

# Independent Limited Assurance Report to the Management and the Oversight Board of Global Dairy Trade (GDT)

## Conclusion

Based on our limited assurance engagement, which is not a reasonable assurance engagement or an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that would lead us to believe that GDT has not adhered to the Governance Principles (the Principles) for the period ended 31 December 2017.

## Information subject to assurance

We have performed an engagement to provide limited assurance in relation to GDT's adherence to the Principles for the period ended 31 December 2017.

## Standards we followed

We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised) *Assurance Engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information* and Standard on Assurance Engagements SAE 3100 *Compliance Engagements*. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion. In accordance with those standards we have:

- used our professional judgement to plan and perform the engagement to obtain limited assurance that the Principles is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- considered relevant internal controls when designing our assurance procedures, however we do not express a conclusion on the effectiveness of these controls; and
- ensured that the engagement team possess the appropriate knowledge, skills and professional competencies.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

## Restriction of distribution and use

Our report should not be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party's other than GDT for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than GDT who obtains access to our report or a copy thereof and chooses to rely on our report (or any part thereof) will do so at its own risk.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we accept or assume no responsibility and deny any liability to any party other than GDT for our work, for this independent limited assurance report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

Our report is released to GDT on the basis that it shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole (save for GDT's own internal purposes) or in part, without our prior written consent.

GDT confirms that the intended users of the Principles, and our assurance report thereon, are GDT Management and the Oversight Board for obtaining assurance over GDT's adherence to the Principles. We further note that GDT may publish the full report on its website.

## Management responsibility for compliance to the Principles

The Management of GDT are responsible for the enforcement of and compliance to the Principles. This responsibility includes such internal control as the Management determine is necessary to enable compliance to the Principles that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

## Our responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion to the Management and Oversight Board on compliance to the Principles.

## Our independence and quality control

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

The firm applies Professional and Ethical Standard 3 (Amended) and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Our firm has also provided services to GDT to analyse the controls and processes that assist with compliance to the governance principles. In addition, our firm has also provided Limited assurance on GDT's compliance with the control objectives detailed in Schedule Six of the GDT Confidentiality Deed. These matters have not impaired our independence as assurance providers of the GDT for this engagement. The firm has no other relationship with, or interest in, the GDT.



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