

GROWER VARIETAL DECLARATION

Dear Grower,

Incorrect varietal declarations can be costly to you and could affect the reputation of grain quality from Australia.

In response to questions raised at our pre-harvest information exchange meetings, the following is provided to ensure all customers are correctly informed on GrainCorp's testing and varietal detection process. In addition the following also details the risks and implications if issues are identified as a result of inaccurate declarations.

All grain delivered into our network is tested for varietal purity, as individual loads or as part of an aggregate sample. As part of our commitment to our customers, all grain is tested and monitored throughout our integrated supply chain (from delivery to outturn), ensuring out turned grain is in accordance with commodity standards. This information is also used to provide feedback to plant breeders and other organisations responsible for developing and maintaining Australia's varieties.

Please be aware of the importance of accurate varietal declarations and your risk associated with incorrect varietal declarations.

Varietal Audit

Random varietal audit testing is carried out on all grain, pulse and oilseed deliveries at the sample stand. Samples taken are sent to a third party independent laboratory where further DNA analysis is carried on varietal compositions. Growers are advised of correct and incorrect varietal detections.

In addition to the varietal audit, samples are collected from every individual load delivered.

Malt Barley

- Varietal samples collected at the sample stand are sent to one of our laboratories for visual varietal purity testing
- Samples failing the visual inspection are sent to a third party laboratory for independent DNA testing for confirmation of the malt variety
- Growers will be contacted and advised of their risk exposure to costs incurred in cases of incorrect variety declaration

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Canola

- Strip tests are conducted on composite samples to detect Genetically Modified (GM) material
 - *Levels of GM below 1% can easily be identified in a sample*
- 'Positive' samples are sent to a third party laboratory for independent verification of our test results
- If a positive detection is confirmed, individual load samples may be tested to identify the affected load(s) and the grower(s) responsible.

Any grower identified will be advised of their potential liability which can include;

- Cost of the segregation,
- Supply chain cost implications; and
- Potential market implications for other growers and buyers.

Due to the significant financial risk, growers are advised to be aware of the accuracy of their varietal declarations and farm hygiene practices.

Please note: The following clauses of the GrainCorp Grower Warehousing Agreement in relation to potential incorrect varietal declaration of canola.

Part C: Clause 2.1 (e) *GrainCorp is relying on the correctness of Your declaration as to the status of canola (GM or Non-GM) at the time of Delivery.*

Part C: Clause 10.1 *In the event Your declaration under clause 2.1(e) of these terms is for any reason incorrect or misleading and as a result of GrainCorp's reliance on that declaration, GrainCorp suffers Loss, You shall be liable for that Loss including any and all Loss and Costs associated with the management of canola that is or may become affected by the GM admix, including the testing, hygiene and any Loss to the value of Stored Grain at the GrainCorp Storage.*

For more information on correct varietal declarations please contact GrainCorp Technical Services on **1800 809 482**, or contact your local GrainCorp Grain Merchant.