



THE GRAIN AND FEED TRADE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL
REPORT &
CONSOLIDATED
ACCOUNTS

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Notice is hereby given that the forty-sixth Annual General Meeting will be held at The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London, SW1X 7DR at 12.30pm on Thursday 19th January 2023, for the following purposes:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

- A To consider the adoption of the Council's Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2022.
- 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.

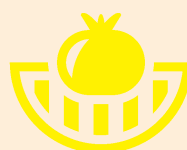
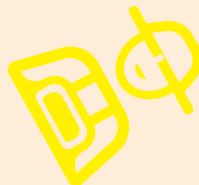
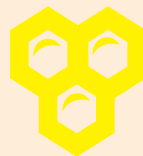
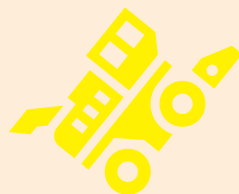
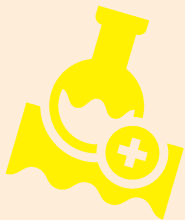
BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

9th December 2022

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 interesting year as Gafta President, that started with our AGM at The Ritz, where we officially launched Gafta's Sustainability Pledge. I have attended a number of Gafta events including a whisky/whiskey tasting event at the President's Reception in London, and was proud to address the sold-out Gafta dinner, that returned after a hiatus of two years, due to Covid.



Whilst Gafta and its members have started to return to face-to-face events and training, and something more like 'normal' working life, we have all been affected by another unexpected event – Russia's invasion of Ukraine. This has had a huge impact on exports of wheat, sunflower seeds and fertiliser, amongst other commodities, creating a most unwelcome added pressure on global food security. Closer to home, we recognise that many Gafta members in both Russia and Ukraine have been personally affected by these events, and our thoughts are with them. Gafta's four staff in the Kiev office are safe and re-opened the office in May. We all pray for peace and a speedy and just resolution.

Gafta's Director General, Jaine Chisholm Caunt, was awarded an OBE for services to promote International Free Trade in the Queen's New Year Honours List in January 2022.

I would like to thank Jaine and all the staff of the Association for their commitment to us and work on behalf of the industry.

Rory Donnelly

President

9th December 2022

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Gafta's Annual Report for 2021-22! This has been a year of unexpected challenges, as we continue to recover from the effects of Covid on the work of the association and its members. The crisis in Ukraine has exacerbated global food insecurity, and Gafta has worked with a number of associations such as COCERAL and IAFN to propose solutions to mitigate the effects of reduced exports and affected crop planting. Gafta's membership and staff are also impacted by the effects of both the crisis and international sanctions against Russia. We expect to see a consequential impact on our activities in the region, well into 2023.



In better news, we have successfully concluded the two-year 2020 Governance Review, and made a number of changes to our Articles of Association. These have the effect of bringing Gafta governance into line with best practice in UK corporate governance, modernising clauses to take account of new technology, and extending the eligibility of members to vote and stand for election to Council. We have also successfully launched our Gafta Sustainability Pledge which now has 203 Members signed up to the Pledge. See page 15 for further details.

Gafta's staff continue to work hard and support the membership, and their efforts are increasingly externally recognised. Cairo Okba was awarded Association Executive of the Year at the International & European Association Awards in 2021. Jonathan Waters was awarded Global 100 Best Barrister/Mediator 2022, Corporate INTL International Arbitration Expert of the Year 2022 and Global Advisory Experts UK Arbitration Expert of the Year 2022. At the Association Excellence Awards 2021 Gafta was awarded Bronze in the Best Membership Support During Covid-19 (800-5,000 members) category and is short-listed for the International Association of the Year award at the 2022 Association Excellence Awards.

Key Outputs for 2021/22 include:

- Agreeing a new contract to modernise and improve Gafta's CRM and website
- Formally launching The Sustainability Pledge
- Successfully concluding the 2020 Governance review
- Hosting a 'sold-out' Gafta dinner
- 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

Jaime Chisholm Caunt

Director General

9th December 2022

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 2022

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| <p>1a Review definition of 'delivery period', and demand for Gafta to develop a long-term contract, e.g. for use by WFP.</p> <p>1b Review implications of Law Commission's work on Electronic Documents on Gafta contracts.</p> <p>1c Extend and promote the MoU between Gafta and electronic trading platforms on use of Gafta contracts and data sharing.</p> | <p>Gafta website. Update on Gafta application for IMO Observer status, and attend meetings if accepted.</p> |
| <p>2a Host three Arbitration Committee meetings, publish the revised guidance for new Arbitrators, and develop a programme of mentoring support.</p> <p>2b Continue to input into the Law Commission's review of the 1996 Arbitration Act, and coordinate feedback from Gafta Arbitrators and the FCA.</p> <p>2c 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>4c Host at least two meeting of the Federation of Commodity Associations (FCA) and focus on issues of "De-Forestation" and "Corporate Governance" in 2022.</p> <p>4d Work as an active member of the two international coalitions – IAFN & 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>3a Develop a long-term, online training module aimed at Supervision firms, that is more detailed than existing Agribility modules, in line with the consultation on Gafta Sampling rules 124.</p> <p>3b Develop five new Agribility modules and grow uptake by 10%.</p> <p>3c Achieve above 75% positive approval ratings in the course evaluation and webinar feedback forms.</p> | <p>5a Increase Gafta's speaking presence at International Conferences, and develop a social media strategy to increase Gafta's online profile by 10%.</p> <p>5b 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>5c Hold the London dinner attracting 500 delegates. Promote 'London Grains Week 2022' with partner organisations and secure new support from DEFRA.</p> |
| <p>4a Hold at least two meetings of the Global 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> <p>4b Publish at least five policy submissions, position papers and articles on the trade policy section of the</p> | <p>6a Complete the work on the Gafta 2020 governance review. Hold an EGM in Q4 2022 to ratify changes to the Gafta Memorandum & Articles of Association.</p> <p>6b Finalise the settlement agreement with Trillium and explore options to upgrade our existing CRM and website with them. Establish a project oversight team with the members of the SMT to monitor the new developments and ensure contract compliance.</p> <p>6c Launch the new Sustainability Pledge at the AGM in January, and at a further event in Geneva in February, alongside the President's Reception. Aim to achieve 50 new members by end 2022. Gafta to commission an external Sustainability audit to make recommendations on actions Gafta, as an organisation can take, to improve its ESG impact.</p> |

GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

OCTOBER 2021

- Held Gafta Council meeting, **Copenhagen, Denmark**
- Held International Contracts Committee meeting, **Copenhagen, Denmark**
- Held Approved Registers Committee meeting, **Copenhagen, Denmark**
- Held Global Trade Policy Committee meeting
- Attended European Commodities Exchange Dinner and exhibited at the ECE Exhibition, **Copenhagen, Denmark**
- Attended and exhibited at GrainCom, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Attended the Arable Crop Advisory Group (ACAG) on gene editing
- Attended WTO Trade Dialogue on Food entitled "'Food Miles': Do They Help or Hurt our Planet?"
- Attended CELCCA Board meeting, **virtual**
- Participated in the IAFN quarterly call on follow up to UN Food Systems summit
- Participated in Extraordinary PSM Governing Council - 2022 Workplan
- Held meeting with Chairman, CLFMA (Compound Livestock Feed Manufacturers Association of India) - Mr. Neeraj Kumar Srivastava, Managing Director (South Central Asia) Novus Animal Nutrition (India) Pvt Ltd.
- Held meeting with Chair of ILAC Inspection Committee for closer relationship on Approved Register of Superintendents
- Held meeting with China Grain Reserve Corporation
- Chaired IGTC MRL policy working group meeting
- Co-chaired informal meeting between Mr Toussé and the IAFN Coalition for an Enhanced Codex
- Submitted response to FSA UK consultation on threats to Animal Feed
- Sent joint Gafta-GPC Letter to India FSSAI to extend relaxation on Methyl bromide MBR requirements on agricultural commodities at import post-31 October 2021
- Sent joint Gafta-GPC Letter to India on extension of derogation allowing fumigation of agricultural commodities at import
- Sent letters to Governments of Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, Indonesia requesting support for WTO SPS MC Declaration
- Provided support for CELCAA letter to EU for meeting with China's GACC clarifying aspects on registration for food companies under Decree 248 and 249
- Sent letter to UK organic bodies on lack of UK exports of organic products to EU
- Submitted fumigation paper to Correspondence Group of ADN Safety Committee regarding safe transit of fumigated goods on inland waterways

NOVEMBER 2021

- Held International Pulses Committee meeting, **virtual**
- Held Arbitration Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Sustainability Pledge Working Group meeting, **virtual**
- Held Ukrainian Regional Trade Committee meeting, **virtual**
- Held Malting Barley Expert Group, **virtual**
- Published Gaftaworld
- Held Member Webinar: Recent Court Judgements of interest to Gafta members (*61 participants*)
- Held Member Webinar: Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act (*26 participants*)
- Held Webinar with Egyptian Customs on new Nafeza and Cargo X single window system for customs procedures
- Held Understanding Gafta and Gafta Arbitration webinar for China audience
- Attended and exhibited at Global Grain, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Attended FOSFA annual dinner, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended Global Agriculture Industry Leadership Forum, **Beijing, China**
- Attended UK ACAG meeting discussions on EU and international trade policy developments
- Participated in IGTC General Assembly, **virtual**
- Attended AIC conference - Agribusiness – Managing the Green Recovery for the UK Agri-food supply chain, **virtual**



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NOVEMBER 2021 *(continued)*

- Attended meeting of the newly created AgroExport Hub at the Ministry for Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine
- Attended the Het Comité annual dinner, **Rotterdam, Netherlands**
- Sent letter to Codex Secretary, Tom Heidlindt, supporting IAFN asks on need for CCPR meeting in 2022, backlog concerns on setting MRLs and need for more scientific experts to be available in country
- Sent letter to Argentine Ministry of Agriculture raising concerns on impact of commercialization of Bioceres GMO wheat trait
- Supported COCERAL, Fefac and Fediol letter to EU Commission on New Genome Techniques Regulatory Framework
- Sent letter to Ukraine authorities requesting support for WTO SPS Declaration for MC12
- Sent letter to DEFRA and DIT requesting UK to find solution with US on import duties on corn as part of the 232 section tariffs (Steel and Aluminum Dispute)
- Sent letter to Russian authorities supported by Russian Grain Union on WTO SPS Declaration for MC12
- Sent letter to the Ukrainian State Authorities (the prime Minister of Ukraine, the Minister of Economy, the Minister of the Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food, the Minister of Health, the Ukraine Trade Envoy) highlighting the importance of Ukraine becoming signatory to the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Declaration for the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference
- Completed Gafta Ring Test Scheme Round 2:2021. Report published and Approved Register of Analysts updated

DECEMBER 2021

- Held Arbitrators' Masterclass, **London, United Kingdom** (24 participants)
- Held Arbitrators' Christmas Luncheon, **London, United Kingdom** (23 attendees)
- Held Grand Festive Lunch, **London, United Kingdom** (50 attendees)
- Held Black Sea Trade Committee meeting, **virtual**
- Held Federation of Commodity Associations meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Global Trade Policy committee meeting, **virtual**
- Held meeting with NSF International to review audits to Gafta Standards, **Woodstock, United Kingdom**
- Published Gaftaworld
- Attended the FSA importers working group on high-risk list of non-animal origin, ethylene oxide and official controls
- Participated in COCERAL Scientific and Technical working group
- Presented at COCERAL Scientific & Technical Working Group on Fumigation Processes, **virtual**
- Attended COCERAL Joint Food and Feed Safety and MAP Committee
- Attended COCERAL Market and Agricultural Policy Committee
- Gafta organized Information Sharing Forum in APAC on LLP and Biotechnology
- Attended COCERAL Food and Feed Safety Committee
- Participated in IAFN quarterly call on outcomes of UNFSS
- Attended COCERAL, Fediol, Fefac workshop on the New Genomic Techniques
- Participated in the GAABT Quarterly Call on LLP and GLI

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JANUARY 2022

- Held Gafta Annual General Meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Gafta Council meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held International Contracts Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Arbitration Committee meeting, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Know Your Gafta Contracts webinar (*47 participants*)
- Held meeting with Defra GM resources team on UK GMO authorisations process
- Gafta given consultative status at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
- Attended IGTC Global Grain Trade Round Table on consumer perceptions of plant breeding
- Attended CELCAA Board meeting, **virtual**
- Attended COCERAL Board meeting, **virtual**
- Participated in virtual meeting with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture at the Ministry for Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine
- Participated in meeting of the AgroExport Hub at the Ministry for Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine
- Attended Defra Consultation on implementing due diligence on forest risk commodities, **virtual**
- Submitted response to Defra GMO consultation on authorisation of 9 traits
- Gafta Codes of Practice for Approved Registers updated
- Gafta Ring Test Scheme Round 1:2022 commenced
- Gafta Sustainability Pledge launched at Gafta AGM: Gemcom, Louis Dreyfus, SGS, COFCO and Saxon Agriculture early signatories

FEBRUARY 2022

- Held Gafta working group on Fumigation (Phosphine)
- Held Gafta 124 Review - Expert Group Meeting
- Published Gaftaworld
- Held Gafta working group to complete response to UK Consultation on due diligence for forest risk commodities
- Held webinar on Fumigation - impact of reduction of use of phosphine in EU
- Held meeting with Detia Degesch GmbH on fumigation issues in relation to UNECE committee
- Attended International Maritime Organisation meeting on Gafta's consultative status
- Attended the Arable Chain Advisory Group
- Attended IGTC working group call on Global Low Level Presence in preparation for GLI
- Participated in virtual meeting with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture at the Ministry for Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine
- Attended the Ukrainian Grain Summit, **Kiev, Ukraine**
- Contributed to IAFN Codex enhancement coalition letter to new Chair of Codex Committee, Mr Steve Warne
- Sent letter to China Mission to WTO and to GCC on exports from Ukraine, vessels with missing documentation
- Sent letter to Hungarian PM questioning export restrictions on agricultural commodities
- Submitted Gafta response to Defra questions on GMO approvals in UK
- Submitted Gafta response to Defra consultation on forest risk commodities/deforestation
- Sent joint Gafta-GPC letter to Minister of Commerce and Industry, India on restrictions on import of mung beans
- Cefetra Group BV signed Gafta Sustainability Pledge



