GRAIN TRADE AUSTRALIA

MemberUpdate

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TOPIC: NWPGP 2017 Agreed Conference Outcomes & 2017/18 Chemical Outturn Tolerances

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

1. NWPGP 2017 Agreed Conference Outcomes

Outcomes from the 2017 National Working Party on Grain Protection (NWPGP) Australian Grain Storage & Protection Conference held in Melbourne 7-8 June 2017 has been posted on the GTA website http://www.graintrade.org.au/sites/default/files/file/NWPGP/NWPGP%202017/2017%20NWPGP%20Outcomes%20of%20Meeting%20Final%20-%20Website.pdf.

The agreed outcomes, major discussion points and findings are listed numerically in no order of priority. There were around 140 attendees, representing all sectors of the grain supply chain. To provide comments on this or any NWPGP related matters please email GTA at admin@graintrade.org.au

2. Post Harvest Chemical Usage, Recommendations and Outturn Tolerances 2017/18

The Australian Grain Industry Post Harvest Chemical Usage, Recommendations and Outturn Tolerances 2017/18 is also now available on the GTA website http://www.graintrade.org.au/nwpgp

The document outlines permitted chemicals for use post-harvest and applicable Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) for grain out-turned to the Australian domestic or export markets. The MRLs apply for grain out-turned during the 2017/18 season. Industry is encouraged to familiarise themselves with this document to ensure Australian grain continues to comply with market requirements for chemical residues.

3. Background & Amendments

The Chemical Usage Recommendations and Outturn Tolerances document should be referred to when marketing Australian grain to assist industry in adhering to the Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs).

The Australian Grain Industry Post Harvest Chemical Usage Recommendations and Outturn Tolerances document is referred to in a number of GTA publications. Members are advised this is the latest version and supersedes all prior versions.

The following changes have been made based on the outcome of discussions held at the 2017 NWPGP Australian Grain Storage & Protection Conference held in Melbourne 7-8 June 2017. The changes include:

a) Carbaryl - confirmed/added MRLs as required for Sth Korea/Japan/Thailand for wheat. Also for Codex/Japan/Taiwan/Australia confirmed/added MRLs for barley
b) Indonesia - revised statement regarding MRLs to apply as the MRLs that apply are now known
c) Chlorpyrifos-methyl - altered MRLs for wheat and barley and other cereals for several countries that rely on/default to Codex as per recent Codex MRL changes. Industry should note that Codex has removed/deleted MRLs for this chemical for various cereals. MRLs now only exist at Codex for wheat, barley, wheat bran (unprocessed) and wheat germ. MRLs for all other cereals no longer exist. Australian MRLs and labels for this chemical remain unchanged. However as per usual, industry should note the lack of Codex MRLs for some registered Australian uses for cereals and implement their own risk management/QA practices to ensure market requirements are met for exports.
d) Other grains - clarified MRLs for China as per recent MRL changes in China.
e) South Korea - spinosad, carbaryl changes as per recent changes on other cereal grains
f) Taiwan - carbaryl on other grains MRLs have been clarified
g) Pulses - China, changes made to various MRLs as per recent regulatory changes
h) Oilseeds - China, changes made to various MRLs as per recent regulatory changes
i) Oilseeds - EU, deltamethrin changes made to various MRLs as per recent regulatory changes
j) Australia - changed domestic malathion MRLs for pulses

4. 2018 NWPGP Australian Grain Storage & Protection Conference

The date for the 2018 Conference will be June 2018 – exact dates and venue to be confirmed.

More information will be circulated early in the New Year.

If you have an urgent enquiry, please contact the GTA Office via admin@graintrade.org.au

5. NWPGP Strategic Working Group (SWG)

The full list of SWG Members can be viewed on the website http://www.graintrade.org.au/nwpgp