

A silhouette of a young child jumping joyfully on a large hay bale. The child's arms are raised high in the air, and their legs are bent in mid-air. The background is a warm, golden sunset over a field, with the sun low on the horizon and trees visible in the distance. The overall mood is one of triumph and achievement.

BRIEFING

**Katy Lee
Acting Secretariat,
IGTC**

**December 2,
Arlington, USA**



IGTC

International Grain Trade Coalition

Today's agenda

1a. IGTC **Business**,
outreach and activities

1b. Discussion

2a. IGTC **policy files**
(CBP, LLP, phytosanitary
control)

2b. Discussion

3. Close



LATEST NEWS

IGTC General Assembly, November 8, Geneva



- ✓ **IGTC Officer elections**
- ✓ **New member approved**
- ✓ **Business Plan approved**
- ✓ **Strategic direction on policy files agreed for 2017**

IGTC participants, Geneva, November 8, 2016



*Gary C. Martin & Dirk Kok,
Geneva, November 8, 2016*

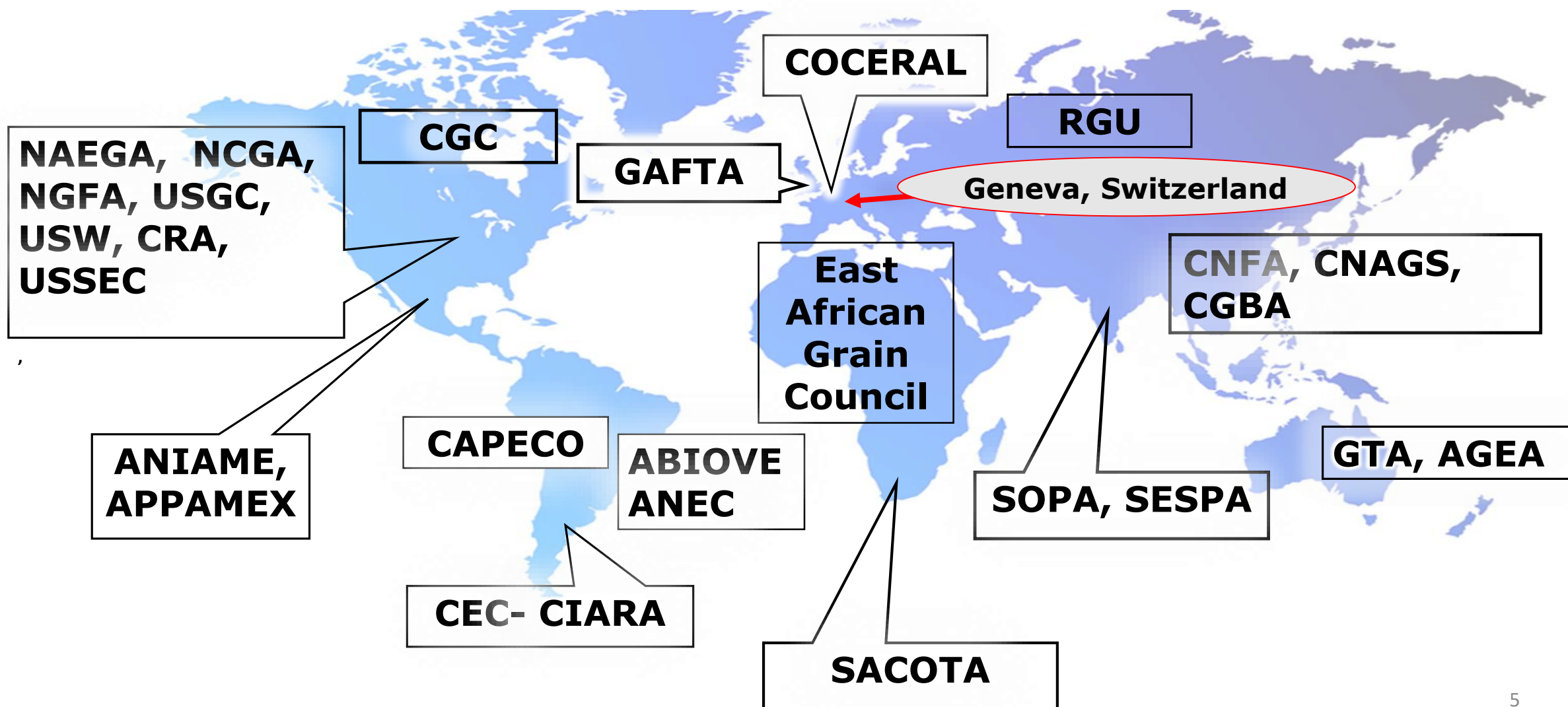


IGTC welcomes 26th member

- **SACOTA:** South African Cereals and Oilseeds Trade Association
- Most prominent association of trading members operating within South Africa and the SADC region: 25 members and trading houses
- Approved by IGTC General Assembly



