



Export Contracts & Documentation Course



Course function at HFW.

- The GTA Export Contracts & Documentation Course was held on the 10 & 11 May 2018.
- The course proved very successful, with high quality speakers and presentations providing valuable in-depth information about the trade of exporting grain.
- Evaluations received by the participants were positive.
- All participants flagged that they would attend future courses of this nature, and would recommend it to fellow colleagues.
- GTA would like to thank all the presenters. Their time and effort is recognised and greatly appreciated, as well as their ongoing support to GTA and these important areas of Training & Development.

ITAC Forum

- GTA has established a new Technical Committee called the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) to focus on data and transaction areas of the grains industry.
- An industry Forum was held in Melbourne on the 9 May 2018 to engage with members and seek input into the ITAC Principles and Terms of Reference.
- Attendees embraced this opportunity and provided input and discussion to assist GTA to:
 - Further develop and refine the Committee Terms of Reference;
 - Capture specific opportunities/goals for the Committee; and
 - To identify areas of concern and risk.
- High level principles and objectives of ITAC were confirmed and include:
 - Seek opportunity to improve the facilitation of trade through collaboration whilst acknowledging the value of investment, innovation and differentiation in the competitive process and the facilitation of trade.
 - Identification of risks, gaps and opportunities for the grains industry from a data and information technology perspective.
 - Provide a consultative and advisory function to GTA Board, Technical Committees and on behalf of industry to stakeholders including Government Departments, Agencies and other relevant stakeholders.
 - Identification of opportunities to improve data exchange across industry and Governments (local and global) to improve efficient facilitation of trade.
- The forum included some interesting guest speakers and topics:
 - Professor Sinclair Davidson – Myths of Blockchain & Blockchains in Agriculture
 - Peter Neimanis – Government IT Strategy & Direction for Agricultural Trade
 - [Click here to access the presentation slides from the ITAC Forum.](#)

Biosecurity – Treated Fertiliser

- Industry is challenged with the potential for contamination of grain with fungicides such as flutriafol which is present on treated fertiliser. Equipment utilised for the handling of treated fertiliser, that is to be subsequently used to store, handle and transport grain must be thoroughly washed to remove residues of flutriafol.
- GTA has been working with Fertiliser Australia, the Australian Fertiliser Services Association and Croplife Australia to ensure awareness and understanding of the risk of contamination from treated fertiliser products.
- The key message to industry is the need to wash vehicles and storage and handling equipment after the carriage of treated fertiliser. This is a requirement under the Grain Trade Australia Grain Transport Code of Practice.
- A one page Flyer has been developed to assist the grains and fertiliser industries, as well as the production sector, [click here to access the flyer.](#)
- This is an important market access issue, more details and background information is available in [Technical Guideline Document No. 18.](#)

Upcoming GTA Conferences

- **Australian Grain Storage and Protection Conference**
 - The 2018 Australian Grain Storage and Protection Conference will be held on the 19 & 20 June 2018 at Rydges Melbourne. Click here to [register.](#)
 - Few sponsorship opportunities remain, click here for the [Sponsorship Prospectus.](#)
- **GTA Australian Grains Industry Code of Practice Seminars**
 - Melbourne 05 June; Perth 06 June, and Adelaide 07 June.
 - [Click here to access the flyer.](#)
- **GTA Advisory & Compliance Workshop**
 - Advisory & Compliance Workshop will be held at the Crown Promenade in Melbourne on the 31 August 2018.
 - More details will be released shortly.
- **AGIC Australia**
 - AGIC Australia will be returning to the Crown Promenade in Melbourne on the 1 & 2 August 2018. [Click here to register.](#)

GTA Location Differentials Second Round Submissions

- The GTA Commerce Committee called for nominations and submissions for the GTA Location Differentials 2018/19 Round Two on 11 May 2018 via [Member Update 11 of 18.](#)
- Submissions close on COB 31 May 2018.
- Submissions are welcomed by Industry.
- Only GTA Members are eligible to apply for a LD.
- The draft LDs for 2018/19 can be found in [Member Update 11 of 18.](#)

Improving Industry Export Performance

- Working with DAWR, GTA is assisting members and industry to improve industry performance in the satisfactory completion of the export documentation process.
- Periods of high demand for empty food grade containers, supply chain complexity, numerous hand-offs and the number of participants within the process all contribute to failure to complete export documents within the required time-frame.
- An industry working group facilitated by GTA is working with DAWR, shipping lines and container terminals to rectify and improve performance.
- A key part of the activity is to develop a full process map of the steps associated with the export of grain in containers. Once completed and agreed this will be available on the GTA website.