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MARCH 2022

- Held President's Reception, **London, United Kingdom** (40 attendees)
- Held UK Trade Committee, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held Member Webinar: Possible Sanctions for Ukraine (92 participants)
- Held Gafta 124 Review - Expert Group Meeting, **virtual**
- Held Approved Registers Committee, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held NSF International Assessor meeting and training, **London, United Kingdom**
- Held meeting with FOSFA about possible cooperation on Superintendents Scheme
- Held meeting with Syngenta CH - EU MRL policy for feeds
- Held meeting with Intercedent - Best Practices in Addressing Agri Trade Barriers in Indo-Pacific
- Held meeting with Canadian Mission to WTO
- Held meeting with Croplife International, **virtual**
- Held working group meeting with Defra to raise urgency on removal of UK retaliatory section 232 tariffs on corn
- Attended FEGRA annual dinner, **Brussels, Belgium**
- Attended meeting with the International Fertiliser Association
- Attended Arable Chain Advisory Committee on Arable crops on Ukraine conflict and UK impact
- Represented Gafta in the FSA importers working group 3
- Attended Gaabt meeting to prepare for GLI LLP meeting on 23rd March
- Attended Croplife meeting on Glyphosate issues in Mexico
- Attended COCERAL Scientific and Technical Working Group
- Attended COCERAL Food Safety and Market and Agricultural Policy committees
- Attended COCERAL Joint Food and Feed Safety and Markets committee
- Attended Ukraine-COCERAL/UNISTOCK Meeting with EU Member State Representatives
- Chaired IGTC MRL working group
- Attended IGTC CBP policy team meeting to agree on speaking points relating to CBP
- Attended CELCAA Exchange with EU Commission DG ENVI on due diligence requirements for deforestation free products
- Attended CELCAA Seminar on "Reconciling Sustainability and openness - Trade perspectives in agri-food and commodities"
- Attended the 9th Meeting of the Global Low Level Presence initiative (Government/Industry)
- Participated in COCERAL call on Ukraine situation
- Participated in Informal Workshop on Precautionary EU policies
- Participated in IAFN quarterly call
- Submitted question on GB GMO approvals to the FSA Board meeting
- Sent letter to China Customs Authority regarding goods afloat from Ukraine
- Sent letter to the Hungarian Prime Minister on Hungarian restrictions on exports of agricultural commodities
- Sent joint Gafta-GPC letter to WTO DG opposing export restrictions and also need for flexible trade policies
- Submitted response to UK consultation on due diligence of forest risk commodities
- Sent letter to the WTO opposing Bulgaria's restrictions impacting on free trade of agricultural commodities
- Drafted and supported IAFN letter to FAO DG on impact of current Ukraine crisis on keeping trade open and including more flexibility in policies in importing countries
- Sent joint Gafta-AIC letter to Secretary of State, DIT on economic restrictions placed on Russia by UK
- Sent letter to China Embassy London on Goods in transit to China from Ukraine without documentation
- Sent letter to China Embassy Kiev on Goods in transit to China from Ukraine without documentation
- Sent letter to Indian FSSAI on extension of relaxation measures re Methyl bromide MBR fumigation at import on agricultural commodities post March 2022
- Held Gafta Council meeting, **London, United Kingdom**



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APRIL 2022

- Held Ukrainian Regional Trade Committee meeting, **virtual**
- Held Gafta 124 Review - Expert Group meeting, **virtual**
- Held Know Your Gafta Contracts webinar (30 participants)
- Held Member Webinar: Safe Ports (79 participants)
- Held Trade Foundation Course, **London, United Kingdom** (37 delegates)
- Presented at ComRisk, **London, United Kingdom**
- Published Gaftaworld
- Presented at Gafta-Stephenson Harwood LLP webinar on Safe Ports
- Held Gafta meeting with Defra unit on due diligence consultation
- Presented Gafta Approved Registers to all national accreditation bodies at ILAC Inspection Committee, **virtual**
- Attended Northern Ireland Grain Trade Association annual dinner, **Holywood, United Kingdom**
- Attended IGTC PBI working group
- Attended 2nd IAFN Codex enhancement group call
- Attended IAFN meeting of Codex enhancement group – funding partners
- Attended IGTC LLP working group
- Attended COCERAL crisis unit – Ukraine meeting, **virtual**
- Sent joint Gafta-AIC letter to Defra on 30% duties applied to agricultural commodities from Russian – derogation for goods afloat
- Sent draft letter to IAFN group addressed to Dr Qu, FAO, DG on Russia Ukraine crisis
- Submitted Gafta response to APHA on review of GSOP1 Phytosanitary Procedures
- Agrocrop International Pte Ltd signed Gafta Sustainability Pledge

MAY 2022

- Held Commodity Dispute Resolution course, **Bordeaux, France** (14 delegates)
- Held Gafta International Pulses Committee, **Dubai, UAE**
- Held Black Sea Trade Committee meeting, **virtual**
- Held China online seminar to provide overview of Gafta services and Rules 123/124/125 (130 participants)
- Held Gafta working group preparing panel on Sustainability
- Attended, presented and chaired at Global Pulse Confederation conference, **Dubai, UAE**
- Presented at International Fertilizer Association Conference, **Vienna, Austria**
- Presented at LIDW Member hosted event, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended and exhibited at GrainCom, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Moderated Gafta Panel at GrainCom "Sustainability in the agricultural commodity trade – commitments to common challenges throughout the value chain", **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Moderated panel session at Het Comité seminar "Upcoming Challenges for the supply chains and sustainability", **Rotterdam, Netherlands**
- Attended COCERAL Board meeting, **Rotterdam, Netherlands**
- Attended COCERAL General Assembly, **Rotterdam, Netherlands**
- Attended Scottish Corn Trade Association annual dinner, **Edinburgh, United Kingdom**
- Attended Defra Arable Chain Advisory Group (ACAG) meeting, **virtual**
- Attended "EU deforestation-free regulation: making it work. From practical impediments to success for key commodity supply chains"
- Attended FSA Food Industry Liaison Group Meeting on Ukraine situation and incidents in Food chain
- Attended EU Commission Solidarity Lanes webinar: situation on the ground in the broader Danube region incl. the Black Sea ports
- Held meeting with DANAK (Danish Accreditation Body) regarding Gafta approval for superintendents with ISO17020
- Held IGTC MRL policy paper review meeting
- Held lunch meeting with Minister Counsellor, Korean Mission, Australian, Canadian



GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

MAY 2022 *(continued)*

- Held meeting with WTO External Relations division
- Participated in COCERAL Crisis Unit call on Ukraine
- Sent letter to Indian authorities on export ban on wheat
- Sent letter to WTO DG opposing India export ban on wheat
- Completed Gafta Ring Test Scheme Round 1:2022. Report published and Approved Register of Analysts updated

