



April 13, 2018

To: Minister-Counselor – U.S. Mission – Geneva, Switzerland

CC: Randy Gordon, NGFA President/NAEGA volunteer
Katy Lee, Secretariat, IGTC
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Gary C. Martin, President and CEO, NAEGA/IGTC

From: Ryan Olson, Director of Operations, NAEGA

Re: Notice to Post–MAP Travel to Nyon, Switzerland, April 24-27, 2018

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

Consistent with advancing NAEGA UES objectives Randy Gordon, President of the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) and serving as a NAEGA MAP volunteer, will travel to Nyon, Switzerland on April 24-27, 2018. In Nyon, Mr. Gordon will join and International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) team at a meeting between the with the International Seed Federation (ISF) Secretariat. Mr. Gordon is a member of the IGTC’s Management Council and Plant Breeding Innovation Team.

During this meeting with the ISF, Mr. Gordon will join IGTC Secretariat Katy Lee and other IGTC members to represent IGTC positions on plant breeding innovation, including new technologies like genome editing. Over the past few years the IGTC has been working closely with the ISF and technology providers to encourage transparency and information sharing with the grain trade regarding the commercialization of new seed technologies. This meeting will continue this dialogue and engagement.

Mr. Gordon’s travel will originate from Washington, D.C. While in Nyon, Mr. Gordon welcomes the opportunity to meet FAS staff to discuss this mission and other concerns related to the 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,

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

Ryan Olson
Director of Operations
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