

19 February 2018

Regulations Review  
Office of the Gene Technology Regulator  
GPO Box 9848  
Canberra ACT 2601

**Re: Proposed amendments to the Regulations**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Regulations as part of the OGTR's Technical Review of the Regulations.

As you are aware, GTA is an interested stakeholder on these issues and plays an active role both domestically and internationally through the International Grain Trade Coalition, in policy issues relating to biotechnology and plant breeding innovation technologies. As indicated in previous submissions, GTA's primary focus is on facilitation of trade and is particularly focused on ensuring the regulatory environment is such that it minimises disruption to trade.

GTA notes the OGTR's support of Option 3 as a transitional step and the parallel review of the Gene Technology Scheme which may have implications for future policy directions.

GTA has reviewed the consultation documents, regulatory impact statement and draft amendments regulation.

GTA does not have any further comment to make at this time, however, does remain an interested stakeholder and welcomes the opportunity to comment on future changes/directions. If there is anything that we can assist with from a grain trade perspective, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Pat O'Shannassy**  
CEO