JUNE 2022

- Held Gafta Annual Dinner, **London, United Kingdom** (499 attendees)
- Hosted Commodity Arbitration lunch, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Held Gafta Global Trade Policy Committee, **virtual**
- Attended IAFN (International Agri-Food Network) meetings and AGM, **Rome, Italy**
- Lectured at London Arbitration School, **London, United Kingdom**
- Published Gaftaworld
- Attended IGTC working group meetings and strategy session, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended International Grains Council Conference, **London, United Kingdom**
- Attended WTO debriefing for Ministerial Conference
- Attended EUROSEEDS webinar: policy considerations for NGTs
- Attended CELCAA AGM
- Attended Croplife Europe webinar on EU Sustainable Food Systems initiative
- Attended WTO Ministerial Conference 12, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Attended Private Sector Debriefs, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Attended webinar EU consultation with Croplife Europe on new genomic techniques
- Attended meeting with the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- Held meetings with China Mission to WTO and Brazil Mission to WTO on food security, trade facilitation and Ukraine
- Chaired IGTC MRL working group
- Held webinar Gafta-Defra Genetic Technology (PB) Bill discussion
- Presented at Corteva Agriscience meeting on the impact of the Ukraine-Russia conflict on Chinese grain safety and Gafta No.125, **Beijing, China**
- Attended meeting with the State Railways concerning export and logistics issues within the Ukrainian conflict
- Sent letter to Minister Goyal, India seeking clarification on certain aspects of the wheat export ban
- Submitted Gafta WTO Public Forum Proposal
- Sent joint letter with AIC, NFU and Agricultural Biotech Council to FSA Chair discussing lack of GMO approvals in Great Britain
- Sent letter to Defra on request for information on possible temporary relaxation of GB MRLs due to Ukraine crisis



GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

JULY 2022

- Held Know Your Gafta Contracts webinar (*62 participants*)
- Held South-East Asia Regional Trade Committee meeting
- Attended Defra Arable Chain Advisory Group (ACAG) meeting, **virtual**
- Attended IAFN Extraordinary Meeting, **virtual**
- Held meeting with WTO secretariat on General Affairs Council meeting
- Participated in COCERAL Crisis Unit call – Ukraine issues
- Attended FSA Importers Working Group (IMPWG) meeting focus on high-risk list of food and feed products, avian flu
- Attended Preparation for WTO Public Forum 2022 – Codex enhancement working session
- Held meeting with new Commercial Director at Sciantec to review Ring Test Scheme delivery
- Attended CCPR53
- Attended meeting with the Deputy Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine concerning the opening of the deep sea ports from the 1st August 2022
- Attended meeting with the Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- Submitted Gafta's response to EU Public Consultation on Plants produced by New Genome Techniques
- Agreement reached with NSF International to return to on-site auditing for Gafta Standards from 1 January 2023
- Gafta Ring Test Scheme Round 2:2022 commenced

AUGUST 2022

- Attended AAFC/GLI Secretariat meeting with GAABT representatives
- Participated in FSA Precision Breeding Bill call with Regulatory Affairs DG
- Attended UK FSA Precision Breeding Supply Chain Stakeholder Workshop
- Attended UN ADN Safety Committee meeting to support Gafta position on safe transit of fumigated goods on inland waterways
- Attended meeting with the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- Participated in Canada-UK FTA discussions with Canadian government
- Attended IGTC eDocs Working Group Meeting
- Held meeting with WTO Secretariat of SPS committee
- Represented IGTC MRL working group in meeting with Chair of SPS committee, Mr Tang Kai Wang, WTO
- Sent letter to Indonesian authorities on requirements for permits for samples for export
- Bureau Veritas Group signed Gafta Sustainability Pledge

SEPTEMBER 2022

- Held Commodity Shipping course, **Budapest, Hungary** (*23 delegates*)
- Held South-East Asia Arbitration Webinar (*100+ participants*)
- Held UK Trade Committee meeting, **virtual**
- Held International Pulses Committee meeting, **virtual**
- Held Ukrainian Regional Trade Committee meeting, **virtual**
- Held Black Sea Trade Committee meeting, **virtual**
- Held Gafta 124 Review - Expert Group meeting, **virtual**
- Panel Member at Women in Agribusiness summit, **Dallas, United States**
- Held meetings with SGS, Swiss Trade and Shipping Association and Cargill, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Published Gaftaworld
- Attended meeting with the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- Participated in COCERAL Crisis Unit call – Ukraine issues
- Presented to WTO SPS committee Chair Mr. Tang- Kai Wang, Permanent Mission of Taiwan as part of IGTC Grain Round Table event – MRL Policy
- Attended COCERAL Scientific Working group, **virtual**



GAFTA YEAR IN REVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2022 *(continued)*

- Attended IAFN briefing call on WTO Public Forum working session “Using better Trade rules and more international standards to improve the resiliency of International Agri Food Value Chains”
- Attended COCERAL Food and Feed Safety committee, **virtual**
- Attended COCERAL Markets and Analysis Committee, **virtual**
- Attended FSA importers working group
- Participated in Gaabt quarterly call
- Attended PSM Climate workshop
- Attended the 3rd IAFN quarterly meeting on Codex enhancement
- Attended IAFN Extraordinary Meeting
- Attended IMO committee
- Attended 2nd IAFN briefing call on WTO Public Forum working session “Using better Trade rules and more international standards to improve the resiliency of International Agri Food Value Chains”
- Attended USDA Seminar – Harnessing agricultural biotechnology to address climate change, food security, and health
- Attended WTO Public Forum, **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Attended IAFN climate change working group
- Speaker on IAFN Panel “Using better Trade rules and more international standards to improve the resiliency of International Agri Food Value Chains”
- Attended COCERAL working group on the mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (MOAH) in food crisis
- Participated in PSM Governing Council, quarterly call
- Gafta Standard audits recommenced in Ukraine
- Sustainability article published in Feed Planet magazine

AWARDS

Queen New Year Honours List – Order of the British Empire (OBE) – **Jaine Chisholm Caunt**

The Association Excellence Awards 2021 - Best Membership Support During Covid-19 (800-5,000 members) – Bronze – **Gafta**

Global 100 – Best Barrister/Mediator 2022 – **Jonathan Waters**

Corporate INTL – International Arbitration Expert of the Year 2022 – **Jonathan Waters**

Global Advisory Experts – UK Arbitration Expert of the Year 2022 – **Jonathan Waters**

International & European Association Awards 2021 – Association Executive of the Year Winner – **Cairo Okba**



SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE

Sustainable business practices encompass economic and social development while managing and protecting environmental resources. Sustainable practices aim to meet the needs of today, without compromising future generations' ability to meet their needs. Gafta encourages its members around the world to operate sustainably in their local and global environments through participation the wide range of statutory and voluntary initiatives available.



Launched at the AGM in January 2022, the Gafta Sustainability Pledge provides members with public recognition of their commitment to sustainable business practices. It enables members to promote their sustainable practices in one place and provides them with a simple, visual means of publicly demonstrating their commitment by using the Sustainability Pledge logo. Through the Sustainability Pledge, and the work Gafta carries out in this area, members will benefit from an increased awareness of sustainable business practices in our sector, which in turn enables them to meet consumer demand for sustainable goods, to meet public and private procurement requirements, and to meet their own company objectives.

Gafta is pleased to report that 203 Members have signed up to the pledge, ranging from multi-national to single office companies, which demonstrates the commitment within the industry – regardless of size of operation – to sustainable business practices.

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.

