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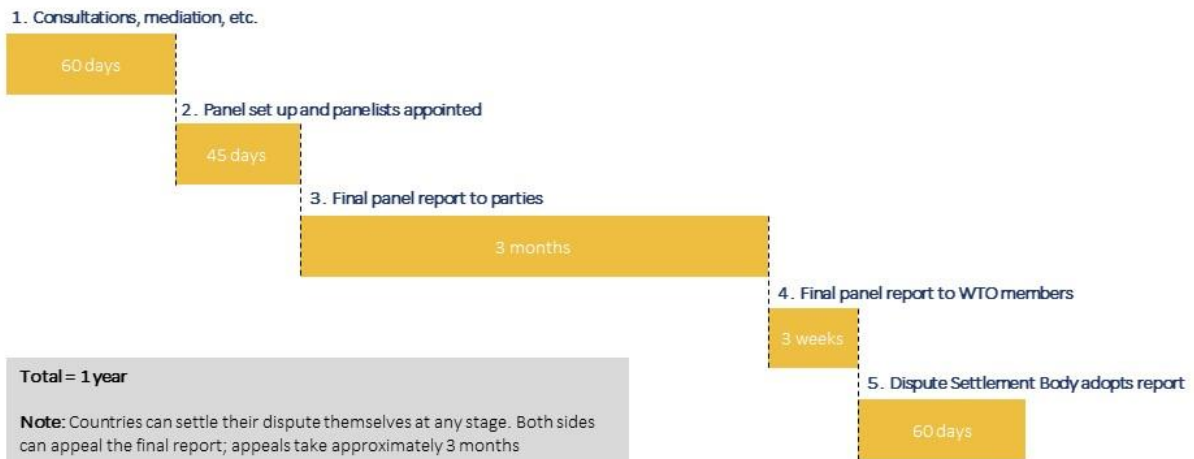
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Image of the Week

Understanding the WTO's dispute settlement process

This week the U.S. announced it would pursue WTO litigation against China on intellectual property rights. Any litigation would follow the below process.

Approximate target figures for periods of dispute stages



Source: Office of Management and Budget, Tax Policy Center.

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Member Opportunities

Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism

NAEGA would like to make members aware of an opportunity from U.S. Customs and Border Protection to participate in the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) program.

CTPAT is a voluntary public-private sector partnership program which recognizes that CBP can provide the highest level of cargo security only through close cooperation with the principle stakeholders of the international supply chain such as importers, carriers, consolidators, licensed customs brokers, and manufacturers. The Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 provided a statutory framework for the CTPAT program and imposed strict program oversight requirements.

When an entity joins CTPAT, an agreement is made to work with CBP to protect the supply chain, identify security gaps, and implement specific security measures and best practices. Applicants must address a broad range of security topics and present security profiles that list action plans to align security throughout the supply chain.

CTPAT members are considered to be of low risk, and are therefore less likely to be examined at a U.S. port of entry.

CTPAT participants enjoy other benefits, including:

- Reduced number of CBP examinations
- Front of the line inspections
- Possible exemption from Stratified Exams

- Shorter wait times at the border
- Assignment of a Supply Chain Security Specialist to the company
- Access to the Free and Secure Trade (FAST) Lanes at the land borders
- Access to the CTPAT web-based Portal system and a library of training materials
- Possibility of enjoying additional benefits by being recognized as a trusted trade partner by foreign Customs administrations that have signed Mutual Recognition Agreements with the United States
- Eligibility for other U.S. Government pilot programs, such as the Food and Drug Administration’s Secure Supply Chain program
- Business resumption priority following a natural disaster or terrorist attack
- Importer eligibility to participate in the Importer Self-Assessment Program (ISA)
- Priority consideration at CBP’s industry-focused Centers of Excellence and Expertise

Members interested in participating should click [here](#). Participation in CTPAT is voluntary and there are no costs associated with joining the program.

NAEGA UES Drafting Input – Due June 3

NAEGA staff is soliciting member advice on the drafting of our 2019 Unified Export Strategy (UES). NAEGA’s UES lays out its objectives for the coming year regarding Market Access Program (MAP) reimbursable funding. NAEGA members are encouraged to submit ideas for programming opportunities in 2019 to Ryan at rolson@Naega.org by June 3.