26 associations, 8000 businesses 85 countries





WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION



“The contribution of the grain trade to global food security and economic development”

November 10

IGTC event



IGTC speakers and participants at WTO event, November 10, 2016

November 18-19 World Grain Forum, Sochi



Centre stage at WGF, Sochi, November, 2016



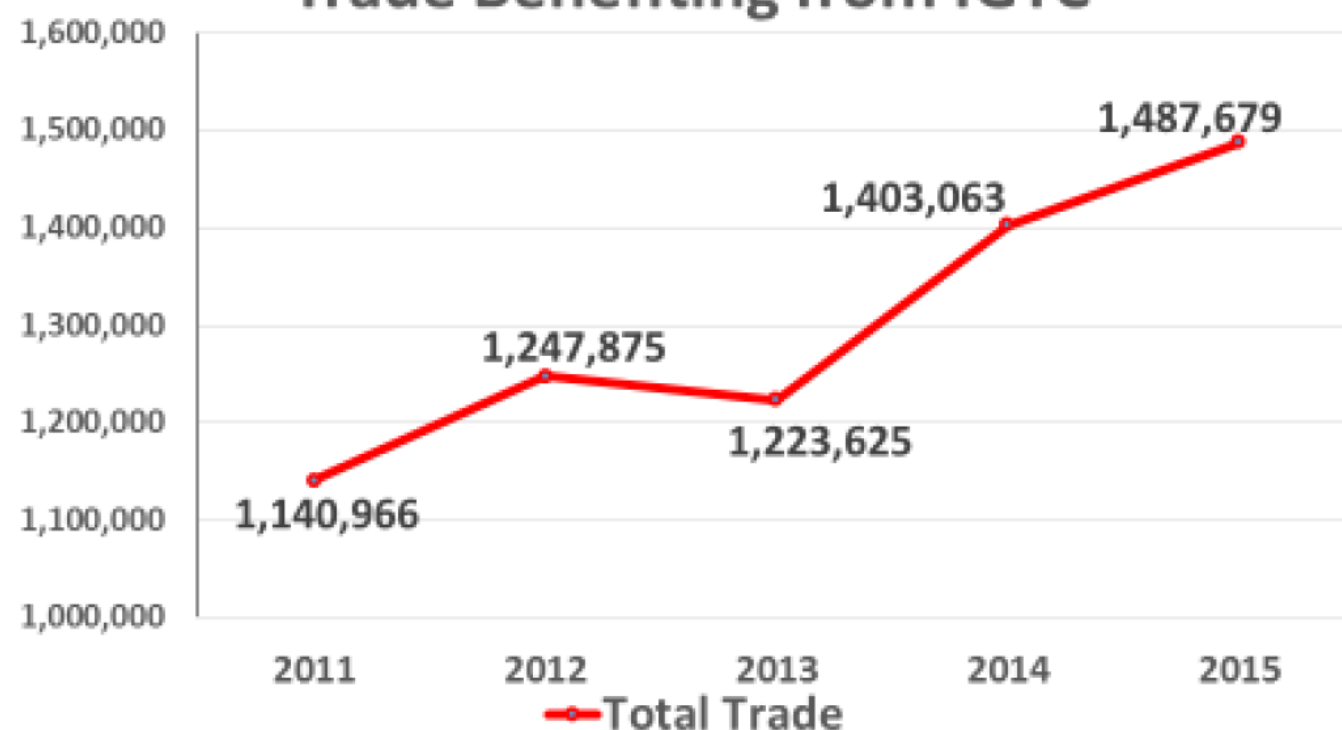


IGTC Business Plan 2016-2018



2011-2015 International Trade addressed by IGTC

Trade Benefiting from IGTC



Commodities Included			
Grains	Meal	Oils	Oilseeds
Barley	Copra	Coconut	Copra
Corn	Cottonseed	Cottonseed	Cottonseed
Millet	Fish	Olive	Palm kernel
Mixed grain	palm kernel	palm	Peanut
Oats	Peanut	palm kernel	Rapeseed
Rice, Milled	Rapeseed	Peanut	Soybean
Rye	Soybean	Rapeseed	Soybean
Sorghum	soybean	Soybean	(local)
Wheat	(local)	soybean	Sunseed
	Sunseed	(local)	
		Sunseed	