June Arnold, Head of Policy

Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation – Athy, Kildare, Ireland

June Arnold spent her voluntary work experience in Ireland's largest provider of Addiction Treatment Services and Residential Rehabilitation. The treatment clinic aims to provide rehabilitation of persons suffering from alcohol, drug and gambling addictions. June spent her time in the Ladies alcohol detox unit (12-week programme) and also in Male drug detox unit (20-week programme). Cuan Mhuire was founded in 1966 and treats 660 residents in treatment centres across Ireland with 2,400 people admitted annually. Over 40% of residents are homeless at the time of admission so fundraising and donations are critical. It aims to provide an environment for people who feel rejected and dejected because of their addiction and to deal with underlying problems relating to these addictions and leave with the tools to start recovery.

www.cuanmhuire.ie



Photo: (l-r) Nicola Kelly, Manager, Cuan Mhuire, Athy; June Arnold; Gerry McElroy, CEO Cuan Mhuire

EMPLOYER SUPPORTED VOLUNTEER WORK

Abi Buxo, Executive**Assistant**

School Orienteering Day – Reading, United Kingdom

I spent a day volunteering at Manor Primary School in Reading, for year 3 and 4 (ages ranging from 7-9 years old) orienteering day. The orienteering day took place inside the school and also outdoors. I was posted at control point to help with tracking teams, and generally support and answer questions the groups of children/teams had. It was a long day as the volunteer staff had to go to each orienteering control point, and check that the correct signage had been put up making sure that the signs were visible enough. All in all, it was a successful day and not as daunting as some of the groups thought it would be at the beginning.



Photos: Abi with Fiona Swain, Manor Primary School headteacher; Abi at an orienteering course control point

It's well known that the aim of orienteering is to complete the course in the quickest time, but actually for the kids it's to encourage team building, sense of achievement, and fun!

Holly Sisman, Operations Manager

Ecology Centre Visit – London, United Kingdom

In January 2022 I attended Sacred Heart RC Primary School to provide volunteer support to Year 1 who were attending Islington Ecology Centre in Gillespie Park as part of their Humanities curriculum. The aim of the trip was for the children to gain an understanding about the importance of maps and use compass directions to navigate.

The children initially undertook a classroom-based lesson where I supported a small group in creating their own map using symbols which included boundaries, roads/paths, tourist information and natural features. We then enjoyed answering worksheet questions to emphasize their learning.

Following this my group took part in a practical activity whereby they had to find important landmarks around Gillespie Park using compass directions. Each group had a different task to complete as part of their orienteering experience and at the end of our time exploring, I supported the group in presenting their answers to the whole class.

The morning proved to be great fun and it was wonderful to watch such young children engage in their lesson, work together successfully and ultimately learn new skills in a local community setting.



EMPLOYER SUPPORTED VOLUNTEER WORK

Chris Simpson, Head of Operations

School Governor Head Teacher Recruitment – London, United Kingdom

I became a School Governor of my local church primary school, Immanuel and St Andrew Primary School in south London in January 2022 and was immediately brought into the recruitment process to secure a new Headteacher for the school. Whilst much of School Governor work is outside Gafta's business hours, the Headteacher interviews took place during this time. Pleasingly, a Headteacher was appointed following the interviews. Chris is pictured here (back left) with the other panel members and advisors to the panel.

**Jonathan Waters, General Counsel**

Governance Training Day – Suffolk, United Kingdom

South Suffolk Learning Trust (SSLT) is a company which operates a number of primary and secondary schools in South Suffolk/N.E Essex. It has 550 employees and a budget of £25m.

I have been a board member for the last 4 years. Previously, I was Chair of the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee. I am now Chair of the board.

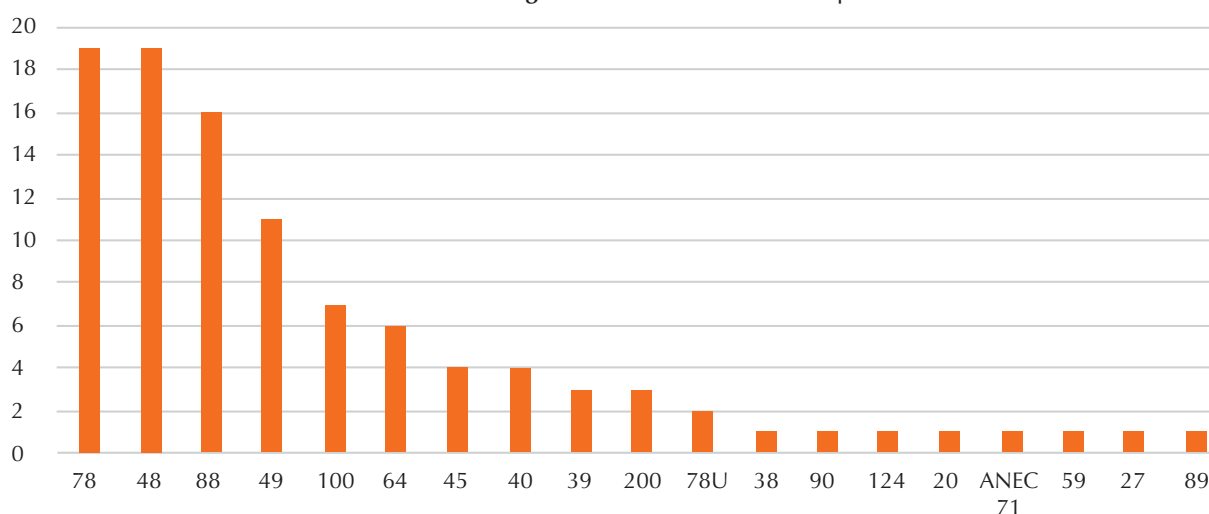
The 'Day' was a governance day. It was attended by the board and representatives of the various schools and their governing bodies. Its aim was to discuss governance and wider sector issues, including collaborative working.



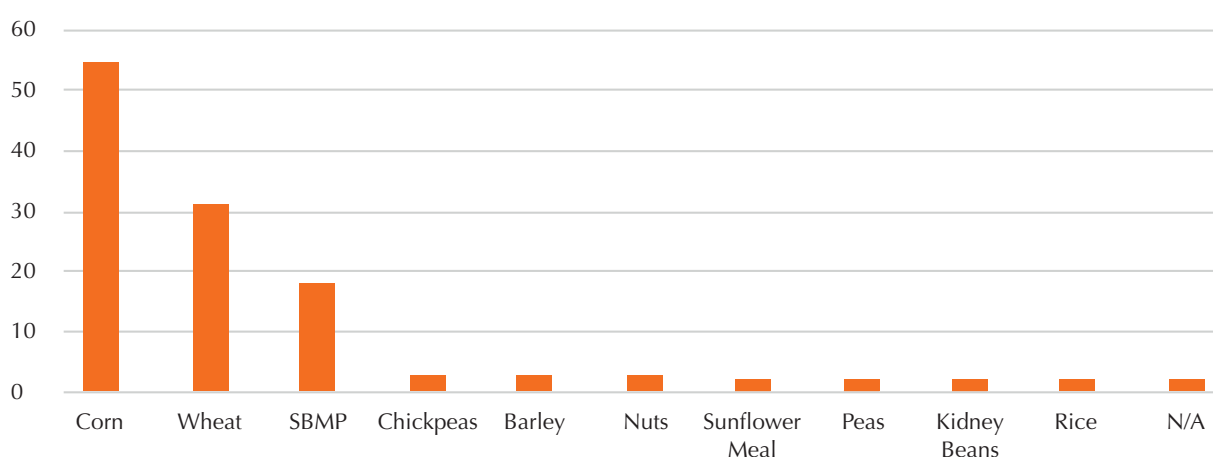
ARBITRATION STATISTICS

Period: 1 Oct 2021-30 Sept 2022	Total
Number of new First Tier cases	262 (18% decrease on previous year)
Number of new Appeals	21 (19% increase on previous year)
Number of First Tier Awards issued	133 (16% increase on previous year)
Number of Appeal Awards issued	17 (12% decrease on previous year)
Percentage of First Tier Cases that have been Appealed	16%
Percentage of Appeals, where First Tier Award was upheld	71%

