

# MemberUpdate

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**TOPIC: Release of Technical Guideline Document No. 20 National Residue Survey Participation**

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### 1. Purpose

The purpose of Member Update 14 of 18 is to advise GTA Members that a new [Technical Guideline Document - No. 20 National Residue Survey Participation](#) has been developed, advocating participation in the National Residue Survey (NRS). Specifically, it is designed to provide guidance to industry on the required rates of representative sampling for subsequent NRS assessment, noting that overall sampling requirements are controlled by the NRS.

### 2. Background

GTA Board resolved to review and update the Code of Practice (Code). The review of the Code has been undertaken with funding provided by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) under its Package Assisting Small Exporters (PASE) program.

The Code review process identified the need to provide guidance and more information to industry with regards to grain industry participation in the National Residue Survey (NRS). It was noted there was a specific need to provide guidance to industry on the required rates of representative sampling for subsequent NRS assessment.

The new [TGD No 20. National Residue Survey Participation](#) was developed to address this need as part of the Code review. This included review by the Industry Working Group (IWG) established to assist with the Code review.

The National Residue Survey (NRS) is an operational unit within the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR).

The NRS is an essential part of Australia's pesticide and veterinary medicine residue management framework providing verification of good agricultural practice in support of chemical control of-use legislation and guidelines.

### **3. NRS Directions for Participation**

Industry should contact the NRS directly via the details on their website <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/food/nrs/contact>.