Input Requested: Meeting on Enogen Corn – June 4

NAEGA is seeking member input ahead of a meeting with Syngenta on Monday, June 4 regarding their commercialization of “Enogen” Corn.

The biotech corn event 3272 being promulgated by Syngenta and doing business as a product with unique functional characteristics named “Enogen” in corn lacks approval for imports in GRNOS markets. Also 3272 genetic material will do significant harm to the functionality of corn used in several food applications. Syngenta reports that 3272 plantings and use will be expanded beyond its previous closed loop use as an adjunct to ethanol processing to include animal feed. Syngenta has discontinued its stewardship “Advisory Council” and discontinued the reporting website intended to facilitate the effectiveness of the closed loop system which was reported by Syngenta in 2011 as capable of making the probability “very, very low” of the corn that contains 3272 from getting into to the food chain. Syngenta now reports that a “Simple but practical stewardship steps will be required for managing planting, isolation, production reporting, harvesting, storage and transportation” is being made available for use. The North American Millers Association is reporting that Syngenta is currently refusing to provide for important risk assessment and communication. As such the potential is for the presence of 3272 genetic material to have a very significant and damaging impact. Biotrade Status currently indicates that global approvals include:

- Australia/New Zealand – Import
- Brazil - Food, Feed
- Canada - Environmental/Cultivation, Food, Feed
- China - Food, Feed, Safety Certificate
- Colombia – Food
- Indonesia - Food

Japan - Environmental/Import, Food, Feed
Korea - Environmental/Import, Food, Feed
Malaysia - Food, Feed
Mexico - Import Food, Feed
Philippines - Import Food, Feed
Russian Federation Food, Feed
Taiwan Import Food, Feed
United States Environmental/Cultivation, Food, Feed

Ahead of NAEGA's meeting with Syngenta, we are seeking input on how the commercialization of 3272 "Enogen" Corn is affecting the grain trade. All information will be held business confidential. Please contact Gary or Ryan if you are interested in participating.

IGTC Strategy Session – London, UK – June 18

Please "save the date" for an IGTC Strategy Session in London, UK on June 18. The strategy session will take place in the Grand Connaught Rooms of the Grain and Feed Trade Association at 61-65 Great Queen St, London WC2B 5DA. Global grain trade leaders will gather to discuss issues of mutual interest as per the IGTC policy and outreach agenda. If you are interested in attending please contact the IGTC Secretariat at secretariat@igtglobal.org.

IGC Workshop on Improvement of Trade and Investment in Grain Trade – June 20

NAEGA members and IGTC corporate stakeholders are invited to attend an IGTC sponsored workshop held during the IGC's International Grains Conference in London, United Kingdom at 8:45am on June 20. Entitled "Improvement of trade and investment in grain trade" the workshop will take place at Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3EE.

The ninety-minute workshop will include presentations by the IGTC, COFCO, the East African Grains Council and the World Trade Organization. A preliminary agenda is below:

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| 08h30 | Arrival |
| 08h45 | OPENING REMARKS Gary C. Martin,
IGTC President
<i>Asks question: "Do international rules-based systems work for the grain trade?" – requests each speaker to answer this question with reference to one of the IGTC's policy files.</i> |
| 08h55 | SPEAKER 1: COFCO International Senior Official 5 minutes / 3 slides – <i>introduction of COFCO International mission and objectives.</i>
10 minutes / 5 slides – <i>answer to question with reference to one of the IGTC's policy files</i> |

- 09h10 **SPEAKER 2: Gerald Masila, Executive Director, Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC)** *5 minutes / 3 slides – introduction of EAGC mission and objectives*
10 minutes / 5 slides – answer to question with reference to one of the IGTC’s policy files
- 09h25 **SPEAKER 3: Javier Ocampo, Trade Policy Analyst, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO** *5 minutes / 3 slides – introduction of WTO Agriculture and Commodities division*
10 minutes / 5 slides – answer to question with reference to one of the IGTC’s policy files
- 09h40m Q&A

Members interested in participating should contact the IGTC secretariat Katy Lee at secretariat@igtglobal.org.