Most Common Contract Usage 1st October 2021-30th September 2022



Most Common Commodity Featured 1st October 2021-30th September 2022

**Damages Awarded**

The aggregate value damages awarded for Awards issued between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022 is:

Awards issued in US Dollars: **US\$84,068,125.95** (previous year: US\$117,426,418.52)

Awards issued in Euros: **€5,051,055.53** (previous year: €3,904,592.04)

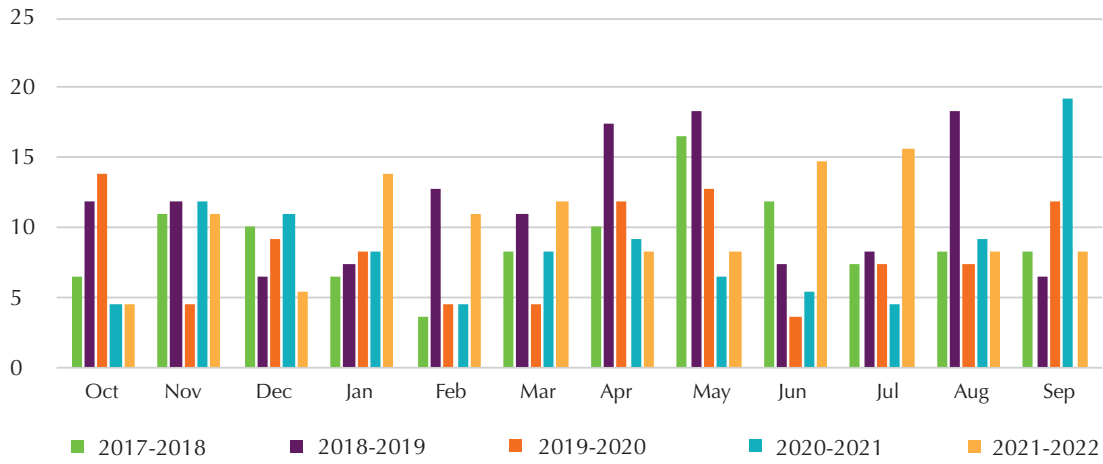
Awards issued in GBP: **£3,395,185.23** (previous year: £30,414.00)

With all sums converted to US\$, the total damages awarded amounts to **US\$92,514,366.71** (previous year: US\$122,846,616.91)

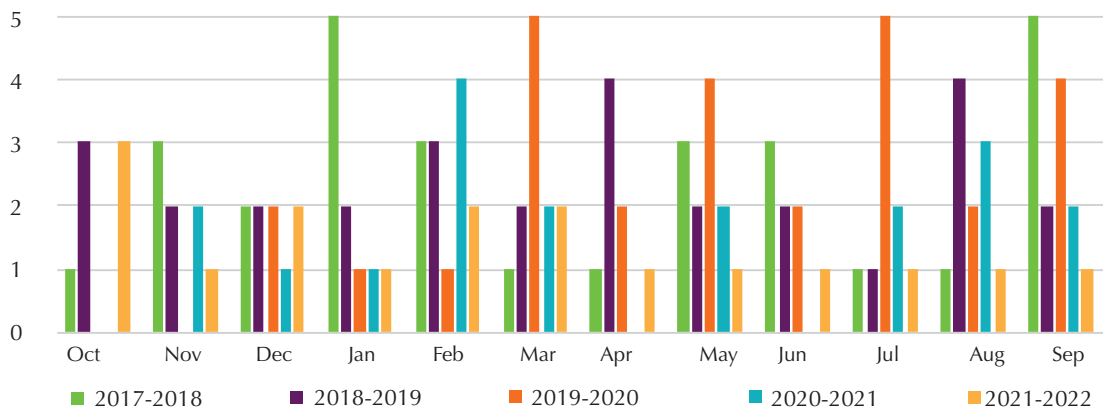


ARBITRATION STATISTICS

First Tier Awards issued



Appeal Awards issued



TRAINING & EVENTS STATISTICS

GAFTA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES AND IN-PERSON EVENTS

Gafta hosted three **GPD courses** to great success. The registrations totalled 74 and the students benefitted from expert knowledge from our in-house specialists and member law firms. 100% positive feedback was received for all events run in this period. Gafta also held the **Arbitrators' Masterclass** in London in December, although our numbers were slightly depleted due to the occurrence of a new Covid-19 variant restricting travel to the UK. This similarly affected the numbers at our December networking events, the **Arbitrators' Christmas Lunch** and the **Grand Festive Lunch**. Despite the lower numbers, the events were well received, and members appreciated the opportunity to re-connect with colleagues and contacts.

The **President's Reception** was moved from Geneva to London due to travel restrictions at the start of the year. However, the event gained good traction and was generously sponsored by HFW. It was a pleasure to welcome the incoming president with this special evening event.

ONLINE COURSES

Gafta's **Know Your Gafta Contracts** seminar online has continued to prove extremely popular and will continue to be run every quarter in future years. The registrations have totalled 139 which is an increase on the same period last year.

After the introduction of the **Member Webinar Series** in early 2021, the series has proved extremely successful. Gafta has hosted four member webinars in conjunction with Gafta member law firms totalling 258 participants and a further webinar for our Singapore delegation which attracted over 100 registrations.

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME

100 new students commenced the Gafta Distance Learning Programme (DLP) during the year (compared to 108 last year).

27 DLP students passed module 6, the final DLP module (compared to 46 last year).

AGRIBILITY SHORT COURSES

Across our 23 modules there has been a total of 291 enrolments between 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022. (Compared with 276 enrolments last year on 16 modules between 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021.)

EXTERNAL EVENTS

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



MEMBERSHIP

Membership by Category	2021	2022
A – Trading Companies	478	493
B – Brokers	86	76
C – Superintendents	610	600
D – Qualified Arbitrators	80	77
E – Individuals	37	42
F – Analysts	340	330
G – Professional Firms	73	81
H – Branches of Members	9	9

Membership by Country	2021	2022
Albania	0	1
Algeria	1	1
Angola	1	1
Argentina	77	78
Australia	30	30
Austria	6	9
Bangladesh	4	5
Belgium	16	16
Benin	0	1
Brazil	73	81
British Virgin Islands	3	4
Bulgaria	27	32
Canada	39	45
Cayman Islands	1	1
Chile	6	5
China	26	23
Colombia	2	2
Côte d'Ivoire	1	3
Croatia	11	13
Cyprus	6	6
Czech Republic	3	3
Denmark	17	16
Ecuador	3	3
Egypt	28	25
Estonia	14	13
Ethiopia	1	0
Finland	8	10
France	47	47
Georgia	1	1
Germany	46	47
Ghana	1	1
Greece	15	16
Honduras	1	1
Hong Kong	3	2
Hungary	29	29
Iceland	1	0
India	66	66
Indonesia	24	24
Iran	21	23
Ireland, Republic of	7	6
Israel	7	7
Italy	63	61
Japan	2	2
Jordan	2	3
Kazakhstan	8	8
Kenya	8	8
Latvia	20	20
Lebanon	5	6
Libya	0	2
Lithuania	23	21
Luxembourg	3	3
Malawi	1	0
Malaysia	13	14

