



THE GRAIN  
AND FEED TRADE  
ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL  
REPORT &  
CONSOLIDATED  
ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED  
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2023



**REGISTERED OFFICE**

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the forty-seventh Annual General Meeting will be held at The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London, SW1X 7DR at 12.30pm on Thursday 18th January 2024, for the following purposes:

#### ORDINARY BUSINESS

- A To consider the adoption of the Council's Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2023.
- B To receive the result of the election for vacancies on the Council.
- C To confirm the re-appointment of RSM UK Audit LLP as Auditors and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

8th December 2023

**Jaine Chisholm Caunt**

*Director General*

*Note: A Member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy vote instead of him. The proxy should be a Member of the Association.*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have had an inspiring year as Gafta President which started at the AGM in the beautiful surroundings of the Caledonian Club. February saw the President's Reception at the first Gafta course of the year, in Paris, and I have been proud to attend the Gafta Trade Foundation Course in London and the Scottish Dinner in Edinburgh. Amongst many other events, I will cherish the memories of the fantastic Gafta Dinner held at the Intercontinental in London, in June. Gafta has returned to pre-pandemic levels of face-to-face attendance at our training courses, whilst our online training provision has continued to expand, and take-up to grow.



Gafta and its members continue to be affected by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with a huge impact on exports of wheat, sunflower seeds, fertiliser and other commodities, creating a most unwelcome added pressure on global food security. The wider impact of economic sanctions has also impacted access to banking and insurance services for Gafta, although we were pleased to be specifically named as an exempt organisation, in the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation's revision to its General Licence provision in May. This on-going crisis, the after-effects of the Covid 19 pandemic, plus the effects of climate change and economic instability, have created a lot of disruption, and challenge our ways of living, of working, and of thinking. Our thoughts are with all Gafta members. In this, Gafta's 145th anniversary year, I am sure that when the original members founded the London Corn Trade Association and the London Cattle Food Trade Association in 1878, they did not envisage that the work of the Contracts Committee and the need for Arbitration would grow and expand in the way it has done so. Indeed, as the trade in grains and other agricultural commodities has expanded, along with the number of countries involved, the result has *not* been a growth in the use of other contracts and legal jurisdictions, but a solidification of the use of Gafta contracts based on English law for international trade, with the same common understanding and the same contractual and arbitration rules all over the world.

I would like to thank Jaïne and all the Gafta staff for their commitment and professionalism in all they do, as well as the many Gafta members who support the Association through serving on Gafta Council, Committees and as Arbitrators.

**Jean-Raymond Senger**

*President*

8th December 2023

## DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Gafta's Annual Report for 2022-23! This has been a year of 'known unknowns' as we continue to deal with the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The crisis has exacerbated global food insecurity, and Gafta has worked with a number of associations to propose solutions to mitigate the effects of reduced exports and affected crop planting, whilst holding regular dialogues with the UN Secretary General's Office. There has been an expected, although hard to quantify, impact on some of our income streams and services as a direct result of the crisis and resulting global sanctions regime.



As such, we have consolidated our activities this year and focused on growth in demand, rather than new services. That said, we continue to develop electronic training solutions through Agribility to meet the growing demand from Gafta members, non-members and other associations. This June we also entered into a co-location agreement with the International Fertiliser Association (IFA) who now occupy an office on the top floor of Gafta's Head Office in London. Many Gafta staff have had a high-profile presence at International Conferences and meetings.

Gafta's staff continue to work hard and support the membership, and their efforts are increasingly externally recognised. Gafta was awarded The Association Excellence Awards 2022 for International Association of the Year – Bronze. Jonathan Waters, Gafta's General Counsel, continues to be recognised as a leader in his field with the following accolades: Lawyer ADR Awards – Civil Mediation Lawyer of the Year 2023, M&A today – International Arbitration Expert of the Year 2023, Global Advisory Experts – International Arbitration Expert of the Year 2023, Corporate INTL – International Arbitration Expert of the Year 2023.

### Key Outputs for 2022-23 include:

- Continued growth in the Agribility platform including providing services for two other trade associations
- Producing the new Gafta Business & Strategic Plan 2023-26
- Commencing the development of a new online training programme for Gafta Superintendents
- Producing a second consultation response to the Law Commission's Review of the Arbitration Act 1996 and having our views recognised in the final report
- Presenting at several high-profile international conferences and seminars
- Continuing to successfully host a large number of online and face-to-face courses and webinars
- Gafta and its staff being recognised through several prestigious awards
- Maintaining the interest in, and value of Gafta membership

**Jaine Chisholm Caunt OBE**

*Director General*

8th December 2023



## STRATEGIC MODEL FOR GAFTA

## VISION

*To promote global free trade in Agri-commodities*



## MISSION

*To trade on the principle “my word is my bond”*



## OBJECTIVES

- 1 *To develop and maintain party-neutral, relevant contracts upon which approximately 80% of the world's shipping trade in agri-commodities is carried out*
- 2 *To deliver a world-class international arbitration service to resolve contractual disputes*
- 3 *To offer a leading education and training service to improve knowledge and understanding of trade relevant issues*
- 4 *To represent members' and the wider industry's views on trade policy to key policymakers*
- 5 *To facilitate networking and information exchange between companies in the agri-supply chain by hosting events, seminars and conferences*
- 6 *To offer a range of dynamic and attractive member services*



## KPIs 2023

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| <p><b>1a</b> Finalise definition of 'delivery period', and demand for Gafta to develop a long-term contract, e.g. for use by WFP.</p> <p><b>1b</b> Finalise new Governance arrangements for the International Contracts Committee.</p> <p><b>1c</b> Extend and promote the MoU between Gafta and electronic trading platforms on use of Gafta contracts and data sharing. Hold a meeting with electronic trading members.</p>  | <p><b>4b</b> Publish at least five policy submissions, position papers and articles on the trade policy section of the Gafta website. Provide feedback to board on IMO observer status.</p> <p><b>4c</b> Host at least two meeting of the Federation of Commodity Associations (FCA) and focus on issues of "De-Forestation" and "Corporate Governance" in 2023.</p> <p><b>4d</b> Work as an active member of the two international coalitions – IAFN &amp; IGTC. Work as a member of the IAFN group on Codex Reform and report on progress and activities through Gaftaworld articles. Sit as a Board Member of COCERAL and CELCAA. Continue to represent the Private Sector and monitor the outputs from the UN Food Systems Summit.</p> |
| <p><b>2a</b> Host three Arbitration Committee meetings. Develop new accelerated GPD course for experienced members, to recruit and train new Arbitrators.</p> <p><b>2b</b> Respond to any new consultation feedback from the Law Commission on the Arbitration Act, on behalf of Gafta and the FCA.</p> <p><b>2c</b> Run one Arbitration masterclass on key topics as CPD for Arbitrators. Roll out further Gafta member webinars in co-ordination with Law Firms to provide CPD to Gafta members and Arbitrators.</p> | <p><b>5a</b> Increase Gafta's speaking presence at International Conferences, and develop a social media strategy to increase Gafta's online profile by 10%.</p> <p><b>5b</b> Present on Trade Policy work at, at least, two international conferences and seminars, and work with other industry groups to promote the importance and value of International Trade at external events.</p> <p><b>5c</b> Hold the London dinner attracting 500 delegates. Promote 'London Grains Week 2023' with partner organisations.</p>  |
| <p><b>3a</b> Role out the new, long-term online training module aimed at Supervision firms. Develop a new marketing strategy, to increase membership of the Gafta Approved Registers in China and South East Asia.</p> <p><b>3b</b> Develop five new Agribility modules and grow uptake by 10%.</p> <p><b>3c</b> Achieve above 75% positive approval ratings in the course evaluation and webinar feedback forms.</p>  | <p><b>6a</b> Revise and update the Business and Strategic plan for Gafta 2023-2026.</p> <p><b>6b</b> Approve budget for CRM and website project with Council in January 2023. Sign the contracts for the development of a new CRM and website with ProTech, with aim to deliver and go live with both by the end of Q1 2024.</p> <p><b>6c</b> Complete an external Sustainability audit, for Gafta to make recommendations. Produce a report on the first year of the Sustainability Pledge actions. Aim to achieve 50 new members by end 2023.</p>  |
| <p><b>4a</b> Hold at least two meetings of the Global Trade Policy Committee and use this meeting to formally approve Gafta policy positions and activities. Hold two meetings of each of the UK, China, Black Sea, Ukraine and SE Asia trade committee meetings, one of the IPC, and use these meetings to raise regional policy issues with the GTPC and to make recommendations on contract developments and revisions to the ICC.</p>  |  |

## GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

## OCTOBER 2022

- Held Commodity Dispute Resolution course, **Valencia, Spain**
- Hosted International Contracts Committee Dinner, **Valencia, Spain**
- Held International Contracts Committee Meeting, **Valencia, Spain**
- Held Approved Registers Committee Meeting, **Valencia, Spain**
- Held Gafta Council Meeting, **Valencia, Spain**
- Held Global Trade Policy Committee Meeting, **Valencia, Spain**
- Attended Agri Supply Coalition Meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended Cefetra 30th dinner, **Glasgow, United Kingdom**
- Attended Association Excellence Awards Lunch, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended IGTC Management Council Meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended CELCAA Board meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended Food Industry Liaison Group Meeting, **Virtual**
- Participated in COCERAL Crisis Unit call – Ukraine Issues, **Virtual**
- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Attended European Commodities Exchange, **Valencia, Spain**
- Submitted response to UK Consultation on extension of tolerance period for traces of withdrawn GM products oilseed rape and Topas
- Attended the 50th FAO World Committee on Food Security (CFS), **Rome, Italy** and **Virtual**
- Submitted Gafta GPC joint Letter to Director General of WTO, DG of FAO and UN Coordinator of Black Sea Grain Initiative supporting the extension of the grain corridor
- Presented Market Access committee report to GPC Board of Directors meeting, **Paris, France**
- Attended IAFN organised side event “Improving Codex Alimentarius Processes to Support the Application of Science & Innovation for Food Safety”
- Submitted Gafta GPC joint Letter to FAO Director General on Black Sea Grain Initiative supporting extension of corridor
- Supported COCERAL/Copa Cogeca on request to remove the 6.5% import duties on nitrate fertilisers, for at least 2 years; and extend the same suspension to other classes of fertilisers, urea/ammonia fertilisers and also phosphate, potash
- Held call with Bayer, Asia
- Participated in Codex organised webinar “Working with Observers in Codex”
- Supported Joint open letter from agri-food chain organisations regarding the potential impact of the current proposal for an EU Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products (“SUR”) on EU agricultural value chain
- Attended FSA UK Food Industry Liaison Group Meeting
- Attended COCERAL working group on Ukraine
- Sent joint Gafta-GPC Letter to EU Vice President on the draft proposal to revoke import tolerances due to “environmental concerns”
- Supported COCERAL (Food and Feed Chain Coalition) letter on Policy Proposal for New Genomic Techniques
- Sent joint Gafta-GPC Letter to Mr Timmermans, VP European Commission on draft EU regulation on MRLs for Clothianidin and Thiamethoxam; cc DG Santé, DG Trade
- Attended IGC Webinar: Facilitating the reintegration of the Black Sea region into the global grains market
- Attended Arable Chain Advisory Group meeting



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## NOVEMBER 2022

- Held Arbitration Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Published Gaftaworld
- Attended Bristol Corn and Feed Trade Association dinner, **Bristol, United Kingdom**
- Attended the Het Comité annual dinner, **Rotterdam, Netherlands**
- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Held Trade Foundation Course, **Rome, Italy**
- Attended FOSFA AGM, **London, United Kingdom**,
- Attended FOSFA Dinner, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended Covantis Agri Industry Meeting, **Sao Paulo, Brazil**
- Attended ANEC dinner, **Sao Paulo, Brazil**
- Attended Arable Chain Advisory Group meeting, **Virtual**
- Participated in Agri Supply Coalition meeting, **Virtual**
- Malting Barley Expert Group met and agreed extension of dormancy periods for British grown barley
- Attended UK APHA Authorised Trade Inspector training and met with APHA on phytosanitary certification for UK exports
- Gafta Ring Test Scheme Round 2:2022 closed. Report published and Approved Register of Analysts updated
- Attended Legal Maritime Service Seminar held British Consulate General, **Guangzhou, China**
- Attended meeting with Susan Jebb, FSA Chairperson, on slow GMO approvals process in UK
- As Observer to Codex, Gafta co-signed industry statement for Codex Alimentarius Commission meeting on the importance of science and international standards
- Held meetings with Cargill, Sierentz and Covantis, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Held meeting with World Business Council for Sustainable Development, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Supported COCERAL signing Food and Feed Chain Coalition letter on “EU Policy Proposal for New Genomic Techniques”
- As Co-chair reported to GPC Board Meeting meeting on Market Access Committee activities, **Paris, France**
- Sent Gafta letter to the Food Industry Liaison group relating to laboratory capability and challenges relating to Sampling of Grains and oilseeds across Great Britain
- Attended Global Grain Conference 2022 and moderated panel on Sustainability in Grain Markets, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Attended IAFN 4th quarterly call with Codex Enhancement working group
- Supported COCERAL and value chain partners letter to EU Commission on the impact of Sustainable Use Regulation will have on agri value chain
- Attended Canadian government organised seminar: Agricultural Biotechnology Seminar Series Seminar 4: Development of Regulatory Guidance for Products of Agricultural Biotechnology
- Attended COCERAL – Ukraine Crisis Unit call
- Attended UK Soy Manifesto: One year anniversary update
- Attended IMO Council meeting
- Participated in IGTC meetings with stakeholder organisations, **Brussels, Belgium**
- Participated in IGTC General Assembly, **Brussels, Belgium**
- Attended IGTC meetings with non-EU countries Missions to the EU





## GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

## DECEMBER 2022

- Attended COCERAL Scientific & Technical Working Group
- Held Gafta Ring Test Scheme review meeting with Sciantec, **London, United Kingdom**
- Presented at UNISTOCK Operations Working Group on current fumigation issues
- Participated in CELCAA Sustainability Working Group
- Held meeting with ANAB (Accreditation Body USA) on ISO17020 requirements for Gafta Superintendents
- Held the Ukrainian Regional Trade Committee meeting, **Virtual**
- Held the Black Sea Trade Committee, **Virtual**
- Attended GTPC meetings
- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Held Arbitrators' Masterclass, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Arbitrators' Luncheon, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended Federation of Commodities Associations meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended COCERAL Boarding meeting, **Belgium, Brussels**
- Attended COCERAL MAP Committee meeting, **Belgium, Brussels**
- Attended COCERAL FFS Committee meeting, **Belgium, Brussels**
- Attended COCERAL committee meeting, **Belgium, Brussels**
- Published Gaftaworld
- Participated in Agri Supply Coalition meeting, **Virtual**
- Participated in IGTC bilateral meetings, **Brussels, Belgium**
- Submitted Gafta's response to the UK FSA GMO consultation on approval of 8 GMO traits
- Co-signed the GAABT letter on risk based approach to Low Level Presence (LLP) incidents, call for increased transparency on compliance and enforcement of LLP and minimum gaps in approvals process
- Attended the Private Sector Mechanism quarterly call
- Held Gafta's Global Trade Policy Committee meeting
- Represented Gafta in IAFN - 2023 Workplan for Codex Enhancement group
- Participated in IGC Webinars on Sustainability in the Grains Value chain
- Attended CFS 50 reconvening session on "Coordinating Policy Responses to the Global Food Crisis – State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022".
- Sent letter to UN secretary General's office on facilitating trade from Black Sea region and challenges faced by the international grain trade
- Sent letter to Pakistan's Minister for Commerce on delays to imports of grains and oilseeds due to GMO controls; also to Ministry of National Food Security and Ministry of Climate Change

## JANUARY 2023

- Commenced Gafta Ring Test Scheme Round 1:2023
- Represented grain trade at Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (fumigated goods)
- Held Gafta and NSF International Review meeting (Audits to Gafta Standards), **United Kingdom**
- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Held Arbitration Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held International Contracts Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Finance Sub-Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Hosted Presidents hand-over dinner, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Gafta Council meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Know Your Gafta Contracts seminar, **Virtual**
- Held Gafta AGM, **London, United Kingdom**
- Hosted AGM Luncheon, **London, United Kingdom**
- Participated in Agri Supply Coalition meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended CELCAA Breakfast meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended Private Sector Mechanism Data Committee meeting, **Virtual**
- Participated in COCERAL Crisis Unit call – Ukraine Issues meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended ACAG meeting, **Virtual**



## GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY 2023 *(continued)*

- Participated in IGTC TaskForce - Bosphorus passage discussion on potential advocacy
- Participated in IGC Webinar 2: Sustainability in the Grains Value chain
- Held call with IAFN Codex Funders to discuss workplan for 2023
- Held meeting with SGS, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Participation in FSA/Precision Breeding Industry Stakeholder Workshop on authorisation process and public register
- Held discussion with Het Comité on issues with Dutch regulation on use of Phosphine in certain forms
- Participated in 1st quarterly IAFN call of Coalition on enhancement of Codex
- Attended IOSTA The International Organization of Spice Trade Associations, AGM
- Attended R&H Hall lunch and IGFA annual dinner, **Dublin, Ireland**
- Participated in IAFN working group on Sustainability – development of position paper for Codex
- Submitted Gafta position on limiting the direct use of Phosphine pellets for inclusion in trade response to Dutch consultation
- Participated in COCERAL call on New Genome Techniques
- Held working group call with UN Task Team on Black Sea Grain Initiative - insurance issues
- Submitted Gafta comments to Codex in relation to consultation on enhancing operational procedures of CCPR and JMPR