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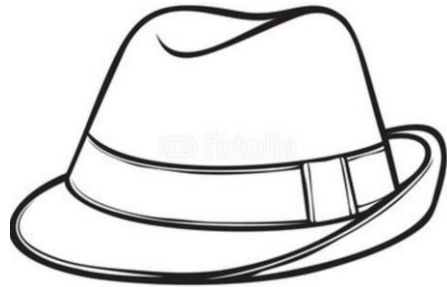
Source: The U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agriculture Service Production, Supply, and Distribution Database. Updated 10/18/2016 VLM.
Values do not include intra-regional trade within the European Union.

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IGTC a vehicle for global communication



Flyer distribution, 2016

1. **Sochi**, Russia – November, 2016
2. **Arlington**, USA – October 2016
3. **Sao Paulo**, Brazil - September 2016
4. **Regina**, Canada - September 2016
5. **London**, UK - June 2016
6. **Punta del Este**, Uruguay - May 2016
7. **Geneva**, Switzerland - May 2016
8. **Italy**, Rome - May 2016



IGTC files, December 2016

1. Low level presence
2. Cartagena Biosafety Protocol
3. IPPC's ISPM on the movement of grain
4. Electronic trading documentation
5. World Bank – Enabling the business of agriculture
6. New plant breeding techniques
7. Maximum Residue Levels
- ★ NEW! 8. International Maritime Organization



Coming up!



- **December 4-17**, Cancun: Cartagena Biosafety Protocol, COP-MOP8
- **January**: Dialogue with IPPC on the new ISPM for grain
- **February (date TBC)**: IGTC webinar on LLP
- **April (date TBC)**: Global Low Level Presence Initiative (GLI) meeting

Cartagena Biosafety Protocol

COP13-COPMOP8-COPMOP2
CANCUN, MEXICO 2016



MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY FOR WELL-BEING
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY



A large American flag is shown waving against a clear blue sky. The flag is attached to a black pole on the left side of the frame. The stars and stripes are clearly visible, and the flag is slightly tattered at the edges.

**Not a
“Party”....**

**...so
why
important?**



- **170 Parties, more than 85% of the world's grain trade**
- **Covers movement of LMOs, risk management, socio-economic considerations, precautionary principle....**
- **IGTC aim: sound decisions that do not undermine the cost-effective worldwide movement of grains, oilseeds, pulses and other agri-bulks**
- **8 countries/regional blocks reached by IGTC – meetings arranged on site**



Unintentional/illegal TBM

Operational definitions to be endorsed in December (non-legislative!)

“Illegal transboundary movement” is a transboundary movement carried out in contravention of the domestic measures to implement the Protocol that have been adopted by the affected Party;

“Unintentional transboundary movement” is a transboundary movement of a living modified organism that has inadvertently crossed the national borders of a Party whereby the living modified organism was released either deliberately or accidentally.

