

MemberUpdate

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TOPIC: Industry Consultation for Technical Guideline Document No.21 – Grain Sampling All Sampling Scenarios except Static Road Trucks

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

BE AWARE: This will impact all grain supply chain participants and grain exporters.

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1. Background

Representative Sampling of grain is fundamental to the facilitation of trade.

Industry uses various methods and equipment for the process of taking a representative sample of grain depending on a range of factors. The Australian Department of Agriculture (DA) and the grain industry share an objective to have an agreed industry process for sampling grain under each sampling scenario at various stages along the supply chain.

DA has previously noted there were opportunities for guidance to be provided to industry on the required “minimum” standards to be implemented for those sampling systems, in order to adequately prepare grain for presentation to DA Authorised Officers prior to inspection and subsequent export. Given that grain is presented to DA from various sources, those “minimum” standards should apply in all situations.

It has been agreed with DA for industry to develop a document outlining sampling arrangements for grain under all sampling scenarios along the supply chain. Subject to industry consultation and GTA approval processes, it is proposed that this document be published as a Technical Guideline Document (TGD) No 21 - Grain Sampling All Sampling Scenarios except Static Road Trucks under the Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice for the management of grain along the Supply Chain.

DA propose to subsequently develop a **“Grain Preparation Standard”** to apply for all exporters, referencing the sampling requirements in the TGD No. 21.

It is important to note that adherence to that Department of Agriculture **Grain Preparation Standard** and the processes outlined in TGD No. 21 is expected to become a mandatory requirement if involved in the export of grain from Australia.

Failure to comply with sampling procedures and to provide grain samples representative of each consignment as outlined in the TGD No. 21 may result in the inability to complete the export certification process.

2. Calling for Industry Submission

GTA is seeking to consult further and receive feedback from Members via Industry Submissions on the draft of the [Technical Guideline Document No. 21 - Grain Sampling All Sampling Scenarios except Static Road Trucks](#). It should also be noted this is a draft document and user-friendly links to sections within the document, to external documents (referred to in this draft TGD) and also additional photos will be added once the content is finalised.

Submissions should:

- a) Indicate or reference whether comments and suggestions within each submission relates to a specific section of the draft TGD or is additional to the content or requirements of the draft document
- b) Indicate a preferred timeframe for implementation of the TGD, given that revisions to sampling equipment and processes may be required in order to comply with that TGD. A full explanation of the reasoning should be provided.

Submissions should be received by COB Friday 20th September, 2019.

Lodge your submissions by emailing submissions@graintrade.org.au and title your email – *Review of TGD No. 21 Grain Sampling All Sampling Scenarios except Static Road Trucks*

A pro-forma for lodging submissions is located on the GTA website at:

<http://www.graintrade.org.au/committees>

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

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