NAEGA-APPAMEX Forum – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico – August 23-25

Please “save the date” for the next NAEGA-APPAMEX Forum in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on August 23-25. All NAEGA members are invited to attend. Please contact [Ryan](#) for more information.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars

With the release of the revised NAEGA 2 contract on March 30, NAEGA is planning for educational seminars to communicate these revisions and educate on the contract and industry best practices. Last year, NAEGA held three North American and one international seminar. As we move into the Spring and Summer, we are seeking your assistance in identifying locations for this year’s seminars! Let us know where we should hold 2018 seminars and what topics you would like us to cover. NAEGA also conducts company specific private seminars. Please let us know if you are interested attending or hosting a NAEGA seminar. Click [here](#) for more information on the in-depth, interactive programs NAEGA conducts!

NAFTA and Asia-Pacific Policy Teams

With NAFTA negotiations underway and the evolving U.S.-China trade relationship, we expect many more fast paced and dramatic developments that could greatly change the terms of trade for NAEGA members. Your involvement is needed!

NAEGA ad hoc policy teams of member personnel working largely through conference calls are helping to guide our multifaceted effort to address the evolving trade environment. Teams focused on the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Asia-Pacific Market are already established. The **NAFTA Policy Team** will be heavily engaged over the next three months to support NAEGA work with the U.S. Food and Ag. Dialogue for Trade, The Pacific Northwest

Economic Region, the Canada U.S. Grain and Seed Trade Task Group and the NAEGA committees and Board of Directors to address NAFTA. A similar effort will soon start with an **Asia-Pacific Policy Team** that will be focused on U.S. trade relations with China, Japan, Korea and the Trans Pacific environment more generally.

Internships

We have an open intern position starting in the fall of 2018 to work at the NAEGA office at 1400 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Information on working for NAEGA as an intern can be found [here](#).

Full Details on Upcoming Events can be found in the Meetings & Events Section of the [NAEGA Member's Only Page](#).

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Action Reports

Recent Actions:

New Orleans FGIS/Industry Workshop

On Wednesday, May 23 NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin joined NAEGA and NGFA members in the New Orleans area for a workshop with the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). During the workshop, FGIS personnel updated NAEGA and NGFA members on FGIS financials and tonnage fees, New Orleans Field Office operations, the status of policy issues including soybean phytosanitary issues with China, NAFTA, and the IPPC, and an update on FGIS key issues and programs.

OECD BIAC

This week, IGTC Secretariat Katy Lee attended the Organizations for Economic Cooperation and Development's General Assembly as a private sector invitee. The Secretariat is considering the merits of IGTC participation in the OECD's Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC). As part of this participation, the IGTC is seeking information on the initiative at BIAC and the OECD that are directly relevant to the IGTC policy agenda and the benefits and costs of IGTC participation. During her travel, Katy observed the annual BIAC General Assembly, held bilateral meetings with the BIAC Secretariat and observed the BIAC plenary.

A trip report for this travel will be available soon.

Upcoming Actions:

IGTC Strategy Session and IGC Meeting – June 17-20 – London, UK

On June 18-20 a robust representation from IGTC Members and Corporate Stakeholders is expected in London to participate in a IGTC Strategy Session and attend a meeting of the International Grains Council. A preliminary schedule includes:

June 18-20, London, UK – overview of schedule

June 18 9am-4pm	IGTC Strategy Session	Grand Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen St, London WC2B 5DA Cost-free to attend
June 19 9am-5pm	International Grains Council (IGC) annual conference	QEII Centre Broad Sanctuary, SW1P 3EE (IGTC preferential rate: £536. For details contact secretariat@igtglobal.org)
June 19 6.30pm onwards	Gafta annual dinner	The Landmark Hotel, 222 Marylebone Rd, London, NW1 6JQ (IGTC members' rate: £185). For details contact secretariat@igtglobal.org)
June 20 9am-1pm	International Grains Council (IGC) workshops - furthering international cooperation in the grain trade. <u>IGTC to lead one of the workshops.</u>	QEII Centre Broad Sanctuary, SW1P 3EE

Please contact the IGTC secretariat if you would like more information and are interested in participating.

