



Notice to Trade # 10
COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AVOIDING DISRUPTIONS IN TRADING DOCUMENTATION

The International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) is a not-for-profit association. Its purpose is to provide representation and share expertise on the commercial requirements and economics of the world's food, feed and processing industries. The IGTC's overarching objective is to achieve a market and regulatory environment supportive of trade that avoids disruptions in the international trade of grain, oilseeds, pulses and derived products.

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IGTC expresses solidarity with all of those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, and recognises the vital work that is taking place to maintain essential infrastructure including access to healthcare and food. Consistent with the aim of IGTC's work and in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have further mobilised the significant representation and expertise of our global grain trade constituency to focus on minimising the potential impacts on the global trade of grain, oilseeds, pulses and derived products.

With current restrictions on air transport and courier services, this IGTC Notice to Trade addresses the urgent emerging issue of exchange of documents that are crucial to underpin international grain exchanges e.g. phytosanitary, supervision, fumigation and country of origin certificates; bills of lading; and bank custody documentation. Also under investigation are the mechanisms needed to provide documentary proof of "key worker" or "essential service" status for grain trade personnel.

Attached to this Notice to Trade are the following resources for the use of Corporate Stakeholders, Participating Stakeholders, and Member Associations -

1. Contingency planning for grain trade documentation exchange: A discussion document covering the full range of trading documentation, resulting from IGTC conversations in March 2020 (to be further updated as work continues)
2. Phytosanitary certification: A template letter that can be sent to Regional and National Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs/NPPOs) urging flexibility and avoidance of delays for PC conveyance
3. Phytosanitary certification: An infographic from the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) on potential delays to phytosanitary certificate exchange

Further discussion and comments are welcome from all participating actively in IGTC. Resources will be updated in the coming weeks and months as we refine our responses to trade facilitation in these unprecedented times.

IGTC is leveraging its position as a non-competitive, global venue where Corporate Stakeholders, Participating Stakeholders, and member associations can pool resources to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic, including:

- Working with global partners like the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to advise of best practices and current concerns.
- Convening a global virtual meeting every week to share grain trade developments amid the Covid-19 pandemic. All Corporate Stakeholders, Participating Stakeholders, and Member Associations have representation on the calls. Themes of the discussions include operations and logistics; government policy, and outreach and communications.



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- Continuing support to all IGTC Participants by maintaining operations and contingency planning throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

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