

Member Update

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TOPIC: Release of Technical Guideline Document No. 22 Sustainability Program Principles & Guidelines

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 the publication of GTA Technical Guideline Document (TGD) [Sustainability Program Principles & Guidelines](#) under the Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice (**the Code**).
- Provide GTA members with strategic direction, policy principles, and guidelines and to encourage, promote and provide information to support members in their sustainability objectives.

2. Background

The sustainability objectives of individual companies in the grain supply chain whilst varied support an efficient, health focussed and safe global grain trade that improves the world's food security.

GTA recognises sustainability is an important issue for industry and GTA members. GTA is aware many members have already established or are establishing sustainability programs according to their particular business positions and commercial circumstances.

To support members as they address and approach sustainability, GTA is providing **principles and guidelines** that may assist individual businesses as they consider their sustainability objectives and programs.

GTA members may consider this TGD and the principles and guidelines it contains if establishing a company sustainability program.

3. GTA Industry Driven Self-Regulatory Framework

GTA's products and services provide an industry driven self-regulatory framework including the Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice (**Code**), grain Trading Rules, Contracts and Grain Trading Standards. The Code is a practical guide for participants in the grain industry to achieve the standards and expectations of domestic and export customer requirements. Compliance with the Code is mandatory for GTA members.

Technical Guideline Documents are principally intended to support industry participants with information to assist them to understand the minimum requirements expected to be competent within the grain supply chain.

4. Further Information

For further information about the GTA Sustainability TGD please contact GTA at Admin@graintrade.org.au