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Joint Statement from Grains Industry Market Access Forum, Australian Grain Exporters Council, GrainGrowers, Grain Producers Australia and Grain Trade Australia

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China proposes tariffs on Australian barley

The Australian barley industry understands the People's Republic of China, Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) are potentially proposing to place tariffs on all barley imported from Australia as a result of their ongoing anti-dumping and countervailing duties investigations.

The yet to be finalised tariffs, may include a dumping margin of up to 73.6% and a subsidy margin of up to 6.9% for all barley imported from Australia.

Australian barley exporters and the Australian Government have been provided with 10 days to respond.

It is understood MOFCOM may provide their final determination on, or before 19 May 2020.

The organisations making this statement and Australian barley exporters will continue to co-operate with the Chinese Government and work closely with the Australian Government.

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About GIMAF: Grains Industry Market Access Forum (GIMAF) represents the whole supply chain in the task of identifying, prioritising and actively responding to market access issues that impact the Australian grains, fodder and seeds industries. GIMAF works closely with the Australian Government and its agencies to develop responses to market access issues that impact current trade arrangements and strategic plans to develop new market access opportunities for the Australian grains industry.

About AGECEC: The Australian Grain Exporters Council (AGECEC) is a Council of Grain Trade Australia (GTA). It is formed of GTA members with significant involvement in the export market. It monitors local and international grain environments and policies and develops appropriate responses for the Australian grain industry where required.

About GrainGrowers: GrainGrowers is an independent and technically resourced, grain farmer representative organisation with 17,000 members across Australia. GrainGrowers' goal is a more efficient, sustainable and profitable grain production sector that benefits all Australia grain farmers and the wider grains industry. GrainGrowers has three divisions which work to achieve improved grain industry outcomes: (1) Capability Building; (2) Industry Engagement; and (3) Policy and Innovation.

About Grain Producers Australia: Grain Producers Australia (GPA) represents Australia's broadacre, grain, pulse and oilseed producers at the national level. GPA works in partnership with its Policy Council – comprised of Agforce Grains, Grain Producers SA, NSW Farmers Association, Victorian Farmers' Federation Grains Group, Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association, WA Farmers, WA Grains Group – to foster a strong, innovative, profitable, globally competitive and environmentally sustainable Australian grains industry.

About GTA: Grain Trade Australia (GTA) is the focal point for the commercial grains industry within Australia. GTA members are responsible for over 95% of all grain storage and freight movements made each year in Australia. Over 95% of the grain contracts executed in Australia each year refer to GTA grain standards and/or trade rules.