

GTA MARKET NOTIFICATIONS



No. 11 of 20 Industry Advice Notice—Outcome of the Grain and Plant Products Export Industry Consultative Committee Meeting - 7 October 2020

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1. Status Update

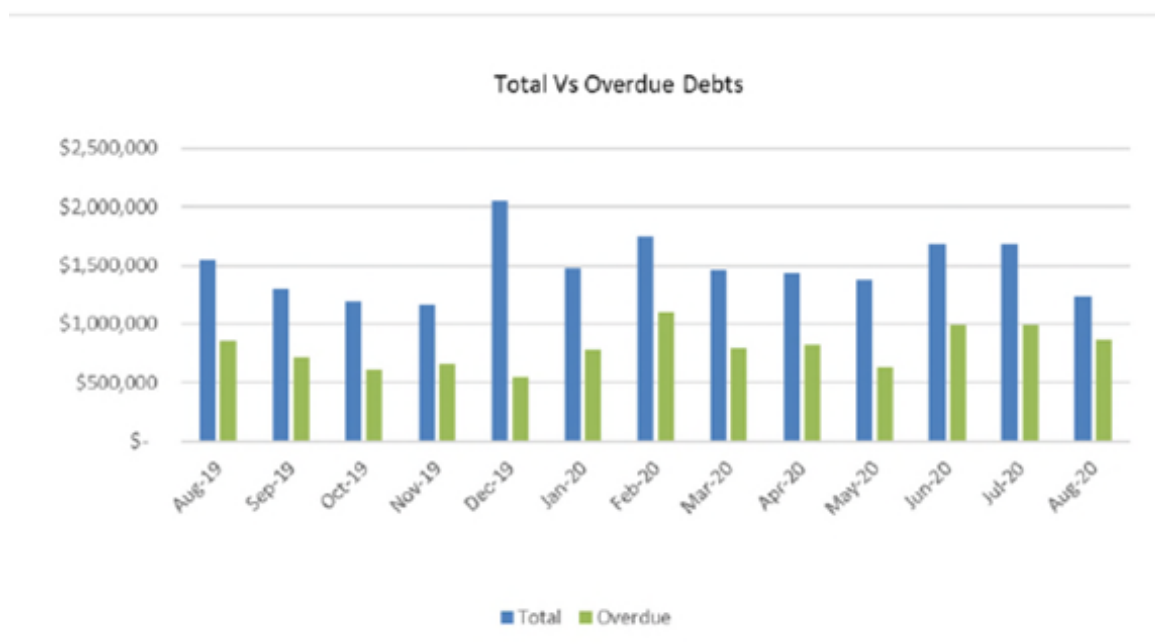
- Grain Trade Australia is a member of the Grain and Plant Products Export Industry Consultative Committee (GPPEICC) representing the interests of GTA members.
- The GPPEICC is the principal forum for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) to consult with the grain, fodder, nuts, seed and timber industries on export inspection and certification, export market access and other relevant issues.
- The most recent meeting was held on 7 October 2020 and issues of relevance to GTA members are outlined below.

2. Meeting Outcomes

DAWE Export Finance and Budget Issues

- Industry debt levels with DAWE have remained relatively on-track to meet targets. However industry is reminded to continue to appropriately manage overdue fees and liaise with DAWE where issues are expected.