## FEBRUARY 2023

- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Held Commodity Contracts Course, **Paris, France**
- Held President's Reception, **Paris, France**
- Attended Locusts' Dinner, **Liverpool, United Kingdom**
- Presented at Global Pulses Confederation World Pulses Day event, **London, United Kingdom**
- Presented at Pulses Conclave Mumbai "an update on contracts", **Mumbai, India**
- Published Gaftaworld
- Participated in Agri Supply Coalition meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended Food Systems Summit Macro Committee meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended Food Industry Liaison Group meeting, **Virtual**
- Participated in Gafta organised call with European Commission Legal Services and COCERAL on EU sanctions and implications for Gafta services
- Participated in IAFN quarterly call on FAO issues and review/adoption of IAFN Codex sustainability paper
- Held discussions with AIC on UK MRL Fosetyl al on pulses and impact on exports from GB
- Submitted Gafta-GPC letter to Ministry of Agriculture, Algeria on measures limiting the import of pulses to OAIC
- Participated in COCERAL Action Plan on PPPs/MRLs
- Participated in IGTC meeting on Plant Breeding Innovation
- Held working group meeting with NFU, AIC, FDF with CGC on MRL monitoring programmes - Canadian experience "keep it clean" preharvest and marketability of crops
- Submitted Gafta report to IMO Council on periodic review

## MARCH 2023

- Held Global Trade Policy Committee, **Virtual**
- Published updated Gafta No 124 Sampling Rules published (effective for contracts dated from 1 June 2023)
- Held Approved Registers Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Participated in WOMAG International Women's Day event, **Singapore**
- Held meeting with COFCO, **China**
- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**





## GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

MARCH 2023 *(continued)*

- Held Gafta New Director Training meeting, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Held Commodity Contracts course, **Buenos Aires, Argentina**
- Participated in Agri Supply Coalition meeting, **Virtual**
- Participated in COCERAL Crisis Unit call – Ukraine Issues, **Virtual**
- Held UK Trade Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended FEGRA annual dinner, **Antwerp, Belgium**
- Attended ACAG meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended CELCAA Board meeting, **Brussels, Belgium**
- Attended Private Sector Mechanism Governing Council call, **Virtual**
- Represented Gafta at CLI workshop on IGTC LLP Policy
- Attended WTO stakeholder meeting following General Council meeting
- Attended IAFN quarterly meeting
- Submitted Gafta letter to UN Task Force on need for United Nations support to improve the operational aspects of the Black Sea Grain Initiative
- Attended IAFN Codex Anniversary activities sub-group
- Attended the International Conference on GMO Analysis and New Genomic Techniques, **Berlin, Germany/Virtual**
- Attended COCERAL Market and Agri Policy committee and sub-group
- Attended COCERAL Logistics sub-committee and Markets and Trade sub-committee
- Participated in the FSA Precision Breeding workshop on the application and authorisation process, public register and on enforcement
- Gafta co-signed the IAFN position on “Codex contribution to sustainability in Food and Agriculture Production”
- Attended the Financial Times Commodities Global Summit, **Lausanne, Switzerland**
- Attended IMO Editorial and Technical committee 38
- Chaired IGTC MRL policy team meeting
- Chaired call with WTO officials updating on SPS Declaration and developments in Thematic groups
- Held call with UN officials on Black Sea Grain Initiative

## APRIL 2023

- Held Gafta Council Meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Trade Foundation Course, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held a meeting with China members, **Beijing, China**
- Held the Ukrainian Regional Trade Committee Meeting, **Virtual**
- Held the Black Sea Trade Committee meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended COCERAL Scientific & Technical Working Group, **Virtual**
- Attended webinar Empowering Sustainable Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fishing in Southeast Asia, **Virtual**
- Sent letter to the President of the European Commission and the Executive Vice-President of the European Commission with respect to the temporary ban of import of the agricultural commodities including grain from Ukraine
- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Published Gaftaworld
- Attended Food Systems Summit Macro Committee meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended IGTC Management Council meeting, **Virtual**
- Participated in Agri Supply Coalition meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended COCERAL Scientific and Technical Working Group, **Virtual**
- Attended COCERAL Webinar on the role of Grain Trade in Supporting food Security, **Virtual**
- Held meeting with Bioceres on GM wheat developments
- Attended COCERAL Task Force for an action plan on PPP residues - Footnote 1 discussion
- Submitted Gafta letter to UN Task Force on need for United Nations support to improve the operational aspects of the Black Sea Grain Initiative



## GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

APRIL 2023 *(continued)*

- Attended COCERAL crisis group on Ukraine
- Attended COCERAL Scientific and Technical working group meeting
- Attended FSA Precision Breeding Industry Stakeholder Workshop
- Attended COCERAL Webinar on Precision Breeding in the UK and USA
- Submitted letter in reaction to temporary ban by Eastern EU countries on imports of Agriculture Commodities including grains from Ukraine
- Supported COCERAL Position Paper on PPPs/MRLs risk assessment and risk management (environmental concerns)
- Participated in WTO call on Export Restrictions Panel, Special Session of Committee on Agriculture
- Attended IAFN subgroup on Codex case studies

## MAY 2023

- Closed Gafta Ring Test Scheme Round 1:2023. Published Report and updated Approved Register of Analysts
- Attended ILAC Inspection Committee, **Belfast, United Kingdom**
- Attended Scottish Corn Trade Association annual dinner, **Edinburgh, United Kingdom**
- Held meeting with Food Standards Agency regarding the analysis of grains for UK import and export
- Attended Making Agricultural Trade Sustainable workshop, **Virtual**
- Gafta Ring Test Scheme review meeting with Sciantec, **York, United Kingdom**
- Held South East Asia Regional Trade Committee Meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Attended the Grain Ukraine Conference, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Attended London International Disputes Week, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended and presented at Global Pulses Convention, **Sydney, Australia**
- Participated in COCERAL Crisis Unit call – Ukraine Issues, **Virtual**
- Moderated panel at IAFN Climate & Innovation Event, on “Working Together on Innovation: Partnerships and Investment”, **Rome, Italy**
- Presented at Africa Grains Week with SACOTA on “Role of Superintendents in International Trade”, **Pretoria, South Africa**
- Presented at IFA Annual Conference keynote session on a panel for “Food Security”, **Prague, Czechia**
- Attended GrainCom and moderated panel on “Farm future in 20 years”, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Participated in Agri Supply Coalition meeting, **Virtual**
- Gafta sought clarification from Defra on Border Controls Target Operating Model
- Held meeting with WTO Director of Commodities Unit on State of play grain trade and Black Sea joint initiative
- Attended WTO Seminar on Export restrictions, Gafta speaker Patrick Heijbroek, ADM
- Sent Gafta letter to Indian Ministry of Agriculture requesting the extension of the relaxation of measures on application of Methyl bromide on commodities at import
- Held meeting with Croplife international, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Held meeting with Covantis, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Held meeting with IGC on International Year of Millets – side event
- Held meeting with UN Task Team Memorandum of Understanding and Black Sea Grain Initiative
- Participated in COCERAL Ukraine Crisis Unit calls
- Sent Gafta letter to UN Task Force on need for United Nations support to improve the operational aspects of the Black Sea Grain Initiative
- Sent Gafta letter to Pakistan Department of Health on Methyl bromide requirements on imports of soy from US and Brazil
- As Co-chair, reported to GPC Board of Directors Meeting, as Chair of Market Access committee
- Held international Pulses Committee, **Melbourne, Australia**
- Held meetings with Cargill, LDC, GTA, **Melbourne, Australia**





## GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

## JUNE 2023

- Held Gafta Annual Dinner, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Gafta Council meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Arbitration Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Federation of Commodities Associations meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Finance Sub-Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Global Trade Policy Committee meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended IGC Conference, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended IGTC Strategy Sessions, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended Crop Science luncheon, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Audit Meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended IGTC Management Council meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended COCERAL AGM, **Belgium, Brussels**
- Attended COCERAL Board meeting, **Belgium, Brussels**
- Gafta No 124 Sampling Rules 2023 become effective
- Attended COCERAL Scientific & Technical Working Group, **Brussels, Belgium**
- Participated in NSF International Auditor Training (Audits to Gafta Standards), **London, United Kingdom**
- Held meeting with Cadecra (Argentina) regarding Gafta No124 Sampling Rules, **Virtual**
- Sarah Mann appointed to the BSI Committee “Conformity Assessment” and Technical Group “ISO/IEC 17020 [review]”
- Held meeting with Dr Aaron Cai, British Consulate General in Guangzhou and his colleague Miss Chen, **Beijing, China**
- Attended CCPR54 meeting, **Beijing, China**
- Presented at London International Arbitration Summer School, **London, United Kingdom**
- Published Gaftaworld
- Participated in Agri Supply Coalition meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended Food Systems Summit Macro Committee, **Virtual**
- Participated in COCERAL Crisis Unit call – Ukraine Issues, **Virtual**
- Held meetings with Vittera and COFCO, **Melbourne, Australia**
- Attended WTO Food Dialogue Black Sea Grain Initiative meeting
- Held meeting with Bioceres on GMO wheat market approvals
- Moderated Gafta- IGC Panel on International Year of Millets, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended Bayer Cropscience Luncheon, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended IGTC WTO Dialogue Panel Briefing on Food security
- Attended IGTC event in WTO on Food Security, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Panellist representing Gafta on IGTC Panel “Resilience, Sustainability, ESG – links to Global Food Security”, WTO
- Submitted GPC and Gafta trade communication promoting Codex international standards for 60th Anniversary of Codex
- Supported COCERAL and value chain partners letter to draft of the EU on “Proposal for a Regulation on plants obtained by certain New Genomic Techniques (NGTs) and their food and feed”

