

MemberUpdate

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TOPIC: Review of the Grain Transport Code of Practice – Round 2 – Calling for Industry Submission

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Member Update is to seek GTA Member input and feedback into a review of the *Australian Grain Transport Code of Practice* by **COB Friday 4th December 2020**.

2. Background

The *Grain Transport Code of Practice* ([TCOP](#)) is ancillary to the *Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice* ([COP](#)) and both are an integral part of the Grain Industry Self-Regulatory Framework provided by GTA products & services. The COP, and the supporting TCOP and *Technical Guideline Documents* (TGDs), are provided as the base standard for the management of grain along the supply chain. Adoption of the Code is mandatory for GTA Members.

GTA released [Member Update 20 of 2020](#) in September 2020 to inform GTA members of a review occurring in 2020 to the TCOP.

The review has progressed to the point the Transport Storage and Ports Technical Committee has endorsed a revised version of the TCOP to be released to GTA members. This Member Update provides an opportunity for GTA members and industry to review and provide feedback via submission on the revision to the TCOP.

Attached is a [draft revised version of the TCOP](#) for review and comment. To assist in understanding the changes proposed during the re-draft of the TCOP attached also is a '[marked-up](#)' version of the TCOP detailing the changes made.

Table 1 provides a summary of the changes proposed by the Sub-Committee.

• Item	• Description	• Discussion	• Outcome Action
• Scope	• Better definition of what mode of transport is covered by the Code	• The Transport Code covers heavy vehicle road transport freight movements and applies to all bulk grain carried by road transport...this includes container 'skels'	• Make wording changes to ensure it is clear the TCOP covers all road transport
	• Does it push doing everything in a Reasonably	• Raise the importance and have something on Safety Mgt system – aligned to WH&S	• Changes have been made to highlight Safety Mgt Systems and the importance of doing everything in a

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• Weight	• Gross weighing versus Axle Weights	• Some modification made to provide some further coverage of axle weights.	• Ensure clarity around what is Reasonably Practical and where responsibility sits.
• Section 15	• Description of the grain supply chain	• Inclusion of more description – e.g. string sales/harvest delivery process	• Variation to wording made to improve the description of the grain supply chain.
• Load Plans	• Performed a revision of wording.	• Some modification made to provide better meaning.	• Ensure clarity around what is Reasonably Practical and where responsibility sits.
• Routes	• Guidance or route selection	• Some modification made to provide better meaning.	• Ensure clarity around what is Reasonably Practical and where responsibility sits
• Biosecurity Section	• Is the Biosecurity Section adequate	• Should the TCOP only focus on HVNL requirements?	• Increased the emphasis on biosecurity and Food Safety earlier in the TCOP.
• Linkage to Transport Industry Master Code	• Level of reference to the Transport Industry Master Code	• The purpose of the TCOP is to provide a specific Grain TCOP that is in alignment with the Registered Code whilst being more descriptive in key grain transport related activities & Biosecurity	• Reference made to the Transport Industry Master Code.

3. Calling for Submissions

GTA Members are requested to provide comment by Submission to submissions@graintrade.org.au by **COB Friday 4th December 2020.**

GTA Member feedback received by Submission will be used by the Sub-Committee to produce a second draft revision of the TCOP. Once completed the second draft will be reviewed by the Transport Storage & Ports Committee to determine whether a further call for submission is required or the version is acceptable to proceed to the GTA Board approval process.

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.