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Plant Exports Reform

Grain Storage Assets and Management Standard Scheme

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is pursuing reform initiatives to modernise and streamline how we regulate plant and plant product exports.

These reform initiatives aim to deliver benefits to exporters and industry, including reducing the cost of regulatory compliance.

One type of reform initiative is to recognise industry systems.

An industry-led standard

In partnership with the department, Grain Trade Australia (GTA) developed the Grain Storage Assets and Management Standard (GSAMS) for businesses in the grain supply chain.

The GSAMS aims to increase customer confidence and competitiveness throughout the supply chain. It covers grain quality, food safety and phytosanitary requirements.

The GSAMS standardises industry management systems required to meet customer requirements and to meet the department's export regulatory requirements for Registered Establishments (REs).

A new scheme for grain exports

The GSAMS Scheme is for plant export REs adopting the GSAMS and provides assurance that grain is compliant with the *Export Control Act 2020*.

The department and GTA are implementing the GSAMS Scheme to provide REs with an alternative compliance pathway that achieves equivalent regulatory outcomes and reduces regulatory burden.

How the GSAMS Scheme works

To participate in the GSAMS Scheme, businesses must apply to GTA and pass an independent audit.

Businesses that operate under the GSAMS Scheme must maintain their documented systems and processes to demonstrate to GTA that they continue to satisfy all elements of the GSAMS.

Under the GSAMS Scheme, REs will have greater flexibility to train Authorised Officers (AOs) and will shift from departmental audits to an alternate audit regime managed by GTA.

The department will reduce its presence at REs by relying on GTA's management of the GSAMS Scheme, with GTA providing assurance that REs meet regulatory requirements.

The department will maintain appropriate oversight through robust verification processes and reserves the right to conduct audits of REs at its discretion.

GSAMS Scheme Overview

For REs not approved under the GSAMS Scheme, the department will continue existing methods of regulation, including the undertaking of regular audits and face-to-face training of AOs.

When does the GSAMS Scheme commence?

The GSAMS Scheme formally commences on 1 July 2026.

From this date, GTA will begin accepting applications to participate in the GSAMS Scheme.

More information

Information on the GSAMS Scheme is available on [our website](#). Here you will find additional detail about the GSAMS Scheme, including:

- eligibility criteria
- how to apply
- the benefits offered to participants
- contact information
- frequently asked questions.

Background Fast Facts

- The department will oversee, review and approve GSAMS and GSAMS Scheme materials in accordance with a formal agreement between GTA and the department.
- Industry auditors, selected and approved by GTA, will audit REs operating under the GSAMS Scheme. The department has approved the audit program, the auditor qualifications and training.
- The department will continue to assess applications for businesses seeking to become an RE or to vary an existing RE.
- Industry will be able to deliver face-to-face training to AOs that are employed by an RE that has implemented GSAMS.
- The department will recognise the face-to-face training delivered by industry as equivalent to the face-to-face training delivered by the department.
- The department will continue to accredit and audit AOs.

Acknowledgement of Country

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