

Member Update

Title: GTA Grain Standards 2012/13

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Distribution

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

1 Documents

GTA has released the following documents which are now available on the GTA website.

1. Explanatory Memorandum - Grain Standards 2012/13
2. Commodity Standards Guide 2012/13
3. Section 2 – GTA Wheat Standards 2012/13
4. Section 2 – GTA Barley Standards 2012/13
5. Section 2 – GTA Sorghum Standards 2012/13
6. Section 2 – GTA Wheat Standards 2012/13
7. Section 2 – GTA Oats, Cereal Rye and Triticale Standards 2012/13
8. Section 2 – GTA Maize Standards 2012/13

2 Oilseeds/Pulses/Coarse Grains

GTA publishes the following Commodity Standards to the industry.

- Oilseeds Standards – developed by Australian Oilseeds Federation
- Pulse Standards – developed by Pulse Australia
- Wheat & Coarse Grains – developed by the GTA Standards Committee
- Birdseeds Purchasing and Export Market Standards – developed by Queensland Agricultural Merchants

3 GTA Visual Standards Reference Guide

The second edition of the GTA Visual Recognition Standards Guide is now available on the GTA website and can be ordered by filling out an order form and returning it to GTA.

http://www.graintrade.org.au/sites/default/files/file/Publications/GTA%20Publications%20Order%20Form_August_2012.pdf

The Guide was originally developed by the GTA Standards Committee through comprehensive consultation with the major bulk handling companies, including CBH, Viterro, Cargill and GrainCorp.

The new Guide covers a wide variety of commodity defect definitions and photographic references for wheat, barley, oats, sorghum, maize, chick peas, and canola.

4 Review Process

GTA Member Update No.1 of 12 and No.7 of 12 sought feedback from industry on potential changes to grain standards for the coming season. Feedback was received from a range of industry sectors on the proposed changes and a range of other issues.

The GTA Standards committee (Committee) met in 2012 on several occasions and reviewed feedback from industry. The committee recommended changes to the GTA Board and the Board has adopted recommendations where warranted.

This document lists:

- Changes to all Standards for implementation in 2012/13;
- Those issues raised by industry where changes were not accepted; and
- Issues potentially to be addressed in the 2013/14 Standards and beyond.

5 Process for Implementation

As the 2012/13 Standards have been adopted by the GTA Board, the final Standards have been published on the GTA website at www.graintrade.org.au and are now available for industry use.