



# **Market Requirement Information Package**

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## **Identity Preservation Protocols**

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### **Non-GMO Status**

All Australian maize production is Non-GMO. The Maize Association of Australia has operated a voluntary moratorium on the commercial production of GM corn with industry. The certificate as to condition included as part of the phytosanitary certificate for all maize exports includes a statement supported by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator that there has been no approved or intentional release of genetically modified maize in Australia.

### **Planting**

All maize produced under an IP protocol must be planted 300 meters from all other varieties of maize. The field planted must not have produced maize as the preceding crop.

### **Harvesting**

All harvesting and transport operators must carry out thorough clean-downs of all equipment and bins before harvest commences.

### **Storage**

When grain is delivered to storage, all storage operators must ensure storage silos are washed and clean before in-loading. Each load must be sampled and tested to ensure contract quality and reference samples held. A composite sample of each grower's maize should be forwarded to an independent laboratory for analysis for purity, moisture, mycotoxin and chemical residues.

Storage needs to have the capacity to maintain the integrity and freshness of the grain by using good ventilation/ aeration and monitoring insects and temperature of the grain.

Segregation of each grower's maize may be required to give full traceability from farm to factory if this is a requirement of the customer.

Regular monthly checks of the grain in storage should be undertaken to ensure grain quality is maintained. If fumigation is required, a non-contact gas fumigant should be used so to maintain the low chemical residue status of the grain.



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### **Onward Transport**

On out-turning the grain, the storage operator must ensure that all transport is clean and ready to accept the load.

Before departure from the storage premises all maize should be sampled and checked again for quality before packing for export or delivery to a domestic client.