

PRESS RELEASE



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### **Gafta launches new Standard for the analysis and testing of agricultural commodities**

Gafta today has launched its new Gafta Standard for Analysis and Testing.

In July 2017 Gafta announced plans to develop and rebrand its Trade Assurance offering with the aim of closer alignment with Gafta Contracts and striving to raise the international standards for the fumigation, analysis and supervision of agricultural commodity trade.

The latest development sees the launch of the Gafta Standard for Analysis and Testing, along with new requirements for the Gafta Approved Register of Analysts. More details can be found on the Gafta website at [www.gafta.com/Analysts](http://www.gafta.com/Analysts) where the new Standard can be downloaded.

The Standard is a revision of the GTAS Analysis and Testing manual and has been reviewed and developed by industry, for industry using an Expert Group made up of Gafta Approved Analyst members. The Expert Group considered current best practices to ensure relevance while seeking ways of setting a new benchmark for the analysis and testing of agricultural commodities. Views were then collected from the wider industry and stakeholders through a 6 week consultation period earlier this year.

Audits will start to the new Standard in September 2019. Audits will be carried out by fully trained Lead Auditors from NSF International, with whom Gafta has worked since the inception of GTAS in 2005.

Alongside the launch of the Standard, the Code of Practice for Gafta Approved Analysts has been revised. As well as the requirement to successfully participate in Gafta's Ring Test Scheme, Approved Analysts will also have to provide a certificate of compliance to the Gafta Standard for Analysis and Testing or a certificate of accreditation to ISO17025 with an appropriate scope. The new requirements of the Code of Practice will be phased in over a transition period; all members need to comply by 31 May 2021. The revised Code of Practice and the timetable for implementation can be found at [www.gafta.com/analysts](http://www.gafta.com/analysts).

The Gafta Approved Registers have their own branding and logos, with Approved Members able to promote their status using the 'Approved' logos on their website and stationary. The new logos can be viewed on the Gafta website.

#### Notes:

Gafta is the Grain and Feed Trade Association representing international trade in agricultural commodities since 1878. It has 1,878 members in 98 countries. It develops the standard forms of contract on which it is estimated that 80% of the world's trade in grain is shipped. Analysts, Fumigators and Superintendents listed on Gafta Approved Registers are able to carry out services for commodities traded on Gafta Contract Terms.

NSF International is the largest global certification provider in the food and farming sector.

The new logos are available for media publication by contacting Sarah Mann, Technical Manager (Approved Registers) Email: [ApprovedRegisters@gafta.com](mailto:ApprovedRegisters@gafta.com)