

**TOPIC: Review of the GTA Voyage Charter - AusGrain (2015) – Round 1 – Calling for Industry Submission** DISTRIBUTION: GTA Members – primary contact list. Please circulate to all appropriate internal parties.

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Member Update is to seek Member input and feedback into a review of the AusGrain Voyage Charter by COB Friday 18th December 2020.

## 2. Background

The GTA Commerce Committee has scheduled a review of the <u>GTA Voyage Charter – AusGrain 2015</u>. The AusGrain Voyage Charter was designed specifically for Australian grain exports and sets out the rights and responsibilities of the ship owners and charterers of bulk grain vessels that load grain at Australian ports.

The AusGrain Voyage Charter is part of the suite of contracts provided to industry by GTA to facilitate trade.

To ensure the AusGrain Voyage Charter remains relevant and contemporary, on occasions and as required a review process is undertaken by GTA's Commerce Committee. This review will consider any variation to the AusGrain Voyage Charter that will ensure its relevance and support to industry.

Grain industry review and input into this revision is critical to ensure continued improvement, relevance, and integrity of the AusGrain Voyage Charter to the grain industry.

## 3. Calling for Submissions

## GTA Members are requested to provide <u>comment by Submission</u> to by <u>COB Friday 18<sup>th</sup></u> <u>December 2020.</u>

GTA Member feedback received by Submission will be used to produce a first draft revision of the AusGrain Voyage Charter. This revised draft will be released via a further Member Update to allow review and comment.

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.