



IGTC
International Grain Trade Coalition

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Did you know? The IGTC is continuing to roll-out a new communications strategy in 2016! The aim is to reach out to our global participants from over 85 countries in new ways. The [Secretariat](#) welcomes your feedback and ideas. Don't forget to visit our 'home' - the IGTC [Intranet](#), and follow us on Twitter [@IGTCglobal!](#)

Events

If you wish to add an event to our [calendar](#) please contact the [Secretariat](#).

July 25-27 Australian Grain: Industry Conference, Melbourne, Australia

The AGIC is run by the industry, for the industry, and provides a one-stop opportunity to network and keep abreast of the latest developments. Website [here](#).

August 30- September 1: Global Trade Exchange, Indianapolis, Indiana USA

IGTC in action



Combustible dust discussions - United Nations, Geneva

IGTC joined Gafta, IBTA, NGFA, NAEGA, CIARA-CEC and other participants last week's Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals at the UN Palais des Nations, Geneva. The group is working with

government officials in order to secure the most practical and workable provisions for the development of an annex addressing dust explosion hazards.

ISPM advocacy strategy: implementation through regional and national IGTC members

With just two months to go before the IPPC's Expert Working Group on the ISPM for the international movement of grain (September 19-23, Melbourne, Australia), the IGTC is coordinating actions for national and regional members to undertake supporting industry advocacy across the world. The common objective is to work with the IPPC to secure the most trade enabling, and the least trade distortive measures in the new ISPM for grain. The IGTC's recently agreed policy document on ISPM can be read [here](#). For more information please contact the [Secretariat](#).



World Trade Outlook Indicator

The WTO has launched a new [World Trade Outlook Indicator \(WTOI\)](#) designed to provide "real time" information on trends in global trade. Updated on a quarterly basis, the WTOI signals turning points in world merchandise trade volume, focussing on key drivers of trade including agricultural raw materials.

WTO SPS Committee: EU MRL review, biotech approvals, phytosanitary certification

The U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) and the Midwest Shippers Association (MSA) are hosting their signature event known for its value as well as its exclusive access to qualified international buyers. Link [here](#).

September 19-23: EWG on ISPM for grain, Melbourne, Australia

The IPPC's 1st meeting of the Expert Working Group (EWG) for the International Movement of Grain (ISPM) will be attended by a select group of governments and industry representatives, including Dr. Marcel Bruins, IGTC Senior Science Advisor.

Links

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The EU has issued a communication ([here](#)) to governments on the WTO's SPS Committee, explaining its on-going process to review maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pesticides, and describing how non-EU countries can actively contribute to the reviewing process. The review will be tackled along with other issues at a WTO workshop on pesticide MRLs on 24-25 October.

Other issues at the 1 July SPS Committee in Geneva included EU and Chinese biotech approvals; as well as the deadlock between WTO members on private phytosanitary certification schemes, and how they may/may not be implicated in the WTO's SPS agreement. A report from the meeting can be read [here](#).

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