



**GrainCorp**

## **2008 Limited Commercial Release of GM Canola – Storage and handling brief.**

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### **Aim.**

- GrainCorp will professionally manage the storage and handling of the first limited commercial release of GM canola during the 2008 growing season by applying industry sanctioned protocols, and meeting market and customer requirements.

### **GM Canola customers**

- GM canola grown in 2008 is part of a limited commercial release.
- All canola grown is contracted for sale to one of two oilseed processors, Cargill Australia or Riverland Oilseeds.
- GM canola will not be sold into the 'open market' in 2008 and no GM canola will be exported from Australia.

### **Protocols**

- In 2007, the grains industry agreed to a set of protocols for the storage, handling, sampling, outturn and transport of GM canola.<sup>1 2</sup>
- The protocols provide for coexistence of GM and non GM grain in the logistics chain and incorporate GM canola trading standards established by the Australian Oilseeds Federation (AOF).
- GrainCorp will manage all sites receiving, sampling, storing and outturning GM canola to AOF standards.
- The industry agreed protocols have been developed to manage GM and non GM grain at shared receival and storage sites.
- Industry protocols have been developed to ensure that receival, storage, sampling and outturn is managed in a way that minimises the possibility of comingling of GM and non GM grain occurring.
- Industry protocols have been developed by incorporating domestic and international customer requirements and commodity standards used in international markets.

### **Segregation**

- GrainCorp will be receiving GM canola in NSW at Grenfell and Lockhart BS, and in Victoria at the Raywood and Lubeck sites.
- A set of site specific protocols for the receival, testing, storage and outturn of GM canola at GrainCorp sites has been developed to provide a dedicated 'grain path' that will ensure relevant standards and customer expectation are met.
- The site specific protocols will ensure that the grain path used for GM canola will keep that product separate from other grain.

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<sup>1</sup> Delivering Market Choice with GM Canola, August 2007.

<sup>2</sup> Principles for process management of grain within the Australian supply chain: A guide for industry in an environment where GM and non-GM grain is marketed. August 2007.



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- The protocols used within the dedicated grain paths will ensure that each site will be managed in a professional manner that will allow GrainCorp to meet industry standards and customer expectations.
- The limited number of growers of GM canola this year are known and GrainCorp we will incorporate this knowledge into our site protocols and traceability systems.

### Relevant experience.

- The management of grain paths to segregate canola from other grain and by variety is established practice.
- GrainCorp regularly 'identity preserves' specific commodities, including pesticide residue free grain, by providing specific segregations within multi grain accumulation sites.

### Transportation.

- The industry has developed a set of protocols for the transportation of GM canola to ensure against loss of grain on route.<sup>3</sup>
- It is the responsibility of growers and contracted transport providers to ensure they are aware of and comply with these protocols.
- GrainCorp will be providing growers with a GM canola delivery declaration as an additional product identification and traceability mechanism.
- Where GrainCorp provides transport services, all relevant standards and customer expectations will be met.

### Security.

- GrainCorp has developed action plans to manage any security risks that may be posed at each of the 4 GM canola receival sites.
- These plans will supplement the normal security measures GrainCorp takes to ensure the safety and integrity of its grain accumulation sites.

### Customers.

- Domestic users of canola have been involved in the development of protocols for the transportation, receival, sampling, storage and outturn of GM canola.
- GrainCorp customers will be kept informed of our site management protocols.
- GrainCorp has established protocols and processes for cleaning grain handling infrastructure to ensure that outturn meets relevant industry standards and customer requirements.
- As is normal practice, GrainCorp will ensure that all grain outturned will meet customer requirements and industry standards.
- As is normal practice, all storages will be able to be used for other grains once the GM canola storage requirements finish.

For further information visit the GrainCorp web site [www.graincorp.com.au](http://www.graincorp.com.au) or media enquiries, contact David Ginns on 02 93259132 or 0419429943.



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**Process flow for managing the receipt, storage and outturn of GM canola during the 2008 limited commercial release.**