## JULY 2023

- Held Know Your Gafta Contracts Seminar, **Virtual**
- Held meeting with ADHB on UK contaminants and pesticides surveys
- Held Gafta-IMO meeting on digitalisation of maritime transport
- Held meeting with Head of External Affairs, WTO, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Held meeting with Fastmarkets on Global Grain Geneva conference 2023, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Commenced Gafta Ring Test Scheme Round 2:2023
- Signed Agreement with SGS Vostok to source and distribute Gafta Ring Test Scheme samples in Russia
- Co-ordinated with AHDB and Gafta member Superintendents and port facilities for a Q&A session on the e-grain passport project (UK)



## GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

JULY 2023 *(continued)*

- Attended Marine Forum, **Ningbo, China**
- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Attended International Agri-Food Network AGM, **Rome, Italy**
- Attended Private Sector Mechanism Governing Council AGM, **Rome, Italy**
- Attended CELCAA AGM, **Amsterdam, Netherlands**
- Participated in the COCERAL: Ukraine Crisis Unit meeting on the 6th of July, 2023, **Virtual**
- Participated in Agri Supply Coalition meeting, **Virtual**
- Participated in GPC Market Access Committee meeting
- Participated in discussions with UN Task Teams concerning End of the Black Sea Grain Initiative
- Represented Gafta at Defra's Precision Breeding workshop: notification process
- Submitted Gafta comments to FSA Horizon project on upcoming EU changes
- Submitted Gafta comments on China seedcake proposal to IMO CCC-9

## AUGUST 2023

- Held meeting with Xiaoming Zheng, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Beijing Office, **Beijing, China**
- Held Meeting with UN task team on current status with Black Sea Grain Initiative and Memorandum of Understanding and challenges for the international trade
- Held meeting with International Chamber of Commerce, Director – Digital Ecosystems, ICC Digital Standards Initiative on Gafta's role in e-bill of lading initiative
- Held call with, and submitted letter to, the Ministry for Agriculture Algeria on disruption to imports of corn and soybeanmeal
- Represented grain trade at Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (fumigated goods)
- Commenced Gafta Ring Test Scheme for Russian members
- Participated in Agricultural Biotechnology Seminar Series 2023 – Seminar 2: Ensuring the Safety of Products from Agricultural Biotechnology
- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Co-chaired GPC-Gafta Market Access Committee
- Participated in COCERAL NGT working group supporting response to Commission Public Consultation on the draft law on New Genomic Techniques

## SEPTEMBER 2023

- Held the Ukrainian Regional Trade Committee Meeting, **Virtual**
- Held the Black Sea Trade Committee, **Virtual**
- Held In-house Trade Foundation Course for Deutsche Forfait, **Cologne, Germany**
- Held Commodity Shipping course, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Gafta UK Trade Committee meeting, **Virtual**
- New Fumigator representative appointed to Approved Register Committee
- Control Union signs Gafta Sustainability Pledge
- Presented ISO requirements for superintendents at European Accreditation (EA) Regional Inspection Committee
- Attended Global Trade Review, **Singapore**
- Attended the Black Sea Grain and Oil Conference, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Attended Global Trade Review, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Published Gaftaworld





## SEPTEMBER 2023 *(continued)*

- Attended ACAG meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended IAFN Finalization of Bylaws and Next Steps, **Virtual**
- Attended AIC Event, **London, United Kingdom**
- Participated in Agri Supply Coalition meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended COCERAL FFS Committee meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended COCERAL Board meeting, **Virtual**
- Attended UNEP BIMG – Climate Week Gathering, **Virtual**
- Gafta sent letter to Ministry of Agriculture on slow discharge of corn and soybean meal in certain Algerian ports
- Participated in Call with Chair – thematic group 1 updating on WTO SPS Declaration
- Attended CELCAA meeting to prepare for Mission to WTO
- Supported COCERAL letter on Possible deletion of EU Footnote 1 of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005
- Participated in IAFN funders of Codex enhancement group meeting to prepare for Codex Coalition quarterly call
- Held meeting with Canadian Mission to WTO on agri negotiations, SPS and TBT issues
- Held meeting with DDG WTO Mr Paugam
- Attended COCERAL meeting of Market & Agriculture Policy Committee meeting
- Attended COCERAL meeting of MAP Sub Committee Agri-Policies meeting
- Attended COCERAL MAP Sub Committee Market & Trade meeting
- Attended COCERAL MAP Sub-Committee Logistics meeting
- Represented Gafta in IMO CCC-9 meeting

## AWARDS

**The Association Excellence Awards 2022** – International Association of the Year – Bronze – **Gafta**

**Lawyer ADR Awards** – Civil Mediation Lawyer of the Year 2023 – **Jonathan Waters**

**M&A Today** – International Arbitration Expert of the Year 2023 – **Jonathan Waters**

**Global Advisory Experts** – UK Arbitration Expert of the Year 2023 – **Jonathan Waters**

**Corporate INTL** – International Arbitration Expert of the Year 2023 – **Jonathan Waters**



## SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE

In January 2022, Gafta launched a new initiative for members – the Gafta Sustainability Pledge. Now boasting almost 250 members, the positive impacts of the Sustainability Pledge are already evident for those who have made the commitment to a sustainable future for the international trade of agricultural commodities.

In July 2023, Gafta surveyed members who had already signed the Pledge. Responses received represented 45% of member companies with all reporting that their CSR Objectives were on or ahead of target and that being part of the Gafta Sustainability Pledge made a positive impact on their organisation.



When asked for examples of the positive impact of the Pledge members described a range of factors from the benefits of the visual effect of the logo on their website and in presentations, to the network of like-minded peers and colleagues. Members reported that the Pledge had made them feel more motivated and focused on working in a positive direction and had inspired others in the industry to develop their own sustainability initiatives. As well as a useful tool for internal communications, members also reported using the Pledge at conferences, customer meetings and for government tenders.

Sustainability projects which Pledge members are involved in are also wide ranging. Recognition for a number of new schemes has been achieved such as Ecovadis Gold Medals and ISO standards such as ISO14001, ISO45001 and ISO14064. Other projects were on a much more local level, such as high pollen native wildflower meadows on all sites, litter clean ups in local mangrove forests and donating meals to food kitchens in nearby temples. This demonstrates how sustainability can mean different things to different people. One size does not fit all, and any positive action is a step towards a more sustainable future, no matter how small.



## EMPLOYER SUPPORTED VOLUNTEER WORK

In 2021, Gafta introduced employer supported volunteer leave for all Gafta staff. This provides staff with up to 2 days discretionary paid leave each year to carry out voluntary, charitable and community activities during normal working hours. Below are reports from staff that have carried out employer supported volunteer work during this financial year.

### Holly Sisman, Operations Manager

*Children's Mental Health Week music visit – London, United Kingdom*

Children's Mental Health Week took place in February 2023 and the theme for this year was Let's Connect. The aim being to teach children about making meaningful connections in various ways and that by having healthy connections with others and ourselves we improve our wellbeing.

With this in mind, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School decided to study *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas; a book designed to help children discuss how they feel, even when their thoughts are confusing. Following on from in-school lessons Sacred Heart then took two year groups (120 children!) to see the book performed in concert using orchestral music at Royal Festival Hall by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra whose Conductor was Rebecca Tong. The story was retold by Presenter Lucy Hollins.



The interactive performance exposed the children to all sections of the orchestra (strings, percussion, brass etc) as well as some key classical pieces used to reflect feelings through sound. At the end of the concert the children worked in small groups to discuss the concert and explore why it is important to understand your emotions even if they get jumbled up. They then got asked a question about who they are connected with in the school community that can help them.

This question was to prompt some thoughts before they have further lessons about Place2Be – a hub in the school with dedicated behaviour mentors and other key staff who are available to assist the children for whatever reasons.

It was wonderful to be involved in the school trip especially as I am now the Parent Representative for Year 2 and the Nursery. The interaction with the children provided great insight into their thought processes and how several of them really took on board using a colour to describe feelings they may not always have words for. I was also pleased to see the school actively promote the service provided by Place2Be which my own daughter has accessed for grief counselling.

