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## Member Update 24 of 08

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### Documents

NACMA has today released the following documents which are available for viewing on the NACMA website.

1. Explanatory memorandum - Grain Standards 08/09
2. Section 2 – NACMA Wheat Standards 08/09

### Oilseeds/Pulses/Coarse Grains

NACMA distributes the following Grain/Oilseed and Pulse Standards to the industry each year after appropriate review.

- Oilseeds Standards – developed by Australian Oilseeds Federation
- Pulse Standards – developed by Pulse Australia
- Coarse Grains – developed by NACMA Standards Committee

### Wheat

In line with the recommendations of the Wheat Industry Expert Group appointed by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, The Hon Tony Burke, NACMA has published Wheat Standards for the 2008/2009 season.

### Review process

The review process to develop the 2008/2009 grain standards was as follows. Further details are in the explanatory memorandum referred to above.

Date	Action
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2008	Member Update - No. 6 of 08 Review of Wheat & Coarse Grain Standards
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2008	Submissions received
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Standards Committee meet (Sydney) to review all submissions
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Member Update - No. 15 of 08 Wheat Standards 20082009
30 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Member Update – No. 17 of 08 DRAFT NACMA Grain Standards 20082009 season
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2008	Submissions received
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	Revised draft Standards presented to the Grains Industry Common Interest Forum – Melbourne. This is a public forum open to any grain industry participant.

### Submissions

NACMA encouraged submissions from organisations who are not members of NACMA.

### Standards 2008/2009

The above standards are listed on the NACMA website.

### Reference methods

The Wheat Standards contain Reference Methods for determination of 19 different objectively measured criteria. This is the first time there has been pan national support and cooperation on such an important aspect of determining grain quality and will underpin the quality mark that Australian wheat enjoys on export markets.