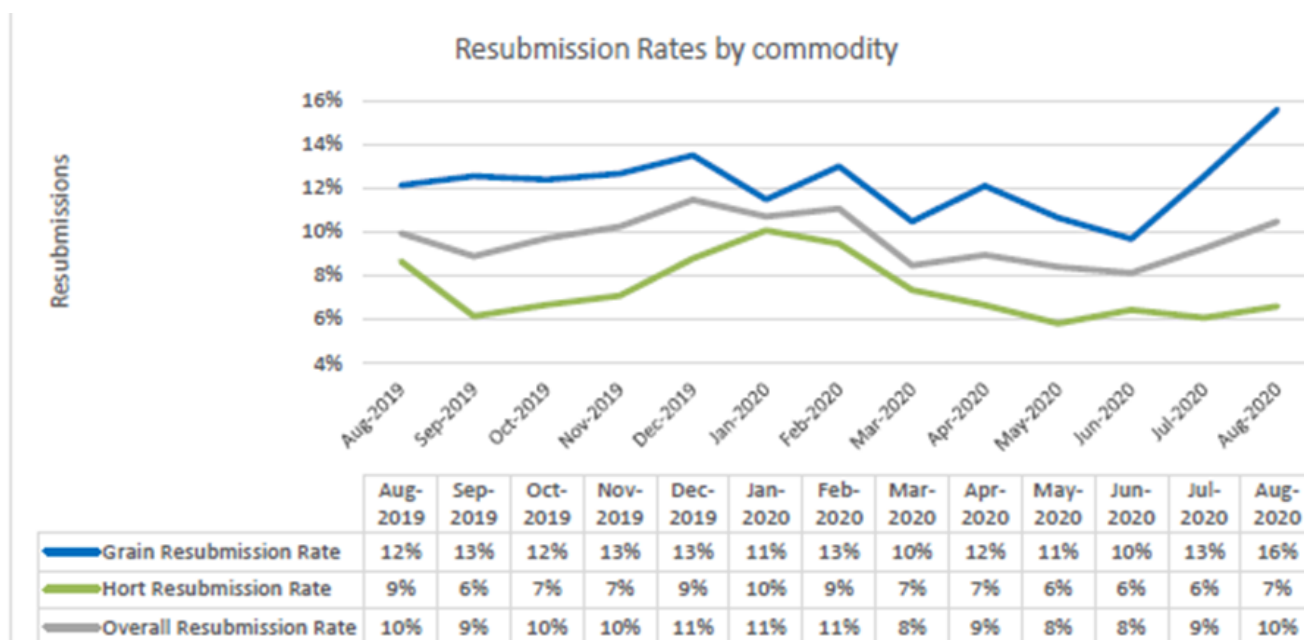
Figure 1 - Summary of the arrangement's debt position by month



- The Grain Program incurred a deficit for the 2019/20 year of \$2.7m due to reduced exports being the lowest for several years. The Cost Recovery Reserve at the end of the financial year (June 2020) was a deficit of \$1.2m.
- In the recently announced federal Government budget (refer to <https://www.awe.gov.au/about/reporting/budget>):
 - ◇ \$680m of new funding has been provided to DAWE.
 - ◇ Of this, \$328m has been provided for reform of the agricultural export system for all commodities “cutting red tape and streamlining interaction with industry”.
 - ◇ Of that \$328m, \$222m will be allocated to upgrade IT systems (including aspects of traceability etc.).
 - ◇ Included will be \$10m for PEMS V4, and 3 business focussed projects covering a) recognising State/ industry systems, such as use of technology to audit/assure AOs etc. are functioning efficiently, remote monitoring of treatments.
- The budget also includes no change to export fees for the 2020/21 year. The recent budget announcement has allocated \$71m to assist in meeting this budget freeze for 2020/21. Hence the previously announced increases under the Cost Recovery Review (CRR) will not be implemented in 2020/21. However, going forward:
 - ◇ The CRR will now occur on an annual basis, ensuring all fees etc. are kept up to date rather than delays due to a CRR only occurring every few years.
 - ◇ A new CRR will be planned for introduction of new fees for 2021/22.
 - ◇ All export programs are to be fully cost recovered by 2023/24. Hence for some export programs (including grain) fees for certain activities will increase/decrease from current levels as required.

Documentation & IT System Issues

- Despite the decrease in exports for the 2019/20 season, and more specifically for the recent months up to August 2020, the level of re-submission of paperwork has increased. While DAWE works with industry to resolve issues with documentation as they arise, DAWE is undertaking a comprehensive review of the reasons for this higher than expected rate. Additionally the DAWE/industry Working Group reviewing these issues will also be active in the next few months to re-consider previously raised issues for possible causes.



