

# MemberUpdate

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**TOPIC: Wheat & Barley Shipments to China – Updated Industry Management Plan**

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### 1. Issue

In addition to meeting a range of quarantine requirements, wheat and barley shipments to China for consumption are governed by a protocol of conditions agreed to between the General Administration of Quality, Supervision, Inspection & Quarantine (AQSIQ) Peoples Republic of China and the Department of Agriculture. As part of the protocol, exports must meet conditions outlined in the Industry Management Plan.

This Industry Management Plan has recently been updated and industry needs to understand all changes.

### 2. Background

The Chinese market remains sensitive to pests of quarantine concern such as snails. A recent visit to Australia by officials from AQSIQ included visits to a range of facilities to highlight measures being undertaken by all sections of the supply chain to meet obligations under the protocol.

The visit also highlighted the need for industry to continue efforts to manage pests of quarantine concern.

GTA has been working with the Grains Industry Market Access Forum (GIMAF), the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) and an industry Working Group to improve the current version IMP to better reflect efforts of industry to meet those requirements.

### 3. Changes to the Industry Management Plan

DAWR has recently provided an Industry Advice Notice advising of changes to the IMP [2017-59 Update to the Industry Management Plan for wheat and barley to China](#)

The changes include a number of clarifications to clearly state industry obligations when supplying wheat and barley to China. Research efforts to minimise the presence of quarantine pests of concern are also updated, as are the practices of industry to minimise the presence of pests such as snails in shipments.

#### **4. Take Home Message – Market Access & Compliance with the IMP**

Compliance with the protocol and the underlining IMP is compulsory for all wheat and barley shipments to China. All exporters must sign a declaration for each wheat and barley shipment that measures outlined in the IMP have been complied with and achieved.

Industry should review the changes to the updated IMP as recently announced by DAWR in order to ensure compliance with the requirements for exports and to maintain access to this important market for Australian wheat and barley.

Industry's compliance with the IMP is an important part of the continued market access arrangements underpinning the China-Australia Wheat and Barley Protocol.

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