

Member Update

Title: **GTA Trading Standards 2014/15**

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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 at:

- Commodity Standards Guide 2014/15
- GTA Explanatory Memorandum - Grain Standards 2014/15
- Section 2 – GTA Wheat Trading Standards 2014/15
- The Wheat Statement of Standards 2014/15
- Section 2 – GTA Barley Trading Standards 2014/15
- Section 2 – GTA Cereal Rye and Triticale Trading Standards 2014/15
- Section 2 – GTA Oats Trading Standards 2014/15
- Section 2 – GTA Maize Trading Standards 2014/15

Note:

- Section 2 – GTA Sorghum Trading Standards 2014/15 are currently under review by the GTA Standards Committee with the intention for these to be released 1 October 2014. Please refer to Section 3.7 of the Explanatory Memorandum for more information.*
- The Wheat Trading Standards 2014/15 incorporate the preliminary Wheat Variety Master List provided by Wheat Quality Australia. The final Wheat Trading Standards 2014/15 will be available at the end of August once the final Wheat Variety Master List is released from Wheat Quality Australia.*

2 Oilseeds/Pulses/Other Commodities

GTA publishes the following Commodity Standards for industry:

- Oilseeds – developed by Australian Oilseeds Federation
- Pulse – developed by Pulse Australia
- Other Commodities such as by-products and animal proteins
- Birdseeds – developed by Queensland Agricultural Merchants

3 GTA Visual Recognition Standards Guide

The fourth edition of the GTA Visual Recognition Standards Guide (VRSG) is now available on the GTA website http://www.graintrade.org.au/commodity_standards

Hard Copies can be ordered by filling out an order form and returning it to GTA. See <http://www.graintrade.org.au/publications>

The VRSG is developed by the GTA Standards Committee and contains definitions and photographic images for a number of defective grain quality parameters in cereals, oilseeds and pulses.

4 GTA Trading Standards Review Process

GTA Member Update No.4 of 14 and No.9 of 14 sought feedback from industry on potential changes to grain trading 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 (the Committee) met in 2014 on several occasions and reviewed feedback from industry. The Committee recommended changes to the GTA Board and the Board has adopted recommendations as appropriate (refer to the GTA Explanatory Memorandum 2014).

5 Process for Implementation

As the 2014/15 Standards have been adopted by the GTA Board, the final Standards have been published on the GTA website at http://www.graintrade.org.au/commodity_standards and are now available for industry use. Standards will apply from 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015.