

1 May 2007

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Dear Geoff

**Re: Draft 2007/08 AWB Wheat Receival Standards**

Please find attached the draft AWB Limited (AWB) Wheat Receival Standards for the 2007/08 season.

Proposed changes to the 2006/07 Wheat Receival Standards and issues raised with AWB by industry from that harvest include the following:

**1. Chemicals Not Approved For Grain**

Reference to AWB's "Treatment Recommendations and Outturn Tolerances" has been removed as this document is now an internal document only.

**2. Tainting Agents**

Reference to Tainting Agents as a separate category of Contaminants has been removed. Tainting Agents are now referred to under Objectionable Material where the nil tolerance remains.

**3. Objectionable Material**

Reference to Restricted Animal Material has also been included under Objectionable Material. This refers to the presence of meat meal, blood meal, poultry offal meal or other animal proteins including carcasses of dead animals such as rats and mice, which are all commercially sensitive contaminants.

The definition of Sticks has been expanded to include canola stubble that is greater than 1cm in diameter and 3cm in length. Pieces of canola stubble smaller than this are to be assessed under Other Non-Objectionable Material.

The last paragraph under Objectionable Material has been rewritten to reflect wording used elsewhere in the Standards.

#### **4. Seed Contaminants**

The definition for Seed Contaminants has been redefined as Foreign Seeds. Thus any reference in the Standards to "Seed Contaminants" has been amended to "Foreign Seeds".

#### **5. Statement of Standards**

Field Insects – Sitona Weevils and Field Insects – All Others now include the wording "live or dead" to make the definitions of these tolerances more specific.

#### **6. APDB / DRB**

Reference to the APDB and DRB Varietal Pool and Binning Line Grades respectively have been removed from the Standards as the durum variety EGA Bellaroi will no longer be segregated separately.

#### **7. Varietal Master List**

The Varietal Master List no longer includes APDB as EGA Bellaroi is no longer being individually segregated.

The Varietal Master List has also been updated to reflect changes made after recent Classification Panel meetings.

In order for AWB to finalise the 2007/08 Wheat Receival Standards and make them available to industry by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007, I would appreciate any comments you may have on the above or any other Receival Standards issues by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007. If you have any queries on matters of a technical nature, please call Ms Kerry Stuart on (03) 9209 2530.

Yours sincerely



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