TOPIC: Standardised Reference Table – Grain Varietal Code Master List
DISTRIBUTION: GTA Members – primary contact list. Please circulate to all appropriate internal parties.

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this Member Update is to seek Member submissions on a proposed industry standard format for the Grain Varietal Code Master List.

2. Background

GTA Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) has a focus on the data and transactional areas of the grain industry.

One objective for ITAC is to provide industry Standard Data Reference Tables for common industry data including Port Codes, Site Codes, Grain / Grade Codes and Varietal Codes. These Reference Tables will be published on the GTA website for use by Members.

3. Standard Reference Table - Grain Varietal Code Master List

The introduction of a Standard Reference Table for grain varietal codes enables GTA Members and industry participants to link all its existing data to a varietal code reference or a master file, providing a common point of reference. The objective will be streamlining data sharing amongst participants and simplifying the 'mapping' of data between systems.

An industry Working Group (IWG) including Wheat Quality Australia, Barley Australia, Pulse Australia and GTA members has been working to develop a standardised grain varietal code master list to be the base for the first GTA Reference Table – Grain Varietal Code Master List.

This Reference Table is now ready for GTA Member review and comment by Submission.

4. Proposed Format - Standard Reference Table - Grain Varietal Code Master List

This Reference Table includes most grains and establishes a common format for all grain varieties. The proposed structure of the code format is:

- Four (4) character code field
- Character one (1) is Alpha and rest Numeric

The suggested structure of the Reference Table Code format for each grain varietal code is as follows:

Grain	Code Prefix	Code Structure
Wheat	W	W123
Barley	B	B123
Broadbean	E	E123
Canola	C	C123
Chickpea	Q	Q123
Fababean	F	F123
Fieldpea	P	P123
Lentil	L	L123
Lupin	U	U123
Maize	M	M13
Oats	O	O123
Sorghum	S	S123
Soybean	Y	Y123
Triticale	T	T132
Vetch	V	V123

A draft Reference Table for the 2018 GTA Reference Table – Grain Varietal Code Master List is available here.

5. Calling for Submissions

Comments and submissions on the structure and format of this Reference Table are sought from GTA Members and other interested parties.

Submissions should be lodged by emailing submissions@graintrade.org.au and title your email – Standardised Reference Table - Grain Varietal Code Master.

Submissions should be received by COB Friday 14th September 2018.

A proforma for lodging submissions can be accessed here, noting that submissions do not need to be supported by other GTA Members, however, if they are supported, please indicate on the form.

Unless marked "confidential" and appropriate supporting reasons are provided, all submissions may be placed on the GTA website for industry review.