Membership by Category	2021	2022
J – Fumigation Operators	157	168
K – International General Produce	15	13
L – Students	13	11
M – Individuals Not Engaged in The Trade	4	5
Extraordinary Member	1	2
Honorary Member	0	1
Total	1903	1908

Membership by Country	2021	2022
Malta	3	3
Mexico	13	14
Moldova	7	6
Morocco	9	8
Mozambique	0	2
Myanmar	1	1
Netherlands	70	64
New Zealand	1	1
Nicaragua	1	1
Nigeria	2	5
Norway	6	8
Oman	4	4
Pakistan	5	6
Paraguay	5	5
Peru	9	6
Philippines	5	6
Poland	18	18
Portugal	11	10
Qatar	3	2
Romania	52	54
Russia	112	106
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	1
Saudi Arabia	5	4
Senegal	0	1
Serbia	15	14
Singapore	34	34
Slovakia	2	3
Slovenia	3	3
South Africa	10	11
South Korea	5	5
Spain	45	41
Sudan	2	2
Sweden	3	4
Switzerland	97	97
Syria	3	3
Tanzania	5	5
Thailand	15	17
Togo	0	2
Tunisia	4	3
Turkey	66	70
Uganda	1	1
Ukraine	128	113
United Arab Emirates	47	51
United Kingdom	135	138
United States of America	74	70
Uruguay	26	23
Vietnam	13	12
Yemen	2	3
Zambia	1	0
Zimbabwe	2	2
Total	1903	1908
Countries	98	99



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 2022 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Income and 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 2022 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.

CLAIRE SUTHERLAND (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

For the year ended 30 September 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Turnover			
Fees and subscriptions	2	2,600,701	2,460,752
Cost of sales		<u>-286,635</u>	<u>-169,428</u>
Gross profit		2,314,066	2,291,324
Staff costs	3	-2,033,964	-1,850,678
Other administrative expenses		-1,314,308	-1,376,489
Other operating income	4	<u>1,214,453</u>	<u>948,198</u>
		<u>-2,133,819</u>	<u>-2,278,969</u>
Group operating profit	5	180,247	12,355
Income from fixed asset investments	6	91,208	124,570
(Loss) on disposal of fixed asset investments	6	-120,216	0
Other interest receivable	7	213	174
Changes in fair value of fixed asset investments	10	<u>-378,555</u>	<u>227,779</u>
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		-227,103	364,878
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	8	71,101	-119,886
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		-156,002	244,992
Other comprehensive income:			
Currency translation differences		0	0
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		-156,002	244,992
Reserves at 1 October		5,801,321	5,556,329
Reserves at 30 September		5,645,319	5,801,321

COMPANY STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS

For the year ended 30 September 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Reserves at 1 October	5,779,014	5,531,892
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	-153,957	247,122
Reserves at 30 September	5,625,057	5,779,014

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

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



CONSOLIDATED AND COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

at 30 September 2022

Company Registration number 1006456

	Note	2022				2021			
		Group £	Group £	Company £	Company £	Group £	Group £	Company £	Company £
Fixed assets									
Tangible assets	9		3,201,145		3,201,145		3,218,418		3,218,418
Investments	10		2,897,126		2,925,351		3,390,223		3,418,448
Current assets									
Debtors	11	1,003,946		1,003,946		930,999		930,999	
Cash at bank and in hand	12	3,002,125		2,981,299		2,618,719		2,587,550	
		4,006,071		3,985,245		3,549,718		3,518,549	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	-4,366,208		-4,393,869		-4,175,892		-4,195,255	
Net current liabilities			-360,137		-408,624		-626,174		-676,706
Provisions for liabilities									
Provision for deferred taxation	8(d)	-92,815		-92,815		-181,146		-181,146	
			-92,815		-92,815		-181,146		-181,146
Total assets less current liabilities			5,645,319		5,625,057		5,801,321		5,779,014
Income and expenditure reserve			5,645,319		5,625,057		5,801,321		5,779,014

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 2022 was £227,489. 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 9th December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Rory Donnelly, President

Jean-Raymond Senger, Deputy President

Jaine Chisholm Caunt OBE, Director General



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 September 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		-156,002	244,992
Adjustments for			
Depreciation and impairment of fixed assets	9	60,781	264,457
Net fair value losses/(gains) on fixed asset investments recognised in income	10	378,555	-227,779
Interest receivable	7	-213	-174
Dividend income from fixed asset investments	6	-91,208	-91,058
Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed asset investments	6	120,216	-33,512
Taxation expense	8	-71,101	119,886
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	11	-72,947	152,807
(Decrease)/increase in provisions	8(d)	-88,331	74,954
Increase in creditors	13	190,316	33,511
Cash from operations		270,066	538,084
Taxation paid	8	71,101	-119,886
Net cash generated from operating activities		341,167	418,198
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received	7	213	174
Dividends received from fixed asset investments	6	91,208	91,058
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	9	-43,508	-28,028
Purchase of fixed asset investments	10	-1,282,718	-310,967
Sale of fixed asset investments	10	1,277,044	328,825
Net cash from investing activities		42,239	81,062
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		383,406	499,260
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		2,618,719	2,119,459
Foreign exchange gains and losses		0	0
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		3,002,125	2,618,719

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

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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 93.4% of total fees and subscriptions (2021: 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.



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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.



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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 2022 shows net current liabilities of £360,137 (2021: Net current liabilities of £626,174). Creditors include deferred income of £2,131,350 (2021: £2,103,390) in relation to membership and event fees to be recognised in the following year.

The listed investment portfolio is valued at £2,897,126 (2021: £3,390,223) 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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Membership fees	1,960,199	1,913,126
Arbitration services	640,502	547,626
	<u>2,600,701</u>	<u>2,460,752</u>



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3 EMPLOYEES

	Group 2022 £	Company 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Company 2021 £
Staff costs consist of:				
Wages and salaries	1,614,476	1,355,109	1,506,953	1,248,808
Social security costs	166,397	166,397	145,046	145,046
Defined contribution pension cost	172,017	172,017	134,878	134,878
Other staff costs	81,074	80,641	63,801	60,126
	<u>2,033,964</u>	<u>1,774,164</u>	<u>1,850,678</u>	<u>1,588,858</u>

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

	Group 2022 No.	Company 2022 No.	Group 2021 No.	Company 2021 No.
London	17	17	17	17
Kiev	5	0	5	0
Geneva	1	1	1	1
Beijing	1	1	1	1
Singapore	1	0	1	0
	<u>25</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>19</u>

4 OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Approved Registers income	608,713	617,595
Events	120,121	27,840
Training and DLP	344,518	289,599
Coronavirus job retention scheme income	0	10,764
Other income	141,101	2,400
	<u>1,214,453</u>	<u>948,198</u>

5 OPERATING PROFIT

	2022 £	2021 £
This is arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	60,781	264,457
Amounts payable under operating leases	67,279	60,496
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts	16,950	14,250
Fees payable to the company's auditor for taxation compliance services	4,250	4,150
Government grants	0	-10,764
	<u>0</u>	<u>-10,764</u>