### Chris Simpson, Head of Operations

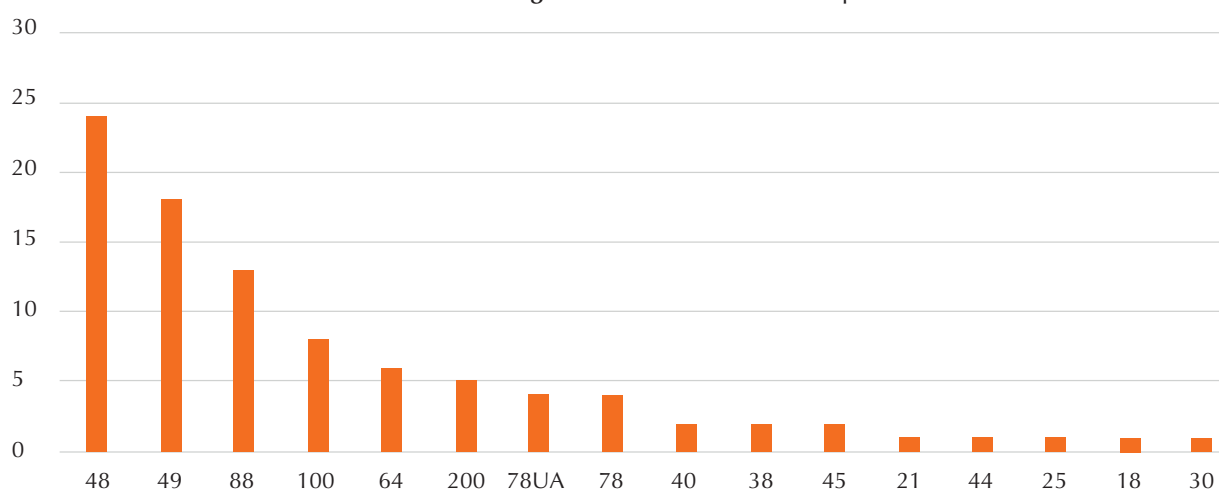
*School Governor – London, United Kingdom*

Having become a School Governor of my local church primary school, Immanuel and St Andrew Primary School in south London in January 2022 and being involved in the recruitment of a new Headteacher in 2022, I have since become Chair of the Resources Committee, which considers the financial elements of the school's work as well as staffing and other operational concerns. I have been part of a panel responsible for conducting the Headteacher's annual appraisal and half-year review, which included setting targets for the forthcoming school year.

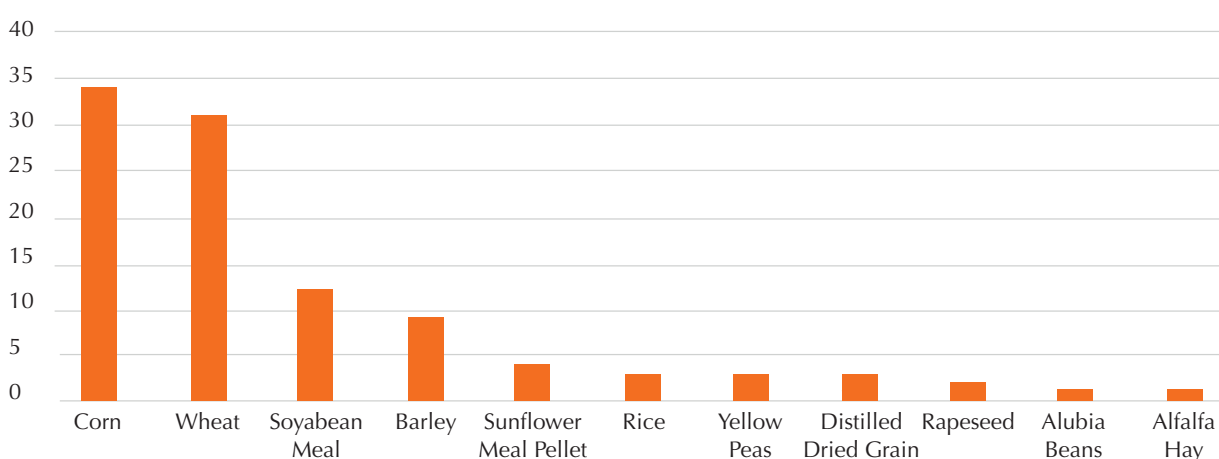
## ARBITRATION STATISTICS

Period: 1 Oct 2022-30 Sept 2023	Total
Number of new First Tier cases	337 (29% increase on previous year)
Number of new Appeals	44 (110% increase on previous year)
Number of First Tier Awards issued	110 (17% decrease on previous year)
Number of Appeal Awards issued	23 (35% increase on previous year)
Percentage of First Tier Cases that have been Appealed	40%
Percentage of Appeals, where First Tier Award was upheld	90%

**Most Common Contract Usage** 1st October 2022-30th September 2023



**Most Common Commodity Featured** 1st October 2022-30th September 2023



### Damages Awarded

The aggregate value damages awarded for Awards issued between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023 is:

Awards issued in US Dollars: **US\$141,527,071.09** (previous year: US\$84,068,125.95)

Awards issued in Euros: **€20,929,602.17** (previous year: €5,051,055.53)

Awards issued in GBP: **£65,703.75** (previous year: £3,395,185.23)

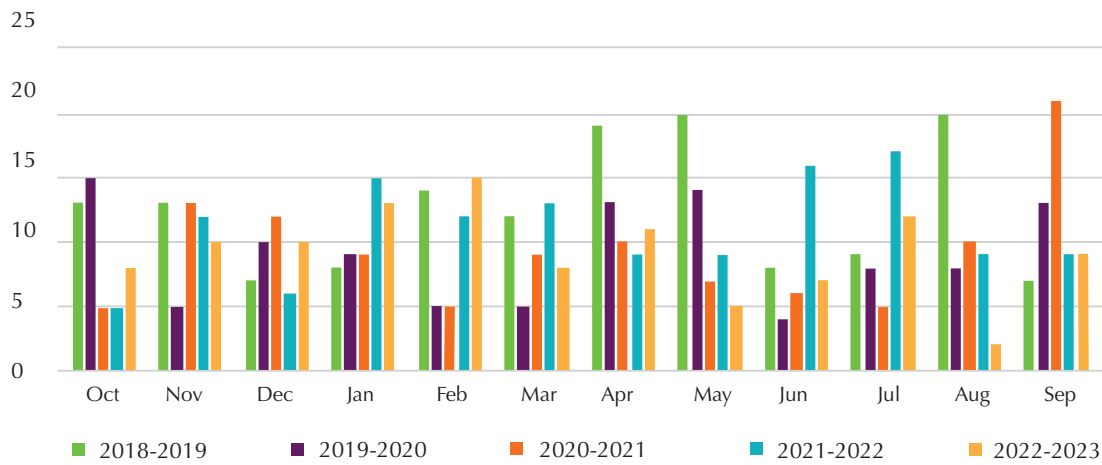
With all sums converted to US\$, the total damages awarded amounts to **US\$162,522,377.01** (previous year: US\$92,514,366.71)



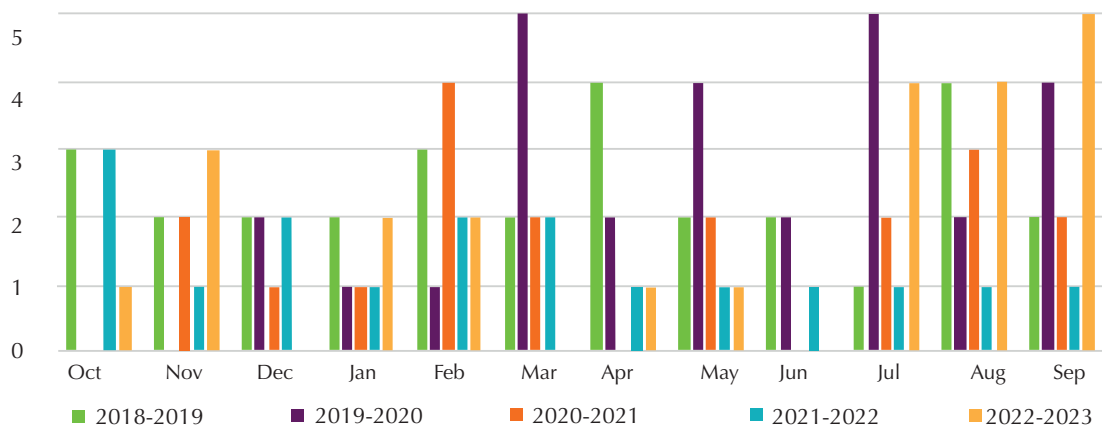


## ARBITRATION STATISTICS

### First Tier Awards issued



### Appeal Awards issued



## TRAINING & EVENTS STATISTICS

### GAFTA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES AND IN-PERSON EVENTS

Gafta hosted six **GPD courses**, which attracted 210 delegates overall, with an average approval rating of 98%. Delegates benefitted from expert knowledge delivered by our in-house specialists and member law firms.

Gafta also held an Arbitrators' Masterclass in London in December, with 42 arbitrators participating. The **Arbitrators' Christmas Luncheon** was held in London with 40 diners enjoying the surroundings at the House of Lords.

