



GRAIN TRADE AUSTRALIA

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GRAIN TRADING STANDARDS ~ TRADE RULES & CONTRACTS ~ TRADE & MARKET ACCESS ~ TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT ~ DISPUTE RESOLUTION

GTA Current Focus

Australian White Wheat

- Major change and diversion for WQA
- Setting some minimal specifications to breeders
- No dough end product testing
- Working Group reviewing the implications – Info out soon

• **Storage Standards**

- Joint Govt/Industry process
- Guidance to storage operators throughout the SC
- At Level 1 Govt will step back from its oversight role on export grain

• **Maximum Residue Level Violations**

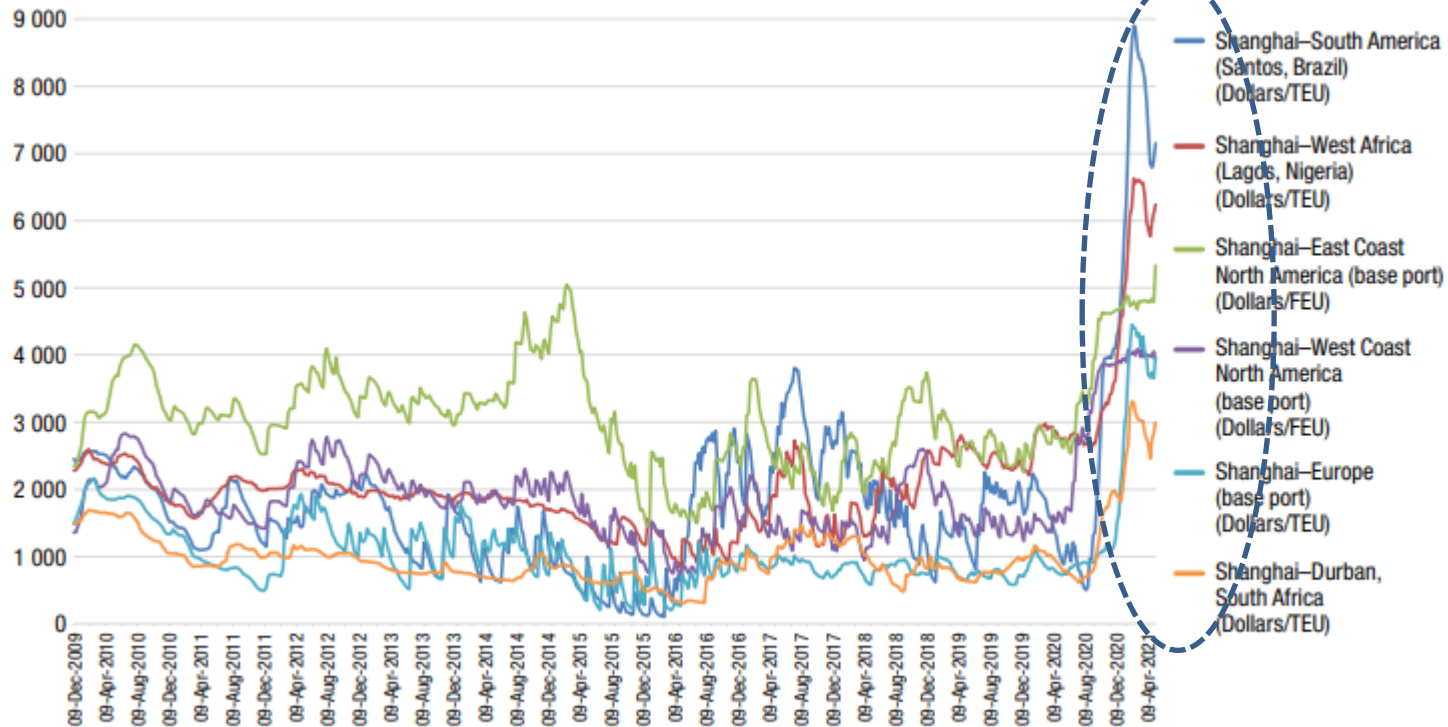
- Significant recent issues into Taiwan
- Potential to impact on market access / reputation
- Of concern - lack of participation in the NRS program

GTA Current Focus

- ✦ **Wheat Port Code Review Recommendation 12**
 - Industry review – Stock Swaps – Grain entitlement
 - Fact Sheet developed
 - GTA Complaints Handling Process – require evidence there is an issue
- **CoR On-Line Training – Free**
 - Module based learning to assist with the compliance with HVNL
- **Technical Committee Roles**
 - GTA framework is reliant on the support of its members
 - Nominations still being accepted for 2021/22
- **Information Technology Roadmap**
 - Guidance to industry and government
- **International Freight Supply Chain**
 - Container chaos

Containers

Shanghai containerized freight index, weekly spot rates, 18 December 2009–9 April 2021



Abbreviations: FEU, 40-foot equivalent unit; TEU, 20-foot equivalent unit.

Source: UNCTAD calculations, based on data from Clarkson Research, Shipping Intelligence Network Time Series.

Increase in
Container
rates

Container Park
Congestion

Container
Supply and
demand

Landside costs

Policy
Settings?

Policy Settings

Collaborative Discussion Importers/Exporters

- 23 Industry Associations – not all exposed directly to the supply chain
- Seeking clarity – **discovery process** of market forces / structural issues
- Group focus is to advocate a Govt review

2015 Productivity Review – Harper Review

- Measured response to an extensive review
- Removal of the supports for ongoing special treatment of the liner shipping industry
- Consideration of extending the review to infrastructure charges
- Relevant today?



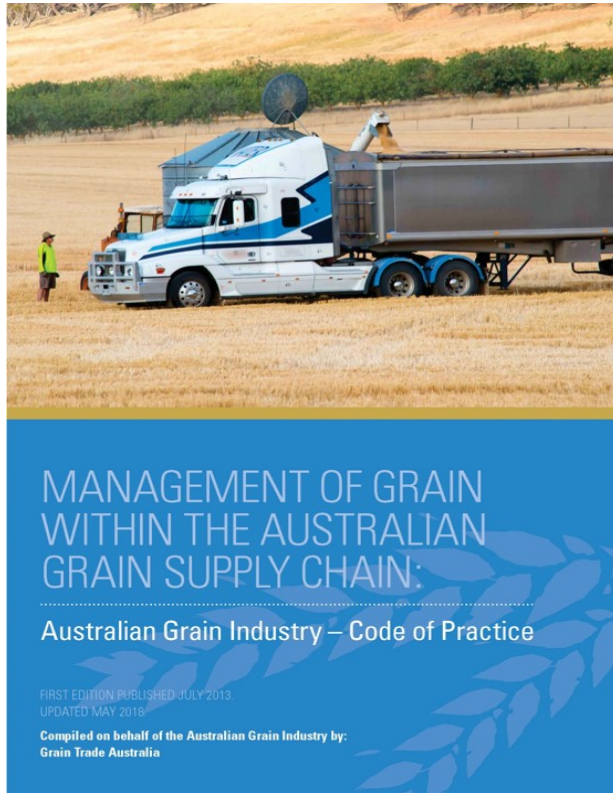
Objectivity

GTA will continue to seek Supply Chain efficiency to support its objective '*The Facilitation of Trade*'

- Science and fact-based approach
- Focus on Principles and frameworks and allow the market to function freely



Thank you!!!



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