



Working Together to Make Trade Work

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To: Suzanne Palmieri, Counselor, U.S. Mission to the U.N. Agencies in Rome

CC: Katy Lee, Secretariat, IGTC
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From: Ryan Olson, Director of Operations, NAEGA

Re: Notice to Post–MAP Travel to Rome, Italy, April 14-20, 2018

In compliance with USDA Market Access Program (MAP) Regulations, please accept this Notice to Post regarding upcoming MAP travel to Rome, Italy.

Consistent with advancing NAEGA UES objectives Gary C. Martin, President and CEO of NAEGA and President of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC), and Katy Lee, Secretariat of the IGTC, will travel to Rome, Italy beginning on April 14 in conjunction with and to attend the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) 13th Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM). In addition to observing the CPM, individual Meetings are being arranged with the leaders of the CPM, countries sitting on the Standards Committee and IPPC staff.

The agenda of the CPM includes issues of highest importance to the U.S. GRNOS trade, including:

- The role of the grain trade in global food security and economic development;
- The status of the draft International Standard on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) for grain;
- Discussions among IPPC contracting parties on “Conceptual challenges in commodity standard development”;
- The IPPC Ephyto Solution and tprogress of the worldwide pilot project on IPPC ePhytos;

While in Rome Mr. Martin and Ms. Lee welcome 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 M18GXWORLD. 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,

Ryan Olson
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