Gafta's **AGM and Past Presidents' Lunch** was held at the Caledonian Club in London in January.

The **President's Reception** was held in Paris in February alongside a Commodity Contract course, with 43 attendees enjoying Parisian hospitality.

The **Gafta Annual Dinner** in June was enjoyed by 475 diners including members from around the world and their guests.

Gafta also ran two **in-house training courses** for Gafta members.

### ONLINE COURSES

Gafta ran two **Know Your Gafta Contracts** webinars with 47 delegates taking part across the two webinars.

### DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME

85 new students commenced the Gafta Distance Learning Programme (DLP) during the year (compared to 100 last year).

30 DLP students passed module 6, the final DLP module (compared to 27 last year).

### AGRIBILITY SHORT COURSES

Across our 29 modules there has been a total of 285 enrolments between 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023. (Compared with 291 enrolments last year on 27 modules between 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022.)

### EXTERNAL EVENTS

Gafta continues to be present at many leading industry events; whether exhibiting, giving presentations or chairing specialist panels. Gafta staff spoke at 8 external events.





## MEMBERSHIP

Membership by Category	2022	2023
A – Trading Companies	493	515
B – Brokers	76	76
C – Superintendents	600	596
D – Qualified Arbitrators	77	75
E – Individuals	42	49
F – Analysts	330	323
G – Professional Firms	81	88
H – Branches of Members	9	9

Membership by Country	2022	2023
Afghanistan	0	1
Albania	1	1
Algeria	1	1
Angola	1	2
Argentina	78	78
Australia	30	35
Austria	9	9
Bangladesh	5	3
Belgium	16	16
Benin	1	2
Brazil	81	82
British Virgin Islands	4	4
Bulgaria	32	32
Canada	45	47
Cayman Islands	1	1
Chile	5	5
China	23	24
Colombia	2	2
Côte d'Ivoire	3	3
Croatia	13	13
Cyprus	6	5
Czech Republic	3	4
Denmark	16	16
Ecuador	3	2
Egypt	25	25
Estonia	13	12
Finland	10	11
France	47	44
Georgia	1	1
Germany	47	46
Ghana	1	1
Greece	16	16
Honduras	1	1
Hong Kong	2	2
Hungary	29	30
India	66	68
Indonesia	24	27
Iran	23	24
Ireland, Republic of	6	7
Israel	7	8
Italy	61	60
Japan	2	2
Jordan	3	3
Kazakhstan	8	9
Kenya	8	8
Latvia	20	20
Lebanon	6	6
Libya	2	0
Lithuania	21	20
Luxembourg	3	3
Malaysia	14	15
Malta	3	3

Membership by Category	2022	2023
J – Fumigation Operators	168	173
K – International General Produce	13	14
L – Students	11	12
M – Individuals not engaged in the trade	5	8
Extraordinary Member	2	2
Honorary Member	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1908</b>	<b>1941</b>

Membership by Country	2022	2023
Mexico	14	13
Moldova	6	7
Morocco	8	7
Mozambique	2	2
Myanmar	1	1
Netherlands	64	65
New Zealand	1	1
Nicaragua	1	1
Nigeria	5	5
Norway	8	7
Oman	4	3
Pakistan	6	6
Paraguay	5	5
Peru	6	6
Philippines	6	6
Poland	18	18
Portugal	10	10
Qatar	2	1
Romania	54	57
Russia	106	105
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	1
Saudi Arabia	4	9
Senegal	1	1
Serbia	14	16
Singapore	34	34
Slovakia	3	3
Slovenia	3	4
South Africa	11	12
South Korea	5	4
Spain	41	43
Sudan	2	2
Sweden	4	4
Switzerland	97	100
Syria	3	3
Tanzania	5	6
Thailand	17	17
Togo	2	5
Tunisia	3	2
Türkiye	70	75
Uganda	1	1
Ukraine	113	101
United Arab Emirates	51	60
United Kingdom	138	137
United States of America	70	72
Uruguay	23	23
Uzbekistan	0	1
Vietnam	12	14
Yemen	3	3
Zimbabwe	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1908</b>	<b>1941</b>
<b>Countries</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100</b>



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of The Grain and Feed Trade Association (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 30 September 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, the Company Statement of Retained earnings, the Consolidated and Company Balance Sheets, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 30 September 2023 and of the group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### OPINIONS ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.





## MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report or in preparing the directors' report.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

As explained more fully in the statement of Council's responsibilities set out on page 39, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

## THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE AUDIT WAS CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF DETECTING IRREGULARITIES, INCLUDING FRAUD

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.



In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the group audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework that the group and parent company operate in and how the group and parent company are complying with the legal and regulatory framework;
- inquired of management, and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud;
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

As a result of these procedures we consider the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and tax compliance regulations. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing financial statement disclosures and evaluation of computations provided by external tax advisors.

The group audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls as the area where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud.

Audit procedures performed included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to any significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>Turnover</b>			
Fees and subscriptions	2	2,535,738	2,600,701
Cost of sales		<u>-319,983</u>	<u>-286,635</u>
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>2,215,755</b>	<b>2,314,066</b>
Staff costs	3	-2,065,736	-2,033,964
Other administrative expenses		-1,830,576	-1,314,308
Other operating income	4	<u>1,494,644</u>	<u>1,214,453</u>
		<u>-2,401,668</u>	<u>-2,133,819</u>
<b>Group operating (loss)/profit</b>	5	<b>-185,913</b>	<b>180,247</b>
Income from fixed asset investments	6	91,060	91,208
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed asset investments	6	62,670	-120,216
Other interest receivable	7	10,104	213
Changes in fair value of fixed asset investments	10	<u>-22,097</u>	<u>-378,555</u>
<b>(Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>-44,176</b>	<b>-227,103</b>
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	8	<u>-67,053</u>	<u>71,101</u>
<b>(Loss) for the financial year</b>		<b>-111,229</b>	<b>-156,002</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
Currency translation differences		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total comprehensive (loss) for the year</b>		<b>-111,229</b>	<b>-156,002</b>
Reserves at 1 October		<u>5,645,319</u>	<u>5,801,321</u>
<b>Reserves at 30 September</b>		<b><u>5,534,090</u></b>	<b><u>5,645,319</u></b>

# COMPANY STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Reserves at 1 October	5,625,057	5,779,014
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	-125,581	-153,957
<b>Reserves at 30 September</b>	<b><u>5,499,476</u></b>	<b><u>5,625,057</u></b>

All amounts relate to continuing activities. There are no other gains or losses.

The notes on pages 29 to 35 form part of these financial statements.





# CONSOLIDATED AND COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

at 30 September 2023

Company Registration number 1006456

	Note	2023				2022			
		Group £	Group £	Company £	Company £	Group £	Group £	Company £	Company £
<b>Fixed assets</b>									
Tangible assets	9		3,261,813		3,261,813		3,201,145		3,201,145
Investments	10		3,087,650		3,115,875		2,897,126		2,925,351
<b>Current assets</b>									
Debtors	11	1,006,043		1,006,043		1,003,946		1,003,946	
Cash at bank and in hand	12	3,503,102		3,467,212		3,002,125		2,981,299	
		<b>4,509,145</b>		<b>4,473,255</b>		<b>4,006,071</b>		<b>3,985,245</b>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	-5,218,665		-5,245,614		-4,366,208		-4,393,869	
Net current liabilities			<b>-709,520</b>		<b>-772,359</b>		<b>-360,137</b>		<b>-408,624</b>
Provisions for liabilities									
Provision for deferred taxation	8(c)	-105,853		-105,853		-92,815		-92,815	
			<b>-105,853</b>		<b>-105,853</b>		<b>-92,815</b>		<b>-92,815</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>5,534,090</b>		<b>5,499,476</b>		<b>5,645,319</b>		<b>5,625,057</b>	
<b>Income and expenditure reserve</b>		<b>5,534,090</b>		<b>5,499,476</b>		<b>5,645,319</b>		<b>5,625,057</b>	

The pre-tax loss for The Grain and Feed Trade Association (including the branches of Gafta Geneva and Gafta Beijing) for the year ended 30 September 2023 was £63,551. No separate Statement of Income and Retained Earnings has been presented for the company as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 29 to 35 form part of these financial statements. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Council on 8th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

**Jean-Raymond Senger, President**

**Rebecca Jones, Deputy President**

**Jaine Chisholm Caunt OBE, Director General**



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
<b>(Loss) for the financial year</b>		<b>-111,229</b>	<b>-156,002</b>
Adjustments for			
Depreciation and impairment of fixed assets	9	63,176	60,781
Net fair value losses on fixed asset investments recognised in income	10	22,097	378,555
Interest receivable	7	-10,104	-213
Dividend income from fixed asset investments	6	-91,060	-91,208
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed asset investments	6	-62,670	120,216
Taxation expense	8	67,053	-71,101
(Increase) in debtors	11	-2,097	-72,947
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	8(c)	13,038	-88,331
Increase in creditors	13	852,457	190,316
<b>Cash from operations</b>		<b>740,661</b>	<b>270,066</b>
Taxation paid	8	-67,053	71,101
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<b>673,608</b>	<b>341,167</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received	7	10,104	213
Dividends received from fixed asset investments	6	91,060	91,208
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	9	-123,844	-43,508
Purchase of fixed asset investments	10	-856,454	-1,282,718
Sale of fixed asset investments	10	706,503	1,277,044
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>		<b>-172,631</b>	<b>42,239</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>500,977</b>	<b>383,406</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		3,002,125	2,618,719
Foreign exchange gains and losses		0	0
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>		<b>3,503,102</b>	<b>3,002,125</b>

The notes on pages 29 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### General information

The Grain and Feed Trade Association is a company limited by membership guarantee and is registered, domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales. Company Number 1006456.

### Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, including the provisions of Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and under the historical cost convention. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £1, except where otherwise indicated.

### Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements present the results of The Grain and Feed Trade Association (including the branch offices Gafta Geneva and Gafta Beijing), Gafta Kiev and Gafta Singapore, which are consolidated on a line-by-line basis, as if they formed a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances between group companies are therefore eliminated in full.

### Turnover

Subscriptions represent amounts receivable in respect of the year to which they relate. Subscriptions received in advance are shown in deferred income. Income from arbitration award fees is recognised in the period in which the award is issued. Training courses, analysts' income and secretariat fees are recognised on a receivable basis in line with when the services are provided. All income excludes value added tax. Turnover attributable to markets outside of the UK accounted for 93.5% of total fees and subscriptions (2022: 93.4%). Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

### Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and are depreciated on a straight line basis, to their residual value, over their estimated useful lives at an annual rate of:

Freehold Buildings 2%

Office Furniture 10%

Office Equipment 20%

Freehold land is not depreciated.

### Income from Fixed Asset Investments

Interest income from fixed asset investments is accounted for on an accruals basis. Dividends and profits or losses on disposal are recognised when declared and the related investment sold respectively.

### Fixed Asset Investments

Investments in listed company shares, which have been classified as fixed asset investments, are re-measured to market value at each balance sheet date. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings.

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.



# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Financial instruments

The Company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102, in full, to all of its financial instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, and are offset only when the Company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## Financial assets

Trade debtors (including accrued income) which are receivable within one year are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

## Financial liabilities

Trade, group and other creditors (including accruals) payable within one year are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being transaction price less any amounts settled.

## Pension Scheme

The Company operates a defined contribution superannuation benefit scheme. Assets of the scheme are held separately from the company in an independent fund. The pension cost charge represents the contributions payable under the scheme by the company to the fund.

## Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the current tax expense and deferred tax expense. Current tax assets are recognised when tax paid exceeds the tax payable.

Current tax is based on taxable profit for the year. Current tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised in respect of all timing differences that exist at the reporting date. Timing differences are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income that arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in different periods from their recognition in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered by the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Deferred tax is recognised on income or expenses from subsidiaries and branches that will be assessed to or allow for tax in a future period except where the Company is able to control the reversal of the timing difference and it is probable that the timing difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Current tax assets and current tax liabilities and deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if and only if, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the entity intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## Foreign Currency Translation

### (a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in pounds sterling, which is the company's functional and the group's presentation currency.



# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

On consolidation, the results of overseas operations are translated into sterling at rates approximating to those ruling when the transactions took place. All assets and liabilities of overseas operations are translated at the rate ruling at the reporting date. Exchange differences arising on translating the opening net assets at opening rate and the results of overseas operations at actual rate are recognised in other comprehensive income.

## *(b) Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the group entity's functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings within 'finance income or costs'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings within 'other operating income'.

## **Going Concern**

The consolidated Balance Sheet at 30 September 2023 shows net current liabilities of £709,520 (2022: Net current liabilities of £360,137). Creditors include deferred income of £2,124,282 (2022: £2,131,350) in relation to membership and event fees to be recognised in the following year.

The listed investment portfolio is valued at £3,087,650 (2022: £2,897,126) and, although classified here as a fixed asset because of its intended long-term duration is, in reality, highly liquid in nature.

Budgets and forecasts have been prepared for the twelve months following sign-off of these financial statements, and these support The Council opinion that Gafta has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future and that there are no material uncertainties in relation to going concern. For this reason, the Council believes that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

## **Operating Leases**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

## **Holiday pay accrual**

A liability is recognised to the extent of any unused holiday pay entitlement which has accrued at the balance sheet date and carried forward to future periods. This is measured at the undiscounted salary cost of the future holiday entitlement so accrued at the balance sheet date.

## **Termination Payments**

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated by Gafta or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. Gafta recognises termination benefits when a fully signed settlement agreement is in place, or when the cost has otherwise been confirmed or committed.

## **2 ANALYSIS OF TURNOVER**

	2023 £	2022 £
Membership fees	1,957,371	1,960,199
Arbitration services	578,367	640,502
	<u>2,535,738</u>	<u>2,600,701</u>





## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 3 EMPLOYEES

	Group 2023 £	Company 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2022 £
Staff costs consist of:				
Wages and salaries	1,623,253	1,347,934	1,614,476	1,355,109
Social security costs	165,603	165,603	166,397	166,397
Defined contribution pension cost	148,439	148,439	172,017	172,017
Other staff costs	128,441	125,469	81,074	80,641
	<u>2,065,736</u>	<u>1,787,445</u>	<u>2,033,964</u>	<u>1,774,164</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Group 2023 No.	Company 2023 No.	Group 2022 No.	Company 2022 No.
London	16	16	17	17
Kiev	4	0	5	0
Geneva	1	1	1	1
Beijing	1	1	1	1
Singapore	1	0	1	0
	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>19</u>

### 4 OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Approved Registers income	872,401	608,713
Events	104,802	120,121
Training and DLP	505,071	344,518
Other income	12,370	141,101
	<u>1,494,644</u>	<u>1,214,453</u>

### 5 OPERATING PROFIT

	2023 £	2022 £
This is arrived at after charging:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	63,176	60,781
Amounts payable under operating leases	58,825	67,279
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts	19,500	16,950
Fees payable to the company's auditor for taxation compliance services	4,250	4,250
	<u>145,751</u>	<u>149,260</u>

### 6 INCOME FROM FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Interest and dividends received	91,060	91,208
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed asset investments	62,670	-120,216
	<u>153,730</u>	<u>-29,008</u>

### 7 OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	2023 £	2022 £
Interest on deposits and investments	<u>10,104</u>	<u>213</u>



# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 8 TAXATION

	Consolidated 2023 £	Consolidated 2022 £
<b>a) The tax charge comprises:</b>		
<b>Current tax:</b>		
UK corporation tax on surplus for the year	48,084	11,329
Overseas tax	5,928	5,900
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	3	1
Total current tax (note 8(b))	54,015	17,230
<b>Deferred Tax</b>		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	13,038	-88,331
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	67,053	-71,101
<b>b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year:</b>		
(Loss) on ordinary activities before tax	-44,176	-227,142
(Loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by the small companies rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2022: 19%)	-16,736	-43,157
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Fixed asset timing differences	11,770	8,850
Expenses not deductible for taxation purposes	90,948	77,828
Income not taxable for tax purposes	-16,818	-23,618
Non-taxable dividend income	-9,530	-9,228
Chargeable gains/(losses)	10,774	-61,186
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior year	3	1
Overseas tax	5,928	5,900
Remeasurement of deferred tax for changes in tax rates	3,034	-19,528
Deferred tax not recognised	-12,320	-6,963
Current tax charge for period (note 8(a))	67,053	-71,101
<b>c) Deferred tax:</b>		
Provision at 1 October	92,815	181,146
Deferred tax charged/(credited) in the Statement of comprehensive income for the period	13,038	-88,331
Provision at 30 September	105,853	92,815
<b>Deferred tax provision comprises:</b>		
Accelerated capital allowances	43,485	25,659
Short term timing differences	-3,000	-3,000
Capital gains	65,368	70,156
Provision at 30 September	105,853	92,815



# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - GROUP AND COMPANY

	Freehold land and buildings	Office Equipment	Office Furniture	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2022	3,600,000	55,499	95,370	3,750,869
Additions	0	123,844	0	123,844
Disposals	0	0	0	0
<b>At 30 September 2023</b>	<b><u>3,600,000</u></b>	<b><u>179,343</u></b>	<b><u>95,370</u></b>	<b><u>3,874,713</u></b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 October 2022	445,440	8,914	95,370	549,724
Charge for year	55,680	7,496	0	63,176
Disposals	0	0	0	0
<b>At 30 September 2023</b>	<b><u>501,120</u></b>	<b><u>16,410</u></b>	<b><u>95,370</u></b>	<b><u>612,900</u></b>
<b>Net book value at 30 September 2023</b>	<b><u>3,098,880</u></b>	<b><u>162,933</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>3,261,813</u></b>
<b>Net book value at 30 September 2022</b>	<b><u>3,154,560</u></b>	<b><u>46,585</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>3,201,145</u></b>

