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Dear wheat industry stakeholders,

**Re: Grain grading modernization and changes to primary and export grade determinant tables**

The Canadian Grain Commission wishes to inform you of upcoming changes to primary and export grade determinant tables for wheat, and to provide an update on our grain grading modernization project.

**Test weight and total foreign material**

After carefully considering the Western Standards Committee spring 2023 recommendations, the Commission will proceed with the alignment of the test weight and total foreign material primary and export tolerances in all classes of wheat, except for test weight in Canada Western Amber Durum (CWAD).

As a result, the primary tolerance for test weight and total foreign material in the following western wheat classes will be aligned to the export tolerance in the Official Grain Grading Guide, effective August 1, 2023:

- Canada Western Red Spring (CWRS)
- Canada Western Hard White Spring (CWHWS)
- Canada Western Extra Strong (CWES)
- Canada Western Soft White Spring (CWSWS)
- Canada Northern Hard Red (CNHR)

The primary tolerance for total foreign material in the CWAD class will also be aligned to the export tolerance in the Official Grain Grading Guide, effective August 1, 2023.

While our goal remains to have a single standard for all grading factors, given concerns expressed by grain producers, the Commission will defer making a final decision on CWAD test weight alignment to the spring 2024 Western Standards Committee meeting.

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When considering changes to the grading system, the Canadian Grain Commission's primary focus is on grain quality and end-use functionality. However, we realize that changes to standards can have economic implications, and that grain producers want to consider and better understand the impacts for the sector. As a result, Western Standards Committee members and other stakeholders are invited to present the Wheat Advisory Committee and Western Standards Committee with any additional relevant information, including their own analysis by February 1, 2024.

**Grain grading modernization update**

As part of the CGC grain grading modernization project, we would also like to inform you that the results our scientific research on wheats of other classes and contrasting classes will be presented at the fall 2023 and spring 2024 Wheat Advisory Committee and Western Standard Committee meetings. Recommendations to the committees based on our scientific research on wheats of other classes and contrasting classes will also be considered at the spring 2024 Western Standards Committee meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming changes to test weight and total foreign material tolerances in western classes of wheat or the grain grading modernization project, we invite you to contact the Chief Grain Inspector for Canada at [derek.bunkowsky@grainscanada.gc.ca](mailto:derek.bunkowsky@grainscanada.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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