Pending Actions:

Comments on Section 232 Investigation into Automobiles

The U.S. Department of Commerce is seeking industry public comment on its investigation into the national security effects of imports of automobiles. On May 23, 2018, the Secretary of Commerce initiated an investigation to determine the effects on the national security of imports of automobiles, including cars, SUVs, vans and light trucks, and automotive parts. This investigation was initiated under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, data, analyses, or other information pertinent to the investigation to the Department of Commerce by June 22, 2018. Rebuttal comments will be due by July 6, 2018. The Department of Commerce will also hold a public hearing on the investigation on July 19 and 20, 2018 in Washington, DC.

NAEGA members who are interested in submitting public comment on this investigation should contact Ryan.

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New Chinese Customs Requirements

The China General Administration of Customs is now enforcing Notification No. 56 regarding “Adjusting Matters Concerning the Inward and Outward Transport Vehicles and Manifest Supervision of Water and Air.” Notification No. 56 requires shippers to include a company code and contact information, as stated on the Bill of Lading, to the manifests submitted prior to the shipments' arrival. In the United States, a company code may include an Employer Identification Number (EIN) or a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Central Index Key (CIK) number. NAEGA is standing by to assist members with compliance with Notification No. 56 if requested.

Trump Pursuing Section 301 Tariffs

On Tuesday, May 29 the White House announced its intention to proceed with the U.S. Trade Representative’s Section 301 investigation to punish the Government of China for its policies regarding intellectual property. In response to findings of China’s practices with respect to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation, the USTR will implement specific investment restrictions and enhanced export controls for Chinese persons and entities related to the acquisition of industrially significant technology, including litigation at the World Trade Organization for violations of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. In addition, the United States will impose a 25 percent tariff on \$50 billion of goods imported from China containing industrially significant technology, including those related to the “Made in China 2025” program. The final list of covered imports will be announced by June 15, 2018. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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Calendar & Member Notices

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2018

June

- 1** – Canada and Mexico steel and aluminum tariff exemptions expire
- 4** – NAEGA meeting with Syngenta on Enogen Corn – Arlington, VA
- 6-7** – WTO Agriculture Committee – Geneva, Switzerland
- 7** – NAEGA UES Application Due
- 14** – IGTC Management Council – Virtual
- 15** – China section 301 tariffs go into effect
- 18** - IGTC Strategy Session – London, UK
- 19** – 27th IGC Grains Conference – London, UK

19 – 2018 Gafta London Dinner – London, UK

20 – IGTC workshop at the International Grains Council (IGC) – London, UK

23 – Section 232 Auto investigation comments due

July

1-September 30 – IPPC ISPM Consultation – Virtual

2-7 – 41st Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC41) – Rome, Italy

9-10 – IPPC ePhyto IAG – Geneva, Switzerland

11-12 – WTO SPS Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

August

23-25 – NAEGA-APPAMEX Forum – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

September

4-7 – IGTC Seminar – Washington, D.C.

7 – International Grains Council Market Condition Committee Meeting – London, UK

10-14 – IMO CCC5 – London, UK

14 – IGTC Management Council – Virtual

26-27 – WTO Agriculture Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

October

TBD – DBTG Operational and Technical Workshop – Baltimore, MD

1-5 – FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG) – Rome, Italy

31-November 1 – WTO SPS Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

November

19-23 – IPPC Standards Committee – Rome, Italy

21-22 – WTO Agriculture Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

10-22 – COP 14 – Egypt

27-29 – IGTC General Assembly 2018 – Beijing, China

December

TBD – U.S. APHIs and China AQSIQ bilateral on soybean phytosanitary requirements

2-4 – NGFA Country Elevator Conference – St. Louis, MO

4 – IGC 40th Session – London, UK

14 – IGTC Management Council - Virtual

TBD – Biosafety Protocol COP 14 – Egypt

2019

March

17-19 – NGFA Annual Convention – Amelia, Island, FL

December

2-4 – NGFA Country Elevator Conference – Indianapolis, IN

2020

March

8-10 – NGFA Annual Convention – Austin, TX

December

TBC – COP 15 – CBD – Beijing, China

2021

March

14-16 – NGFA Annual Convention – San Diego, CA

2022

December

TBC – COP 16 – CBD - Turkey

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