

## Member Update

**Title:** **Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice**

**Update No.:** **31 of 12**

**Date of Issue:** **15 November 2012**

### Distribution

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#### 1. Issue

Due to the importance of the proposed draft **Australian Grain Industry – Code of Practice (the Code)** and the mandatory nature required of GTA Members, GTA has extending the timeframe for industry comment to **Friday 07 December 2012**.

GTA strongly advises all Members read the Code carefully in light of their commercial obligations and provide comment to GTA ensuring the Code will provide a sound foundation towards improved industry standards and self regulation. To view the draft Australian Grains Industry Code of Practice, visit the GTA website [www.graintrade.org.au](http://www.graintrade.org.au)

#### 2. Background

Following evolving market conditions within the grain industry and the industry's desire to demonstrate a high level of quality, integrity and self regulation, GTA Members and the broader grain industry recognise that the development of a prescriptive Code of Practice which better defines processes and procedures will provide industry guidance in achieving these outcomes.

Most importantly the adherence to this Code will become a mandatory requirement of the GTA members in the 2013/2014 membership year, thus highlighting GTA Membership commitment to improving the standards and integrity of the Australian grain supply chain.

After considerable consultation, GTA developed and presented industry with a draft Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice, on the 18 September 2012 (Member Update No. 20 of 12), calling for submissions.

The Code will reference many of the existing industry best practices documents, including a combination of quality assurance systems, storage and transport practices and sampling and testing regimes to assist the commercial marketing of grain in compliance with commercial and regulatory requirements.

It is GTA's intention that the Code will continue to be developed and reviewed over time.

#### 3. Industry Feedback

GTA Members are strongly encouraged to review the Code in light of the proposed mandatory requirements by the 2013/2014 membership year and forward comments by way of submissions to GTA for consideration no later than **COB Friday 07 December 2012**. Submissions to be titled **Code of Practice Submission** and emailed to [admin@graintrade.org.au](mailto:admin@graintrade.org.au)

**A letter to this effect has been posted to all Member Organisations on 14 November 2012.**