



Joint Statement from Grains Industry Market Access Forum, Australian Grain Exporters Council, GrainGrowers, Grain Producers Australia and Grain Trade Australia

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Anti-dumping investigation by China into Australian barley

Australia has a long and respected grain trading history with China.

China is Australia's single largest grain trading partner, led by barley. Australia's grain trade with China has grown strongly with China in recent years, supported by growing Chinese demand and market access arising from the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA).

The Australian grain industry has been advised that China has initiated an anti-dumping investigation regarding Australian barley in the Chinese market.

While disappointed to hear these claims, the industry will work cooperatively with the People's Republic of China and the Australian Government to ensure a positive outcome for our ongoing grain trade relationship with China.

'Dumping' refers to the practice of a company exporting a product, such as barley, into a foreign market at a price lower than it normally charges in its own domestic market.

The Australian grain industry operates in an open, commercial and competitive global market and recognises the importance of respectful and strong customer relationships and delivering high quality grain to consumers.

The notion of dumping is clearly not consistent with the commercial realities of the Australian grain industry.

The announcement of this investigation has generated market uncertainty during the Australian grain harvest, which in turn is generating uncertainty for Australian barley growers. Accordingly, growers may wish to discuss their grain marketing programs with their marketer and seek advice from independent market advisers in relation to individual circumstances.

Investigations of this nature are a long process of many months. Australia's industry bodies will seek to keep the industry informed if and/or when significant information emerges.

The Australian grain industry response is being led by the Grains Industry Market Access Forum (GIMAF) with the support of exporters and industry representatives.

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About GIMAF: Grains Industry Market Access Forum (GIMAF) represents the whole supply chain in the task of identifying, prioritising and actively responding to market access issues that impact the Australian grains, fodder and seeds industries. GIMAF works closely with the Australian Government and its agencies to develop responses to market access issues that impact current trade arrangements and strategic plans to develop new market access opportunities for the Australian grains industry.

About AGECE: The Australian Grain Exporters Council (AGECE) is a Council of Grain Trade Australia (GTA). It is formed of GTA members with significant involvement in the export market. It monitors local and international grain environments and policies and develops appropriate responses for the Australian grain industry where required.

About GrainGrowers: GrainGrowers is an independent and technically resourced, grain farmer representative organisation with 17,000 members across Australia. GrainGrowers' goal is a more efficient, sustainable and profitable grain production sector that benefits all Australia grain farmers and the wider grains industry. GrainGrowers has three divisions which work to achieve improved grain industry outcomes: (1) Capability Building; (2) Industry Engagement; and (3) Policy and Innovation.

About Grain Producers Australia: Grain Producers Australia (GPA) represents Australia's broadacre, grain, pulse and oilseed producers at the national level. GPA works in partnership with its Policy Council – comprised of Agforce Grains, Grain Producers SA, NSW Farmers Association, Victorian Farmers' Federation Grains Group, Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association, WA Farmers, WA Grains Group – to foster a strong, innovative, profitable, globally competitive and environmentally sustainable Australian grains industry.

About GTA: Grain Trade Australia (GTA) is the focal point for the commercial grains industry within Australia. GTA members are responsible for over 95% of all grain storage and freight movements made each year in Australia. Over 95% of the grain contracts executed in Australia each year refer to GTA grain standards and/or trade rules.