

7 October 2013

Dr Michele Allan
Chair
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c/ The Secretariat
Australian Government Department of Agriculture
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Dear Dr. Allan,

Re: Test Weight of Milling Wheat

GTA develops and publishes **Grain Trading Standards** that are used in the trading of grain to domestic or international end users.

An issue that has received substantial print media /advertising exposure recently has been the decision by GTA to increase the test weight in milling wheat in the GTA Trading Standards.

GTA does not develop grain receival standards. This is the providence of storage operators.

This policy change was announced in 2010 to provide sufficient industry notice. GTA prepared an industry briefing paper on the issue which was made available on the GTA website and is attached.

The test weight move to 76 kg/hl not only better reflects customer requirements but, as an additional benefit, demonstrates to world markets a higher quality attribute for test weight than was promoted by the previous Standard.

It is pleasing to see the response of industry including the Bulk Handlers who have advised that they will receive grain at 74-75 Kg/hl and will outturn at the new trading standard of 76kg/hl. As mentioned by a CBH representative in a recent press article; "It is a win-win situation for both growers and marketers".

Thank you for consideration of this submission.

Geoff Honey



Chief Executive Officer