



January 3, 2017

To: Rachel Bickford, Attaché – American Embassy – Madrid

CC: Mark Smith, USDA/FAS/GMD
Jerry Cotter, NAEGA Contract Representative
Gary C. Martin, President and CEO, NAEGA/IGTC

From: Ryan Olson, Director of Operations, NAEGA

Re: Notice to Post–MAP Travel to Gijon, Spain, January 10-13, 2017

In compliance with USDA Market Access Program (MAP) Regulations, please accept this Notice to Post regarding upcoming MAP travel to Gijon, Spain. Consistent with advancing NAEGA UES objectives Jerry Cotter, NAEGA Senior Advisor, will travel to Gijon on January 10-13.

In Gijon, beginning on January 11, Mr. Cotter will participate in the Executive Committee meeting of the Dry Bulk Terminal Group (DBTG).

Through his position on the DBTG Executive Committee, Mr. Cotter acts to lead and contribute his significant expertise on the international measures related to GRNOS cargoes labeling and handling. Mr. Cotter leads NAEGA and global industry efforts to monitor and engage in several critical aspects related to transportation and GRNOS. The DBTG is a critical and credible source of information, cooperation and influence at both the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). Over the past year, Mr. Cotter has been working closely with the International Bulk Terminals Association (IBTA), the sister organization of the DBTG, to address and inform on the activities of the GHS and IMO Committee on the Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC). Both bodies are addressing explosive dust cargoes and relevant shipment materials designations and management.

Currently, NAEGA is considering its future engagement strategy with the DBTG regarding international regulatory issues at the IMO and GHS. At the Executive Committee meeting, Mr. Cotter will be gathering information on the value of the NAEGA-DBTG Memorandum of Understanding the future of the relationship.

While in Gijon, Mr. Cotter welcomes the opportunity to meet FAS staff to discuss this mission and other concerns related to NAEGA UES.

This trip will be funded in part by our MAP allocation, under activity code M17GXWORLD. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at rolson@naega.org, or by calling 202-682-4030.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RO", is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

Ryan Olson
Director of Operations, NAEGA