

INDUSTRY CODES

The Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice for the Management of Grain

Australia has a well-earned reputation for producing high-quality grain and delivering it through a sophisticated and reliable supply chain with strong quality assurance practices and processes.

These practices and processes are documented in the Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice. This important publication delivers value to industry by enabling customers, consumers and regulators to have confidence in Australian grain and its sophisticated supply chain.

Australia competes in highly competitive global grain markets and faces increasingly discerning customers and consumers.

The Australian grain industry faces strong competition from traditional exporters such as Canada, USA, the European Union, and increasingly strong competition from the Black Sea and other emerging regions.

We must continue to deliver a safe premium product that meets domestic and importing country requirements and customer demands.

It is important that our customers and stakeholders see value in Australian grain and have confidence in the quality of the product and Quality Assurance in the supply chain.

Therefore, quality assurance must drive the behaviour of everyone involved in the Australian grain industry. For instance:

- What processes can the producer implement to ensure they deliver a "quality" product?
- Could a prior load in a trailer compromise the delivery of a "quality" product?

- The rigour around the sampling and testing at the point of receipt determines the grade of a load and ensures segregation is appropriate to ensure the outcome of a quality product.
- Trading standards included in the grain contract detail the customer requirements, detailing a quality product.

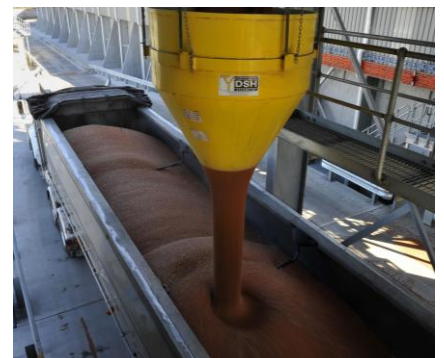
These examples of the actions that are important across the Australian supply chain ensure the ultimate end user receives a product that suits their needs.

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) recognised the cross-supply chain challenges to ensure the delivery to customers of a quality product and, in response, developed the **Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice (Code)**.

The **Code forms part of the industry-driven self-regulatory framework provided by GTA through its products and services**.

PURPOSE OF THE CODE

The purpose of the Code is to describe practices that the grain industry uses to ensure Australian grain and grain products meet domestic or export customer requirements. Customer requirements



include those stipulated in contracts and regulatory requirements at the Australian State, Territory and Federal levels and international and overseas country levels. There is also a range of industry standards that are covered under the Code.

The Code focuses on those common standards, operating procedures and documented processes. The Code recognises that all participants in the grain supply chain should have in place established practices that ensure compliance with this Code.

By following the Code, all sectors related to the grain industry, governments, researchers and consumers will gain confidence that processes exist in Australia to successfully produce, store and supply grain that meets the expectations of the entire grain value chain.

Key points:

- Details base practice used across the Australian grain industry.
- In one document:
 1. Captures quality systems embedded in the Australian grain supply chain
 2. Ensures customers of Australian grain receive a quality product.
- Adherence to the Code is mandatory for GTA members.

The grain industry is committed to industry-driven self-regulation. This Code assists this commitment by providing a process that is transparent and outlines the minimum requirements of all involved in the Australian grain supply chain.

The Code of Practice has been developed to provide further guidance to industry and confidence to customers that the grain industry is committed to meeting its obligations of providing grain according to industry-recommended criteria as defined in the Code and according to those mandatory regulatory requirements.

The Code is endorsed by the Australian Government's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).

SCOPE OF THE CODE

The Code is intended to cover all participants of the Australian grain industry.

It has been developed to be applicable to all grain and grain products and applies to all stages along the supply chain.

The Code has been designed to promote the use of base management practice by industry participants. This means:

- Mandatory compliance with all regulations as required by law; and
- Recommended compliance with accepted industry practices as documented in the Code.

QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEMS

Industry recognises the value of formal Quality Assurance systems. It is important that there is widespread adoption and implementation of these systems and processes across the industry

ADHERENCE

Implementation of the Code will assist the adoption of Quality Assurance systems at all stages of the supply chain.

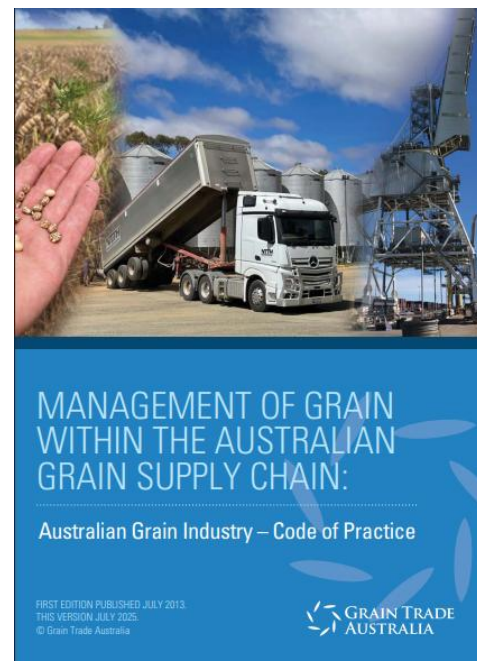
TECHNICAL GUIDELINE DOCUMENTS

As part of the Code, GTA has developed and reviewed over time:

- Technical Guideline Documents (TGDs) providing detailed information to industry on specific activities. These assist implementation of activities as outlined in this Code.
- Generic forms outlining data to be collected for various activities, to support those Technical Guideline Documents.

GTA MEMBERS' ADHERENCE TO THE CODE

The Code is mandatory for GTA Members. Following the 2024/25 review of the Code, GTA members are expected to nominate a Code Champion within their organisation.



ONLINE CODE TRAINING

A new Code Online Training Program was developed in 2025. This provides the industry with a practical way to demonstrate understanding and compliance with the Code of Practice and associated Technical Guideline Documents.

IN CONCLUSION

The Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice:

- Was developed in response to a call from GTA members and the broader grains industry. It is endorsed by the Australian Government.
- Is a detailed description of the activities across the Australian grain supply chain that ensures the Australian grain industry delivers a quality product.
- It enables domestic and export end users to buy with confidence and understanding of the quality assurance systems behind the Australian grain industry.
- Encourages all industry participants to continually improve their processes.

This result adds value to the grain industry for all participants who have invested time, hard work and financial resources.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice for Management of Grain and Technical Guideline Documents are available to download from the [GTA website](https://www.graintrade.org.au).