

Member Update

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TOPIC: Introduction of a 2022/2023 Seasonal Canola Standard.

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Member Update is to advise members of a decision to establish a 'Seasonal Standard' for Canola for the 2022/2023 harvest only.

2. Background

In response to industry queries to the Australian Oilseed Federation (AOF) regarding some unusual seasonal weather impacts on quality aspects of canola harvested in NSW and Victoria, the AOF consulted with domestic crushers and bulk handlers to ascertain the extent of the quality impacts and to assess options for dealing with weather-impacted canola.

3. The 2022/2023 Canola Seasonal Standards – Higher Tolerance Mould

The broad consensus was to establish a seasonal standard for canola for this 2022/2023 harvest (only) that will provide a consistent guideline to receiving and ultimately trading weather-impacted canola.

Consequently, the AOF has established **seasonal standard CSO1 (S)** and **CSO1a (S)** both of which have a higher tolerance for seed with the appearance of mould at a limit of 40 seeds/1000. (The existing CSO1 and CSO1a have a limit of 5 seeds/1000).

It is important to note that the highly unusual weather circumstances this year have led to this extraordinary review and subsequent issuing of a 2022/23 seasonal grade at this point in the season.

Industry may also create their own grades/segregations outside the AOF Standards based on seasonal conditions in a regional area.

It should be noted the existing AOF Standards for canola (CSO 1 and CSO 1a) cannot be amended once published (August 1, 2022) due to existing commercial contracts that may be in place.

The additional seasonal standards for canola can be accessed through this [link](#) and have also been incorporated into the Oilseed Standards Booklet available on the AOF and [GTA website](#).

These amendments come into effect on 21 November 2022.

Further queries please contact GTA at: admin@graintrade.org.au

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