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To: Oliver Flake, Senior Attaché – U.S. Mission, Geneva

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Notice to Post–MAP Travel to Geneva, July 8-12, 2017

In compliance with USDA Market Access Program (MAP) Regulations, please accept this Notice to Post regarding upcoming MAP travel to Geneva, Switzerland for Jess McCluer, NAEGA Volunteer.

Consistent with advancing NAEGA UES objectives, Mr. McCluer will be traveling to Geneva on July 8-12, 2017. In Geneva, Mr. McCluer will be attending a meeting of the UN's Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and its Correspondence Group. A copy of the agenda can be found [here](#).

Over the past few years NAEGA, working under credentials from the International Dry Bulk Terminals Group (IBTA), has been engaging with the UN GHS Subcommittee on the classification of grain as an explosive material. Parties at the GHS have proposed classifying grain as combustible under a proposed chapter to the GHS. Through NAEGA efforts and coordination with likeminded countries, the GHS is now moving forward with a non-binding guidance annex that focuses on mitigating combustible dust hazards. During this mission, the UN GHS Subcommittee's Correspondence Group, which Mr. McCluer is a member, will be presenting its non-binding guidance to the Subcommittee. Mr. McCluer will be monitoring these developments in the Subcommittee and defending and reporting on any objections to the non-binding guidance among Subcommittee members. Mr. McCluer will also report on additional actions at the GHS and their effects on the global bulk grain trade. NAEGA and therefore Mr. McCluer are coordinate with the International Grain Trade Coalition in this regard.

While in Geneva Mr. McCluer 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](mailto: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  
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