- Industry continues to liaise with DAWE on the benefits, and pursue development/adoption of electronic data and certifications systems, including Nexdoc and e-phyto.
- There have been some delays in the readiness and ability to rollout system changes by some vendors due to travel restrictions, and as a result of this the mandatory use of PEMS has been delayed until 1 February 2021. In the interim industry is encouraged to use PEMS as it becomes available from their software providers.
- Further changes and enhancements to PEMS will occur over the next 12-24 months, to further capture the benefits of:
 - ◇ Transition from manual to electronic recording and capture of AO inspection and associated documents
 - ◇ Improved accuracy and automatic validation of records including AO competency
 - ◇ Improved user experience with PEMS compatible on mobile phone
 - ◇ Increased traceability and reporting for pest incursions / infestations
 - ◇ Improved reporting across all PEMS data
 - ◇ Automation of AO performance workflow (improved assurance on AO capabilities and compliance)
- Attached to this advice is a flyer from AWE for PEMS IN YOUR POCKET. This allows users to now access PEMS via their mobile phones in a more mobile responsive format. All are encouraged to use this functionality to expedite the export documentation process where applicable.

Operational and Market Access Matters

- Unannounced audits of Registered Establishments have been limited because of Covid-19 however as restrictions ease, subject to site WH&S, activities in this area will increase. As with prior reports, DAWE advise the major causes of non-compliance continue to be poor site hygiene & pest/weed control, inadequate documentation and sampling/testing processes. Industry is encouraged to improve their efforts in these areas and meet their obligations.
- The DAWE/industry Working Group, of which GTA is a lead, has met on several occasions to develop specific plans to address key elements of the DAWE Plant Export Operations Strategic Plan 2030 as they relate to grain industry priorities and functions.
- The work on the introduction of the requirement for AOs to use Go Pros (or equivalent) to record empty bulk vessel inspections at berth and anchorage continues. The industry/DAWE Working Group is still addressing several implementation issues and thus the date for use has been deferred until sometime in early 2021. Industry will be advised of further developments.
- New instructional material for mobile loading operations has been released by DAWE.
- Authorised Officer training and processing of applications in anticipation of a significant increase in the export program for 2020/21 is on track.
- A recent DAWE/industry forum lead by DAWE Regional Assurance Managers (RAMs) in NSW was attended by over 100 stakeholders. As the forum provided valuable DAWE/industry interactions, it is planned to hold similar forums in other States and industry is encouraged to participate once dates are provided.

Legislation Review

- A second round of industry consultation on the Draft Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2020 (draft plant rules) has been released.
- While GTA on behalf of industry provided a comprehensive review ([here](#)) to the initial release, industry is encouraged to provide a submission as per the following website by 5 November 2020 <https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/exposure-draft-export-control-plants-and-plant-products-rules-2020>
- As part of maturing regulatory practice, DAWE are developing a Regulatory Practice Statement. The Statement is intended to be a vital document that will steer regulatory improvements. Industry is encouraged to provide comments by 30 October 2020 at <https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/maturing-our-regulatory-practice>

3. Further Information

- Contact GTA to seek further information on any of the above issues.
- Further information on GPPEICC and its membership can be found at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/partnerships/consultative-committees/gppeicc>



PEMS in your pocket

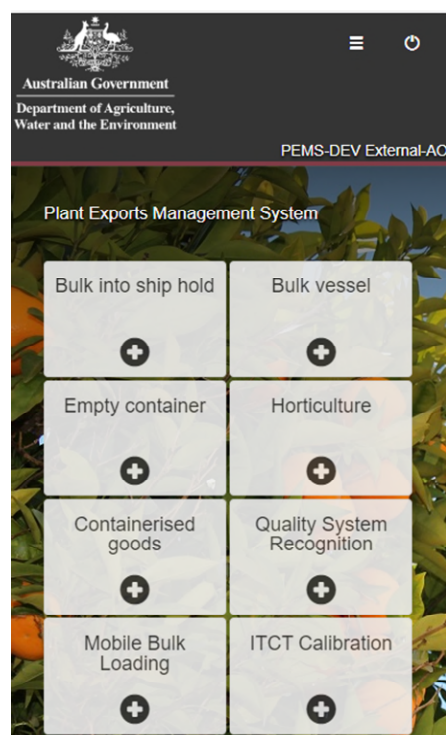


This factsheet explains how the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's Plant Exports Management System (PEMS) works on mobile phones.