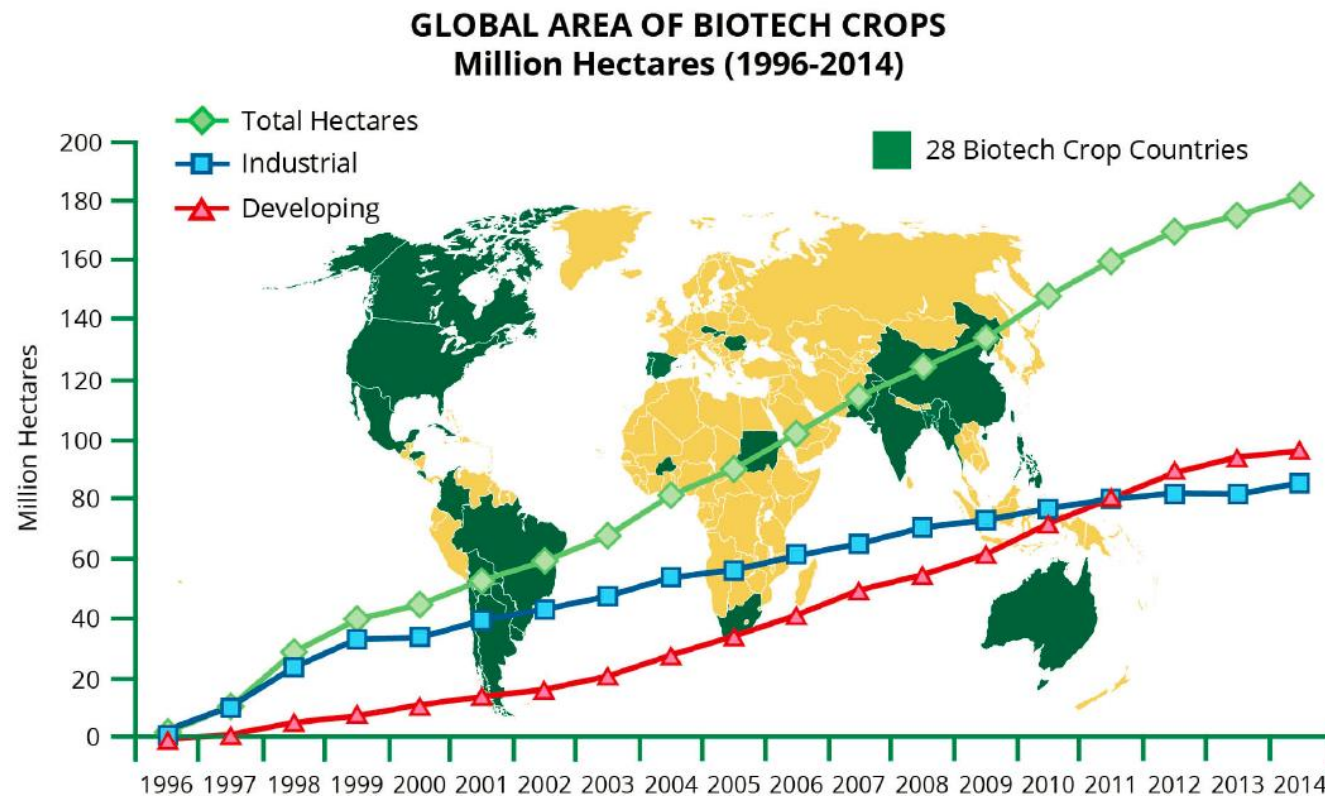
IGTC agreed a response to the draft decision on Article 17, covering:

- a) Definitions of “unintentional” and “illegal” transboundary movement**
- b) The scope of the Article and its application to food, feed and processing**
- c) Capacity building activities around sampling and testing**



Low Level Presence (LLP)

- LLP is highly likely. Zero presence impractical
- LLP policies are required because of growth of biotech crops and acreage
- Solutions must retain 'fungibility' of commodity
- Segregation is practically unachievable without enormous cost



A record 18 million farmers, in 28 countries, planted 181.5 million hectares (448 million acres) in 2014, a sustained increase of 3 to 4% or 6.3 million hectares (~16 million acres) over 2013.

Source: Clive James, 2014.



IGTC - LLP advocacy

- IGTC member-driven threshold study
- Raising the profile of the issue on the international stage
- Resourcing IGTC member and CS outreach
- Work taking place with GAABT and GLI

