

Member Update

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TOPIC: Australian White Wheat (AWW) Grade & Cascading Rules Industry Consult Paper

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Member Update is to:

- Advise members of the release of an [Industry Consult Paper](#) and a copy of the [AWW Grade Draft Standards](#).
- The purpose of the Consult Paper is to inform GTA members and industry of the GTA Trading Standards Committee's **proposed grade specifications and Cascading Rules** for the new wheat Class – Australian White Wheat (AWW).

2. Background

- Wheat Quality Australia (now operating as Grains Australia) introduced a new wheat Hard Class – Australian White Hard Wheat (AWW) in 2021.
- A summary of AWW includes:
 - WQA had considered for some time the introduction of a new Hard Class which may fit the requirements of a relatively large proportion of the export market for Australian wheat.
 - The introduction of AWW is proposed to target customers who purchase Australian White Hard wheats for general purpose requirements.
 - The aim of AWW is to provide scope for future high yielding varieties and to remove the need to pass 'end product performance' testing prior to being approved. This is a subtle change as the wheat classification process has long been based on assessing the inherent quality characteristics of a new variety by focussing on its processing and end use performance.
 - All elements of the new Class, including new bin grades, require a stakeholder engagement and consultation program to ensure industry is adequately aware of and prepared to implement this new wheat Class.
- [An Information Paper](#) was provided previously to assist GTA members when considering the impact from the introduction of this new hard wheat Class. Information with regards to AWW has also been provided in other communication including the GTA newsletter "[Grain Matters](#)".

3. Consult Paper and AWW Grade Draft Standards

- The Industry Consult Paper proposes the AWW Grade names (AWW1 and AWW2) and the Tolerances that would apply and includes the proposed Cascade Rules for each new AWW grade. GTA members are advised to review and consider how these proposed Grades and Cascade Rules

will impact on your commercial operations. Comments are also sought on the applicability of the Grade Names, proposed tolerances and Cascade Rules.

- The Trading Standards Committee has established proposed Cascade Rules for the AWW Class as outlined in the Consult Paper. It is important to note that AWW varieties cannot be accepted into existing Prime Hard or Hard grades including APW and ASW.

4. Further Information

- Further information will continue to be provided to industry on AWW as the GTA Trading Standards Committee and the AWW Working Group continue this Consultation Process and during the process of consulting with industry on development of the 2023/24 Standards.
- GTA members who have specific queries relating to AWW may contact GTA at Admin@graintrade.org.au
- The GTA Trading Standards Committee proposed key steps/timeline for the progression and establishment of Trading Grades for AWW is outlined below:

Activity	Timing
AWW included in Classification Guidelines	November 2021
GTA Trading Standards Committee commences its review and industry consultation seeking comment on AWW wheat Grades	March 2022
GTA Trading Standards Committee & the Board finalises 2022/23 Trading Standards	June 2022
WQA updates its Wheat Master List and includes any approved AWW varieties.	August 2022
Trading Standards released for 2022/23. Given any potential new AWW Class grade is approved, industry advised of the adoption of the new grade for 2023/24.	August 2022
2023/24 Trading Standards process provides Industry further opportunity to consider the AWW grades	February to August 2023
Trading Standards released for 2023/24 that may include (if approved) the AWW Class grade (s) including bin grade Cascade rules	August 2023

5. Submissions – Due 14 October 2022

All industry feedback on the above issues must be received by COB Friday 14 October 2022 and be forwarded to submissions@graintrade.org.au