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**To:** *Global grain shippers doing business with CHS*

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**Subject:** *CHS restrictions on grain containing biotechnology-enhanced traits not approved by all major markets*

As a customer of CHS, we want to inform you about an important policy:

CHS will not sell seed or buy grain that may put our supply chains at risk of detection of traits that aren't approved by all major markets. A list of brands and varieties that we will no longer buy as grain is available upon request.

CHS is taking this measure of conscientious stewardship on behalf of all its member-owners to safeguard the common interests of crop producers, member cooperatives and global customers to provide abundant, quality grain to existing and emerging markets.

The serious market disruption caused by the 2013 and 2014 commercialization of unapproved traits raised the importance of this issue. CHS believes it must establish protocols that will help protect the integrity of the global supply chain, and prevent further export market share erosion as the other new biotechnology-enhanced hybrids are introduced.

CHS believes it is a matter of corporate responsibility that all companies serving agriculture respect the broader supply chain and regulatory processes of all applicable marketing channels available to U.S. producers. Exports to China and other global markets are critically important to U.S. agriculture and to the U.S. economy.

We appreciate your business and value your ongoing support of CHS.