implement this new wheat Class.
- The Information Paper is intended to assist GTA members in considering the impact from the introduction of this new hard wheat Class.

3. Further Information

- Further information will be provided on AWW through both the GTA Trading Standards Committee and the Working Group.
- GTA member who have queries relating to AWW may contact GTA at Admin@graintrade.org.au

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