

Member Update

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TOPIC: Revised TGD No. 20 – National Residue Survey Participation

DISTRIBUTION: GTA Members – primary contact list. Please circulate to all appropriate internal parties.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Member Update is to advise members of a revision to [Technical Guideline Document No. 20](#) – National Residue Survey Participation.

2. Background

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

NRS residue monitoring programs monitor the levels of, and associated risks from, pesticides and veterinary medicine residues in Australian food products. The programs help to facilitate and encourage ongoing access to domestic and export markets. NRS supports Australia's primary producers and food processors who provide quality animal, grain and horticulture products which meet both Australian and relevant international standards.

3. Revision to TGD No. 20 – National Residue Survey Participation

TGD No. 20 was originally released to GTA members in March 2018. This revised version includes:

- a) Minor wording changes, mainly related to DAWE name changes.
- b) The list of compounds tested have been revised.
- c) References have been altered from TGD No. 5 – *Static Grain Sampling – Road Truck* to TGD No.21 – *Grain Sampling - All Sampling Scenarios Used During the Storage and Transport of Grain* which was recently released as [Member Update No. 6 of 2021](#).

GTA members are reminded that as per the [Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice](#) industry **MUST participate** in the NRS program as per the export/domestic activities as outlined in the Code. It has been noted that there have been several instances where industry participation has been lacking as per the requirement of the Code.

Additionally, a reminder that the NRS are again **seeking the annual information** on tonnage from exporters to determine the number of samples for the program. Industry is requested to respond to the recent correspondence from NRS as soon as possible, in order for the NRS program for the next year to be developed and therefore industry to benefit fully from that program.