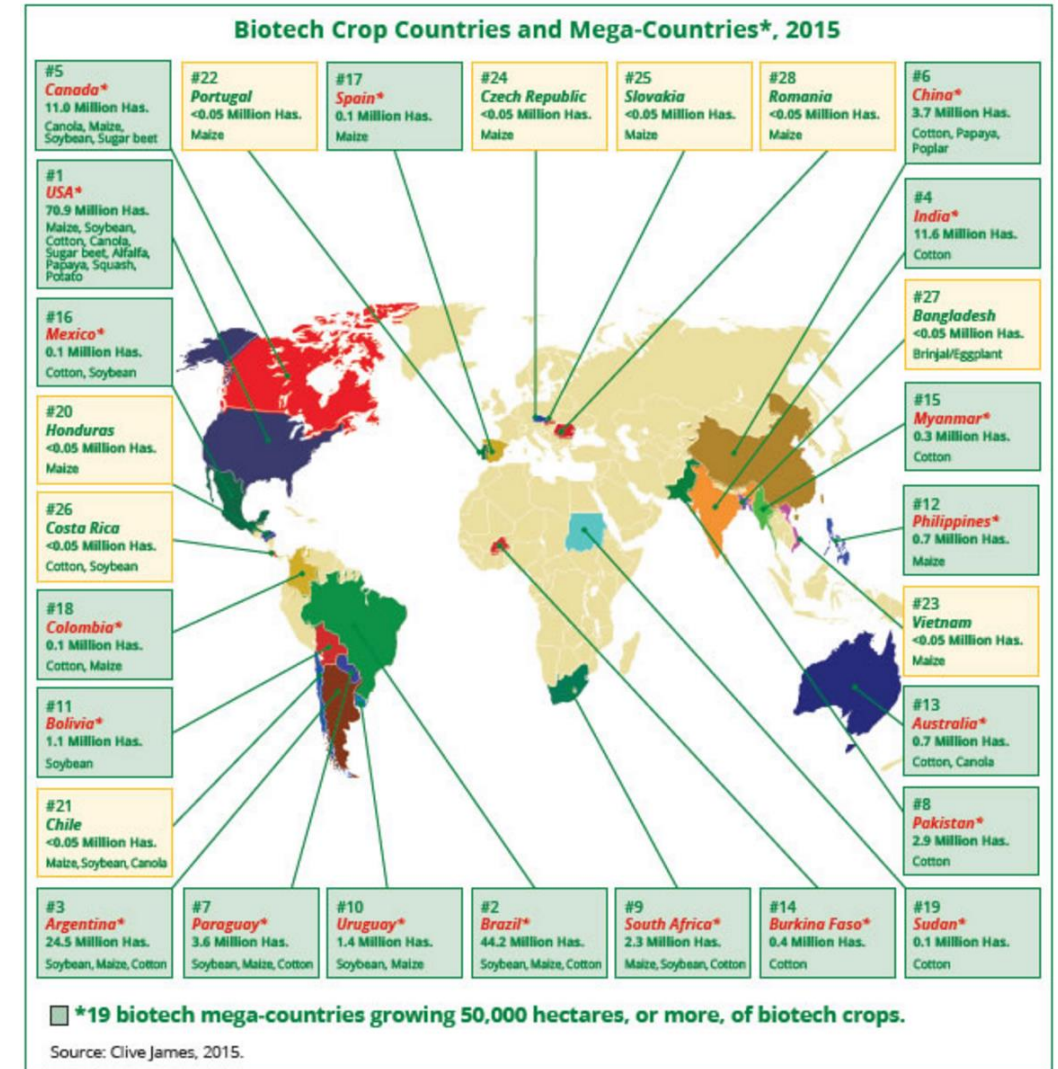


Figure 1. Global Map of Biotech Crop Countries and Mega-Countries in 2015



ISPM on Grain

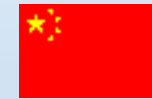
IPPC's 182 contracting parties include:



International Plant Protection Convention
Protecting the world's plant resources from pests



Canada



China



Japan



Netherlands



EU



Argentina



Iran



UK



Russia



USA



ISPM on Grain

Expected to address:

- Actions prior to export
- Actions at export and import
- Science and risk analysis
- Audit provisions
- Transparency provisions
- Effective enforcement
- Pest risk assessment
- Industry practices that contribute to the management of risks



ISPM on Grain

IGTC aim:



Provide for the use of Most trade enabling & Least trade distortive measures
⇒ while improving trade and official practice – including plant health protection



IGTC survey, 2016

Priorities:

- Testing & sampling based on international standards
- Import checks without undue delay
- Minimization of importing parties' ability to use protectionist measures to restrict trade
- Banning of arbitrary measures, going beyond int. standard requirements
- Accountability for all actors in value chain on including unnecessary import conditions

Thank You!

IGTC seeks partnership with governmental bodies and other international interest groups.

For-profit entities supporting IGTC are welcome to be identified as IGTC Corporate Stakeholders and help guide our work. Trade Associations and Councils working to support international trade of grains, oilseeds, pulses and other agri-bulks are welcome to apply for IGTC

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