## 10 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Group 2023	Company 2023	Group 2022	Company 2022
	£	£	£	£
Opening fair value	2,897,126	2,897,126	3,390,223	3,390,223
Additions	856,454	856,454	1,282,718	1,282,718
Disposals	-643,833	-643,833	-1,397,260	-1,397,260
(Losses) on remeasurement to fair value	-22,097	-22,097	-378,555	-378,555
Investment in subsidiary company	0	28,225	0	28,225
<b>Market value</b>	<b><u>3,087,650</u></b>	<b><u>3,115,875</u></b>	<b><u>2,897,126</u></b>	<b><u>2,925,351</u></b>
<b>Historical cost</b>	<b><u>3,061,904</u></b>	<b><u>3,090,129</u></b>	<b><u>2,877,508</u></b>	<b><u>2,905,733</u></b>

## 11 DEBTORS GROUP AND COMPANY

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	736,950	769,092
Prepayments and accrued income	269,093	234,854
	<b><u>1,006,043</u></b>	<b><u>1,003,946</u></b>

## 12 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Group and Company cash and cash equivalents include the sum of £2,523,358 (2022: £1,780,800) held on behalf of third parties as deposits in relation to open arbitration cases (note 13). This sum is not available for use by Gafta.

## 13 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group 2023	Company 2023	Group 2022	Company 2022
	£	£	£	£
Members subscriptions and training income rendered in advance	2,124,282	2,124,282	2,131,350	2,131,350
Trade creditors	172,101	172,101	224,150	224,150
Arbitration creditor - Deposits held	2,523,358	2,523,358	1,780,800	1,780,800
Corporation tax	48,102	48,102	11,273	11,273
Other tax and social security	47,521	46,245	46,894	46,330
Due to subsidiary	0	28,225	0	28,225
Accruals and deferred income	303,301	303,301	171,741	171,741
	<b><u>5,218,665</u></b>	<b><u>5,245,614</u></b>	<b><u>4,366,208</u></b>	<b><u>4,393,869</u></b>





# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 14 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

Every Member of the Association undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association in the event of the same being wound up during the time he is a Member, or within one year afterwards, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before the time at which he ceases to be a Member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the same and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £10.

## 15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In accordance with FRS102 the following transaction is disclosed. Ex-gratia payment of £14,000 to Mr Rory Donnelly, Past President of the Association (2022: Mr Gavin Millar, £14,000), was made in recognition of the esteem in which he is held by the Council. The amount remained payable at year end and has been included in accruals in note 13. There is no ultimate controlling party of Gafta.

## 16 PENSION FUND

The company operates a defined contribution superannuation benefit scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £148,439 (2022: £172,017).

## 17 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

The group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

Group	Land & buildings 2023	Other 2023	Land & buildings 2022	Other 2022
Amounts due:	£	£	£	£
Within one year	51,875	0	39,555	6,542
In two to five years	90,782	0	0	0
	<u>142,657</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,555</u>	<u>6,542</u>

Company	Land & buildings 2023	Other 2023	Land & buildings 2022	Other 2022
Amounts due:	£	£	£	£
Within one year	0	0	0	6,542
In two to five years	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,542</u>

### The company as lessor:

At the end of the year the company had contracted with tenants under a non-cancellable operating lease for the top floor office space at 9, Lincoln's Inn Fields, for the following future minimum lease and service charge payments:

Group and company	Land & buildings 2023	Land & buildings 2022
Amounts receivable:	£	£
Within one year	33,786	0
In two to five years	23,852	0
	<u>57,638</u>	<u>0</u>

## 18 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (GROUP AND COMPANY)

The carrying amount of each category of the Company's financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss at 30 September were:

	2023	2022
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss:	£	£
Investments	3,087,650	2,897,126
<b>Total</b>	<u>3,087,650</u>	<u>2,897,126</u>

## 19 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At the end of the year the Company had contracted commitments under non-cancellable agreements of £224,053 (2022 £Nil) in relation to IT systems implementation.



## COUNCIL'S REPORT

For the year ended 30 September 2023

The Grain and Feed Trade Association (Gafta) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales, United Kingdom.

### Principal Activities

Gafta's principal activities are to promote and protect trade in agricultural commodities and general produce and to support and protect the character, status and interests of all persons engaged therein; to promote the consideration and discussion of all questions affecting the Trade; to establish for the Trade uniform documents for commercial usage, in particular forms of contract, and to provide facilities for the settlement of disputes by arbitration or mediation.

### Directors

Council members (who are considered to be the directors for Companies Act purposes) who held office during the year are detailed on page 38.

### Accounts

The consolidated Accounts show a loss after taxation and translation differences for the year of £111,229. The comparable figure for the previous year was a loss of £156,002. The balance on the income and expenditure reserve is £5,534,090 (2022: £5,645,319).

### Primary Risks

Gafta is a membership association supported by annual subscriptions as well as fees for specific events and services. Subscription levels are set in order to cover costs and not in order to achieve annual profits per se. Gafta is reliant on strong and stable membership numbers to meet its financial and member commitments.

The income generated from Gafta's accumulated investments is a crucial element of its overall income. In order to ensure that these investments are managed wisely professional fund managers are engaged, however ultimately this income is dependent upon factors outside of Gafta's direct control.

### Investments

The listed investment portfolio was valued at 30th September 2023 at £3,087,650 (cost: £3,061,904). This compares with £2,897,126 for the previous year (cost: £2,877,508).

### Liquidity

The consolidated Balance Sheet at 30 September 2023 shows net current liabilities of £709,520 (2022: £360,137). Creditors include deferred income of £2,124,282 (2022: £2,131,350) in relation to membership and training and event fees to be recognised in the following year. The listed investment portfolio is valued at £3,087,650 (2022: £2,897,126) and, although classified here as a fixed asset because of its intended long-term duration, is in reality highly liquid in nature.

The Management and Council are satisfied that Gafta has sufficient current funds available to meet its financial commitments.

### Staff

The average number of staff during the year was 23 (2022: 25).

### Donations

Donations made by Gafta to charitable organisations amount to £6,530 (2022: £6,680).

### Disclosure of Information to Auditors

So far as each of the Council Members at the time that this report was approved are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware and they have taken all steps they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

### Auditors

RSM UK Audit LLP have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors and a resolution for the reappointment of RSM UK Audit LLP and to authorise the Council to agree their remuneration will be proposed for the forthcoming annual general meeting.

### Future Development

Council will agree its Strategic Plan and organisational Key Performance Indicators at the January 2024 Council meeting.



## COUNCIL'S REPORT

For the year ended 30 September 2023

The Council reviewed the Association's charges for the year which have remain unchanged from 2021/22, as follows:

Category A – Traders	£ 1,700pa
Category B – Brokers	£ 900pa
Category C – Superintendents	£ 1,300pa
<i>Less discounts under the Superintendents Scheme</i>	
Category D – Arbitrators	£ 150pa
<i>Or 5% previous year's income but not more than £1,700pa</i>	
Category E – Individuals	£ 150pa
Category F – Analysts	£ 650pa
<i>Plus ring test costs</i>	
Category G – Professionals	£ 900pa
Category H – Branches	£ 300pa
Category J – Fumigation Operators	£ 800pa
Category K – General Produce	£ 600pa
Category L – Students	£ 50pa
Category M – Individuals Not Engaged in the Trade	£ 150pa

The Council have taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Council's Report.

By order of the Council

**Jean-Raymond Senger**

**President**

**8th December 2023**



## THE COUNCIL

In order of retirement:

S Agniel	Agniel Commodities, L.L.C., United States	To 19 January 2023
V Iyengar	Agrocorp International Pte Ltd., Singapore	To 19 January 2023
R Jones	Archer Daniels Midland Co., United States – Deputy President	
D Martinez	Cefetra Ibérica, S.L., Spain	To 19 January 2023
G Millar	Gemcom Ltd, United Kingdom	To 19 January 2023
R Donnelly	Comex McKinnon Ltd, Ireland – Immediate Past President	
J-R Senger	Soufflet Negoce, France – President	
S Bell	Cefetra Ltd, United Kingdom	
P Harrison	SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA, Switzerland	
N Hogarth	Cargill International S.A., Switzerland	
N Panaro	Italy	
S Wellcome	GoodMills Group GmbH, Austria	To 24 April 2023
S Albeanu	Covantis SA, Switzerland	From 19 January 2023
N Bavaud	COFCO Resources SA, Switzerland	From 19 January 2023
L de Villèle	Louis Dreyfus Company Suisse S.A., Switzerland	From 19 January 2023
D Vilà Bajona	Riera Roura, S.L., Spain	From 19 January 2023
B Arnold	The DeLong Co., Inc., United States	From 27 April 2023





## STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council, who together with the Director General, are the Directors for Companies Act purposes, is responsible for preparing the Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Council has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Council must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Council are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Council is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Council is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements and other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.



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