# GRAIN TRADE

# GTA MARKET NOTIFICATIONS



Notice No. 06 of 23 — 9 May 2023 TOPIC: Australia-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement (AUK-FTA) – Entry into Force

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### 1. Announcement

The Australian Government welcomes the announcement that of the Australia-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement (AUK-FTA) is expected to enter into force on **31 May 2023**.

The agreement will remove tariffs on over 99 percent of the \$9.2 billion Australian goods exported to the UK annually. It will help revitalise local manufacturing and provide new access to the UK's government procurement market worth an estimated half a trillion dollars annually.

The AUK-FTA will introduce 10 new tariff free quotas for exports to the UK. The department will provide the management and administration of these quotas under the Export Control (Tariff Rate Quota – General) Rules 2021 (the Rules) and the Export Control (Tariff Rate Quotas—Sheepmeat and Goatmeat Export to the European Union and United Kingdom) Rules 2021. For more background information on the AUK-FTA please refer to our Minister for trade and Tourism Senator the Hon Don Farrell <u>announcement</u> and <u>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) website</u>.

#### 2. Export quotas

Refer to the DAFF website for a full list of Export Quotas.

Export product	Commodity codes	Volume access	Volume access year 1 (pro- rata) – TBC by UK	Quota year	Quota Administra- tion
Wheat and Meslin	1001.99	Static at 80,000T for 4 years	47,123T	1 Jan - 31 Dec	Quarterly first-come, first-served basis
<u>Barley</u>	1003.90	Static at 7,000T for 4 years	4,123T	1 Jan - 31 Dec	Quarterly first-come, first-served basis

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## 3. What's Next

The department will work on the following over the coming weeks:

- You can apply for quota by using the <u>TRO certificate application form</u> (excluding beef & sheep meat), but you cannot use the certificate prior to the expected entry into force date of 31 May 2023.
- The pro-rata volume access for year 1 is detailed in the above table, please note the UK is yet to confirm these figures therefore they may change slightly. If there are any updates we will update the department's website.
- The department will work with the beef meat, sheep meat and sugar industry to calculate their allocated quota for year 1 and how can they can apply.
- If you currently have a shipment on the water and would like to change your quota from WTO to AUK FTA, email <u>quota.admin@agriculture.gov.au</u>.
- The department's website will provide you with information required and access to forms that are required to be completed to apply for quota.

#### 4. Communication channels

The department's quota administration team will communicate via:

- the department's <u>website</u>
- email updates that will be sent to peak industry bodies to share with industry
- contact the DAFF Quota Administration team via email <u>quota.admin@agriculture.gov.au</u>.

# 5. Reference Material

- <u>Export Control (Tariff Rate Quotas—General) Rules 2021 (legislation.gov.au)</u>
- Export Control (Tariff Rate Quotas—Sheepmeat and Goatmeat Export to the European Union and United Kingdom) Rules 2021 (legislation.gov.au)
- <u>TRQ certificate application form</u>.