

Notice to Trade

GTA Members and all grain exporters should note the information advised by Aust Govt NPPO being the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE) as outlined below:

-DAWE appreciates there are many delays occurring due to forces beyond the control of the industry and National Plant Protection Organisations (NPPO). DAWE is writing to several trading partners about the flexibility to facilitate the trade of plant and plant products.

-DAWE understand there may be situations where it is not possible for the original paper certificate to arrive in time for import clearance. We are seeking import countries to accept one, or more, of the following alternate options to facilitate timely clearance:

- Accept scanned copies or paper copies of phytosanitary certificates provided directly by the importer.
- Apply for access to the DAWE web view portal to verify Australian export certificates by contacting ecertadministrator@agriculture.gov.au - please note that processing the application may take some time given the current influx of inquiries.
- If importing country NPPOs have concerns with the authenticity of the scanned or paper copies, DAWE is able to send a scanned copy of the phytosanitary certificate to a nominated NPPO email address. Please direct all such requests to PlantExportsNDH@agriculture.gov.au including "ClientQuery" in the email subject line.

-For information on the DAWE's position for plant or plant products imported to Australia please refer to the information provided on DAWE website <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/import>

-The options as provided above are consistent with DAWE approach for goods imported into Australia. DAWE are asking other countries to adopt a similar policy to validate copies presented by importers. It is noted, countries are encouraged to consider these options to reduce trade disruptions, however, they are not obligated to these suggestions and may have alternative arrangements and processes.

-Any further questions, contact DAWE through exdocplantprograms@agriculture.gov.au

GTA would like to acknowledge the pragmatic response and work of DAWE on this issue.

GTA will continue to liaise with DAWE, IGTC and all Members to ensure all parties are aware of actions being undertaken and review and improve processes to expedite the international trade of grain where possible.