This functionality allows Authorised Officers to records inspections and calibrations on their mobile phone without any usability issues.

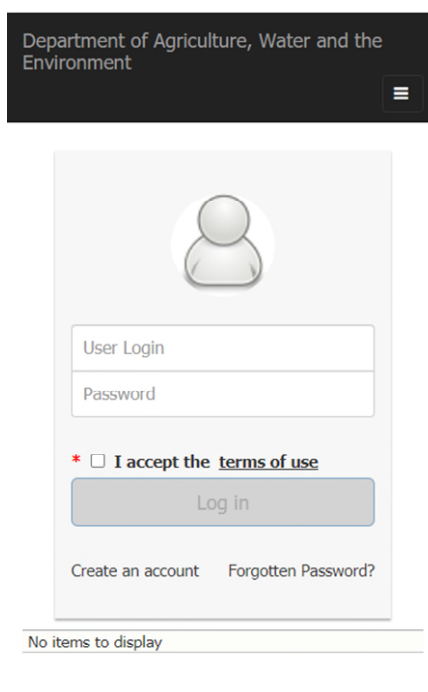
The design changes have only been made to the mobile view of PEMS. The fields and system behaviour will remain the same as the desktop view.

Mobile Home Screen



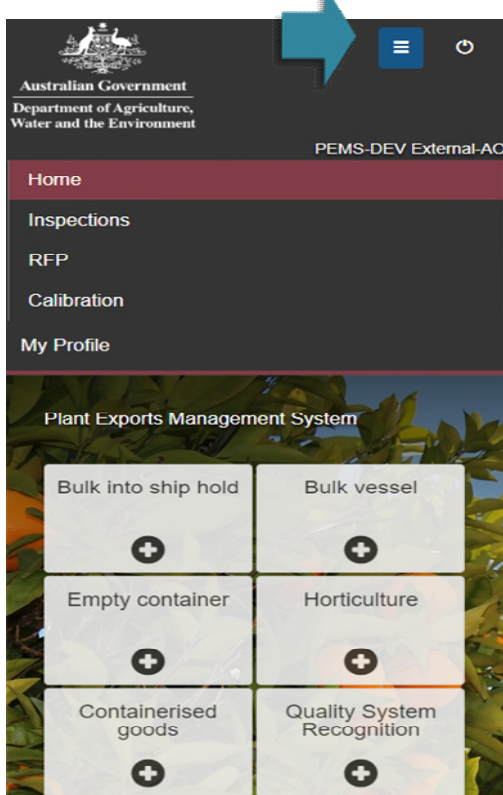
Bookmarking

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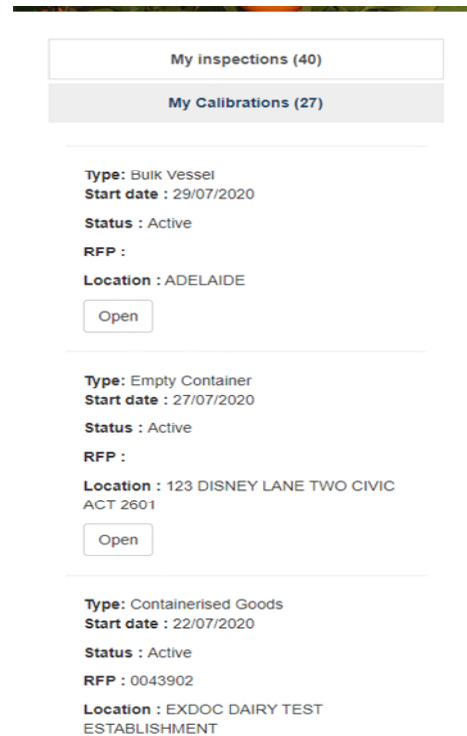
List Options

