

Banning of convertible trailers

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Safety To GrainFlow

Cargill Australia has a duty of care to its employees and customers that deliver to GrainFlow sites across Australia and is committed to providing a safe environment at all its locations. Following a review of safety concerns onsite in August 2011 it was noted that GrainFlow had experienced accidents on site regarding convertible trailers. Although this decision is late we all agree that safety is paramount and we as a business must do everything we can to eliminate risks

What is a Convertible Tipping Trailer?

A trailer that has the ability to install metal gates and canvass or PVC skirts along each side of the trailer. It also has a rear gate that has the ability to swing open and in most cases contains a small grain chute. The trailers contain a hoist that is mounted at the front of the trailer that enables the trailer to tip.

Below some examples of convertible trailers that will not be able to pick up or deliver to a GrainFlow site.



Safety Incidents that GrainFlow has experienced onsite



Have other Grain Storage and handling business banned convertibles?

Viterra banned convertibles from site last year. Cargill crush plants have banned convertible and certain domestic customers.

Are there convertibles that will be exempt for this harvest?

YES! An example of an approved convertible tipper is one that contains a one piece fixed bin.

What is the process for gaining exemption?

Trailers that contain portable gates and tarps as per the top right hand photos above will not be granted exemption!

1. Raise initial queries with the local site supervisor and supply image of trailer both inside and out
2. Provide name, business name and contact number
3. Provide registration details
4. Site Supervisor will gain clarification from the Operation Coordinator
5. Management will review and advise decision based on information supplied

Are there alternative options being offered?

Yes! GrainFlow offer a competitive on farm pickup program that everyone is eligible to register for. The onfarm pickup program offers fixed freight rate with a payment program that sees GrainFlow manage freight related invoices.

Summary

Again whilst the timing of the ban is not ideal it is crucial that we provide a safe workplace and eliminate hazards that have the potential to cause serious harm or even death. It is important that as a business we support the ban and provide clear direction to growers and contractors.