



Colombo Accord Summary

The Colombo Accord is an Agreement and Call for Action between the National Federation members of the Global Pulse Confederation (GPC).

The Colombo Accord is an agreement on a strategy for growth to enhance the health of people and the planet. Developed and led by the GPC, this global framework will promote the production of pulses in a wide range of ecosystems, increase consumption of pulses to enhance the dietary quality of all people, champion the development of clear and predictable government trade policies, and enhance trade contracts and provide fair returns to buyers and sellers to further protect the interests of producers and consumers.

Principles and Positions of the Colombo Accord: as National Federation members of the GPC, and signatories to the Colombo Accord, we agree to work collaboratively to address priorities and promotion industry positions in four key areas:

1 Production

Increase pulse production by farm holders in all countries to provide an important additional source of food and income.

Enhance pulse productivity by increasing the yield and resilience of pulse crops through research into pulse breeding and agronomic management of pulses within a cropping system.

Position

GPC and National Federation Members will act together to increase pulse production and agronomic productivity by advocating for improved research funding from private and public sources.

2 Consumption

Support the development of demand for foods and feeds made from whole pulses, split pulses, and food ingredients like flours and fractions.

Promote the contribution of pulses to healthy diets and sustainable consumption by increasing the knowledge and awareness of the nutritional and environmental value of pulses in diets – particularly via vehicles such as World Pulse Day.

Position

Through new and ongoing initiatives, including a 'World Pulse Day', GPC and National Federation Members will work together to increase demand for pulses by fostering ongoing awareness of the health, nutrition and functionality benefits of pulses.

3 Trade policy

Champion the development of clear, fair and predictable trade policies that protect the interests of importing and exporting nations.

Protect the health of people and the environment by ensuring adherence to science based international plant protection policies.

Position

- a** GPC and GPC National Federation Members will advocate for plant protection policies that are consistent with IPPC, technically justified, consistent with the pest risk involved, represent the least restrictive measures available, and result in the minimum impediment to trade in pulses.
- b** GPC and GPC National Federation Members will advocate with Governments to provide prior notification to exporters of tariff or quota changes. In-transit (en route) shipments should be subject to the tariff or TRQ in effect at time of signing of the contract or, at a minimum, the date of issuance of the Bill of Lading.
- c** GPC and National Federation Members will act together to ensure WTO/GATT member countries' trade and notification policies and tariffs and quantitative restrictions are compliant with their international obligations.
- d** GPC and National Federation Members will act together to encourage non-member countries to respect international conventions.
- e** GPC and National Federation Members endorse the trade policy concepts in the attached discussion paper and any other approaches that would provide measurable improvement for transparency and predictability of tariff changes and future trade actions by pulse importing countries.

4 Trade performance

Strengthen contract performance and reduce trade risk for buyers and sellers of pulses by encouraging widespread use of GPC Global Pulse Contract.

Foster transparency in pulse trade to enhance food security and minimize price volatility in pulse trade.

Position

GPC and National Federation Members will work together to increase market order and discipline by encouraging pulse industry members to use the GPC Pulses Contract. GPC and National Federation Members will work to adopt disciplinary policies for companies or persons that fail to honor arbitration awards made based on GPC Pulses Contract.