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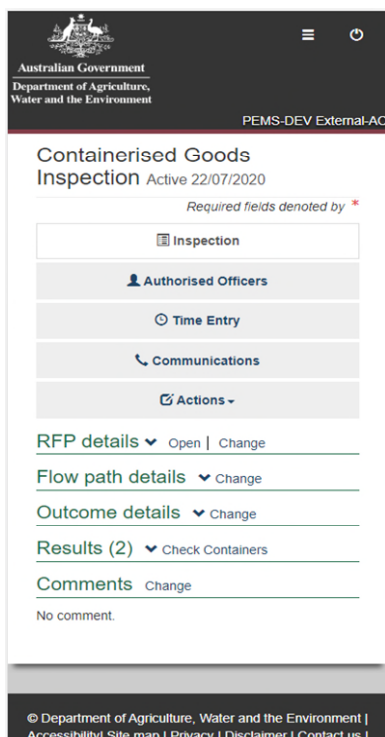
My inspections/calibrations

Scroll down on the home page to see My Inspections/ My Calibrations. Scroll through the list and open the record you need.



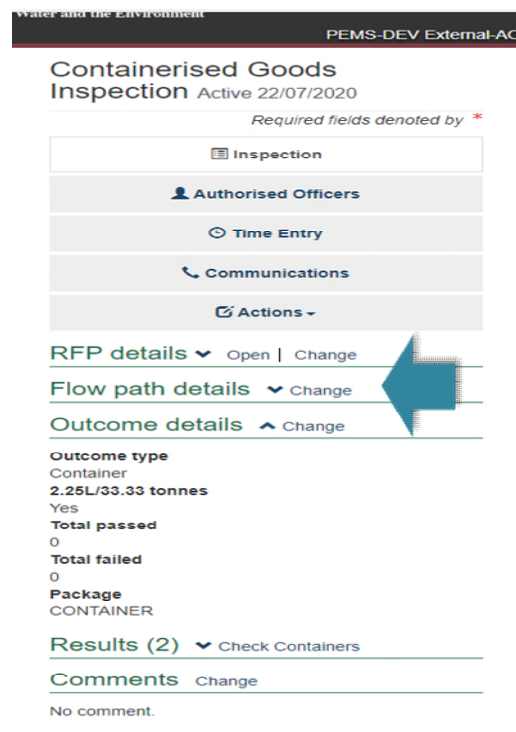
Inspection page

The inspection/calibration screen will look like this:



Expand/Collapse


Click on the arrows to expand and collapse sections within the record.



Troubleshooting

Will PEMS work on all mobile phones?

We are piloting the mobile suitable design only on popular iPhone models listed below and the equivalent Android models with a minimum screen size (12").

	
Phone Model	Screen view size
iPhone 8 / 7 / 6 / 6s	375 x 667

How to clear my cache and browsing data on my mobile phone?

Sometimes you may need to update the version of PEMS you are using on your mobile phone. Just like the desktop version, this will involve clearing the cache and browsing history:

IPhones – safari

To clear cache and browsing history on your iPhone follow the instructions below:

1. Open *Settings*.
2. Scroll down to *Safari*.
3. Scroll down to *Clear History and Website Data*, and select it.
4. A pop-up message will appear, notifying you that this will remove the data from your device and other devices signed into your iCloud account. Tap *Clear History and Data* to confirm

Other android phones – your browser choices are endless but PEMS is only supported on the Chrome Browser on android phones



There are a lot of choices when it comes to internet browsers for mobile phones – if you search under *Settings* on your phone you will likely find that you need to clear your cache and browsing history.

