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**PRODUCE AND GROCERY INDUSTRY CODE  
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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A new Terms of Trade Checklist has been developed as a key tool in the Produce and Grocery Industry Code of Conduct.

The Produce and Grocery Industry Code Administration Committee (PGICAC) Chairman, Mr Ian Davis, said the checklist will provide an important contract negotiation resource for industry participants.

“The PGICAC agreed to amend the Produce and Grocery Industry Code of Conduct to include the Terms of Trade Checklist.

“It will provide industry with a practical list of those areas that really should be included in any supply chain contract to avoid misunderstandings, such as supplier obligations, price determination, variation and notification, and procedures to manage compliance,” he said.

“In effect, the Terms of Trade Checklist represents best practise for developing contractual arrangements with participants in the produce and grocery industry throughout the supply chain.”

The PGICAC was established in 2000 by the Australian Government and administers the Produce and Grocery Industry Code of Conduct. The code is voluntary and encompasses all food and fibre industries, from production through to marketing and processing, distribution and retail.

Mr Davis said the PGICAC is committed to promoting best practice trading principles and the dispute resolution services provided by the Produce and Grocery Industry Ombudsman.

The PGICAC welcomed Mr Charles McElhone as the new representative for the National Farmers' Federation.

Mr Davis added that the voluntary Produce and Grocery Industry Code of Conduct will continue to service the needs of industry, beyond the introduction of the mandatory Horticulture Code of Conduct on 14 May 2007.

“The Produce and Grocery Industry Code of Conduct provides the principles of a best practice approach to business transactions to all industry participants within the vertical supply chain of the produce and grocery industry whereas the Horticulture Code of Conduct only covers transactions between growers and wholesalers in the fruit and vegetable industry.”

For further information, contact Mr Ian Davis, Chairman, on (03) 8608 2897 or visit [www.produceandgrocerycode.com.au](http://www.produceandgrocerycode.com.au)

Code signatories include: Aldi Stores; Australian Chamber of Fruit and Vegetable Industries Limited; Australian Dairy Farmers, Australian Chicken Growers Council, Australian Egg Corporation Ltd; Australian Food and Grocery Council; Australian Retailers Association; Coles Group Limited; Murray Valley Winegrape Growers; National Association of Retail Grocers of Australia; National Farmers Federation; National Retail Association; Horticulture Australia Council; Queensland Retail Traders and Shopkeepers Association; and Woolworths Limited.