

# GTA MARKET NOTIFICATIONS



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TOPIC: 2022-27: Grain and Seed Exports Program – Update to empty container inspection instructional material

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## 1. Purpose

This Industry Advice Notice (IAN) is to advise that the instructional material for the inspection of empty containers for plant exports has been updated.

## 2. Key points

Changes to the *Work Instruction: Inspecting empty containers for export* include:

- Updated requirements for applying completed Passed Empty Container stickers. A sticker only needs to be applied if the container is not being loaded immediately after inspection in the presence of the Authorised Officer who conducted the container inspection, or if the container is being transported to a different location.
- Corrected error in the text with regards to recordkeeping requirements and PEMS. A copy of the container inspection needs to be sent to the department and the original retained for two years only when the inspection was **not** completed in PEMS.

Changes to the *Guideline: Inspection of empty containers for export* include:

- Added reference to the *Standards for Empty Shipping Container Inspection* throughout the document. *Standards for Empty Shipping Container Inspection* supersedes the previous *Standards for Food Quality Shipping Containers*. This document can be found in the [Publications section of the Grain Trade Australia website](#).
- Removed reference to ‘injurious’ pests in line with policy requirements—policy applies to all live pests.

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