

Member Update

Title: Sorghum Trading Standards 2014/15

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1 Background

GTA Trading Standards for the 2014/15 season were released for industry use, with the exception of Sorghum at the beginning of August 2014, as was outlined in Member Update 20 of 14.

The release of the Sorghum Trading Standards was delayed to allow the GTA Standards Committee time to review a number of submissions received from industry late in the 2013/14 season.

Having completed this review, and with the approval of the GTA Board, the 2014/15 GTA Sorghum Trading Standards have now been released for industry use.

2 Documents

The final Standards have been published on the GTA website at http://www.graintrade.org.au/commodity_standards. Standards will apply from 1 October 2014 – 31 July 2015. In future sorghum Standards will be released by 1 August.

An Explanatory Memorandum has also been developed which details the amendments made to the 2014/15 Standards as well as potential changes for the 2015/16 season and beyond. This is also available from the GTA website at http://www.graintrade.org.au/commodity_standards

3 Amendments

Amendments have been made to the following sections of the Sorghum Trading Standards:

- The number of defect types per grain
- Stones definition and tolerance
- Sand definition
- Total Admixture
- Bin Burnt, Heat Damaged and Storage Mould definition and tolerance
- Stained and Field Fungi definitions
- Updates to the Visual Recognition Standards Guide
- Minor wording changes as required

The fourth edition of the GTA Visual Recognition Standards Guide (VRSG) is available on the GTA website. This includes the abovementioned updates to sorghum. 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.