6 INCOME FROM FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Interest and dividends received	91,208	91,058
(Loss)/profit on disposal of fixed asset investments	-120,216	33,512
	<u>-29,008</u>	<u>124,570</u>

7 OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	2022 £	2021 £
Interest on deposits and investments	213	174



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8 TAXATION

	Consolidated 2022 £	Consolidated 2021 £
a) The tax charge comprises:		
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax on surplus for the year	11,329	42,512
Overseas tax	5,900	2,420
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	1	0
Total current tax (note 7(b))	17,230	44,932
Deferred Tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-88,331	41,420
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	0	0
Effect of tax rate change on opening balance	0	33,534
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-71,101	119,886
b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year:		
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	-227,142	366,332
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the small companies rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020: 19%)	-43,157	69,603
Effects of:		
Fixed asset timing differences	8,850	15,922
Expenses not deductible for taxation purposes	77,828	4,369
Income not taxable for tax purposes	-23,618	-67,576
Adjustments to brought forward values	0	0
Non-taxable dividend income	-9,228	-9,849
Chargeable (losses)/gains	-61,186	47,331
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior year	1	0
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior year - deferred tax	0	0
Overseas tax	5,900	2,420
Adjust opening deferred tax to average rate of 19%	0	0
Adjust closing deferred tax to average rate of 19%	0	0
Remeasurement of deferred tax for changes in tax rates	-19,528	47,490
Deferred tax not recognised	-6,963	10,176
Other movements in respect of deferred tax	0	0
Current tax charge for period (note 7(a))	-71,101	119,886
c) Factors that may affect future tax charges:		
At the end of the year the Association had unutilised trade losses carried forward of approximately £nil (2021: £41,097).		
d) Deferred tax:	2022 £	2021 £
Provision at 1 October	181,146	106,192
Deferred tax (credited)/charged in the Statement of comprehensive income for the period	-88,331	74,954
Provision at 30 September	92,815	181,146
Accelerated capital allowances	25,659	19,022
Short term timing differences	-3,000	-192
Capital gains	70,156	162,316
	92,815	181,146



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9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - GROUP AND COMPANY

	Freehold land and buildings	Office Equipment	Office Furniture	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2021	3,600,000	217,776	95,370	3,913,146
Additions	0	43,508	0	43,508
Disposals	0	-205,785	0	-205,785
At 30 September 2022	3,600,000	55,499	95,370	3,750,869
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 October 2021	389,760	209,601	95,367	694,728
Charge for year	55,680	5,098	3	60,781
Disposals	0	-205,785	0	-205,785
At 30 September 2022	445,440	8,914	95,370	549,724
Net book value at 30 September 2022	3,154,560	46,585	0	3,201,145
Net book value at 30 September 2021	3,210,240	8,175	3	3,218,418

10 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Group 2022	Company 2022	Group 2021	Company 2021
	£	£	£	£
Opening fair value	3,390,223	3,390,223	3,146,790	3,146,790
Additions	1,282,718	1,282,718	310,967	310,967
Disposals	-1,397,260	-1,397,260	-295,313	-295,313
(Losses)/gains on remeasurement to fair value	-378,555	-378,555	227,779	227,779
Investment in subsidiary company	0	28,225	0	28,225
Market value	2,897,126	2,925,351	3,390,223	3,418,448
Historical cost	2,877,508	2,905,733	2,992,051	3,020,276

11 DEBTORS GROUP AND COMPANY

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	769,092	769,687
Prepayments and accrued income	234,854	161,312
	1,003,946	930,999

12 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Group and Company cash and cash equivalents include the sum of £1,780,800 (2021: £1,587,181) 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 2022	Company 2022	Group 2021	Company 2021
	£	£	£	£
Members subscriptions and training income rendered in advance	2,131,350	2,131,350	2,103,390	2,103,390
Trade creditors	224,150	224,150	229,672	229,672
Arbitration creditor - Deposits held	1,780,800	1,780,800	1,587,181	1,587,181
Corporation tax	11,273	11,273	42,511	42,511
Other tax and social security	46,894	46,330	48,545	43,108
Due to subsidiary	0	28,225	0	28,225
Accruals and deferred income	171,741	171,741	164,593	161,168
	4,366,208	4,393,869	4,175,892	4,195,255



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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 Gavin Millar, Past President of the Association (2021: there was no change in President and no ex-gratia payment made), 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 £172,017 (2021: £134,774).

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 2022	Other 2022	Land & buildings 2021	Other 2021
Amounts due:	£	£	£	£
Within one year	39,555	6,542	46,196	11,215
In two to five years	0	0	34,647	6,542
	<u>39,555</u>	<u>6,542</u>	<u>80,843</u>	<u>17,757</u>

Company	Land & buildings 2022	Other 2022	Land & buildings 2021	Other 2021
Amounts due:	£	£	£	£
Within one year	0	6,542	0	11,215
In two to five years	0	0	0	6,542
	<u>0</u>	<u>6,542</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,757</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:

	2022 £	2021 £
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss:		
Investments	2,897,126	3,390,223
Total	<u>2,897,126</u>	<u>3,390,223</u>

19 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Group and company had capital commitments of £16,005 at 30 September 2022 (2021: £nil).



COUNCIL'S REPORT

For the year ended 30 September 2022

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 £156,002. The comparable figure for the previous year was a profit of £244,992. The balance on the income and expenditure reserve is £5,645,319 (2021: £5,801,321).

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 2022 at £2,897,126 (cost: £2,877,508). This compares with £3,390,223 for the previous year (cost: £2,992,051).

Liquidity

The consolidated Balance Sheet at 30 September 2022 shows net current liabilities of £360,137 (2021: £626,174). Creditors include deferred income of £2,131,350 (2021: £2,103,390) in relation to membership and training and event fees to be recognised in the following year. The listed investment portfolio is valued at £2,897,126 (2021: £3,390,223) 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 25 (2021: 25).

Donations

Donations made by Gafta to charitable organisations amount to £6,680 (2021: £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 2023 Council meeting.



COUNCIL'S REPORT

For the year ended 30 September 2022

The Council reviewed the Association's charges for the year which have remain unchanged from 2020/21, 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

Rory Donnelly

President

9th December 2022



THE COUNCIL

In order of retirement:

W Bacon	Hammersmith Marketing Limited, Bahamas	To 20 January 2022
Z Kocza	Cargill Magyarország Zrt., Hungary	To 20 January 2022
S Li	China	To 20 January 2022
G Ranovsky	Louis Dreyfus Argentina S.A., Argentina	To 20 January 2022
J Cowens	United Kingdom	To 20 January 2022
J Hawkins	Bunge S.A., Switzerland	To 20 January 2022
S Agniel	Agniel Commodities, L.L.C., United States	
P Hughes	Viterra Australia Pty Ltd, Australia	To 31 December 2021
V Iyengar	Agrocorp International Pte Ltd., Singapore	
R Jones	Archer Daniels Midland Co., United States	
D Martinez	Cefetra Ibérica, S.L., Spain	
B Salhofer	InVivo Trading SAS, France	To 20 January 2022
G Millar	Gemcom Ltd, United Kingdom – Immediate Past President	
R Donnelly	Comex McKinnon Ltd, Ireland – President	
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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	From 20 January 2022
S Wellcome	GoodMills Group GmbH, Austria	From 20 January 2022



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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