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Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are looking forward to serving and working with you in 2015.

Make Plans Now for the 2015 NAEGA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas on March 16, 2015. Rooms at the Hyatt Regency can be booked at the NGFA rate by clicking [here](#). **Thank you for your investment in NAEGA!** – We very much appreciate your many contributions to the ongoing success of NAEGA. Annual Membership packages are being mailed this week to all NAEGA Member Representatives.

Member Opportunities

- San Antonio, Texas – NAEGA Annual Meeting – March 16th, 2015
- Washington, DC – U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba – January 8th, 2015
- Electronic Working Group – Proposed Draft Amendments to “The Guidelines for the Exchange of Information Between Countries on Rejections of Imported Food (CAC/GL 25-1997)” – January 9th, 2015

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Member Opportunities

**Mark Your Calendars for the NAEGA Annual Meeting
San Antonio, Texas – March 16, 2014**

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We look forward to working with you in San Antonio, Texas in March! The 2015 NAEGA Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, March 16, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The Board Meeting will immediately follow the Members Meeting.

NAEGA meetings will coincide with the March 15-17, 2015 National Grain & Feed Association (NGFA) Convention. Rooms at the Hyatt Regency can be booked at the NGFA rate by clicking [here](#). A special NAEGA registration for the NGFA Convention will soon be available.

Thank you for your investment in NAEGA! – We very much appreciate and need your company’s many contributions to the ongoing success of NAEGA. Your membership year starts anew this month. Invoices for NAEGA’s 2015 Membership Dues are being mailed to member representatives this week and payment is due by February 16. Prompt payment is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the NAEGA office.

Washington, DC – U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba – January 8th, 2015

NAEGA members are welcome to join the U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba (USACC) and participate in the public launch on January 8th, 2015 at 2:00 at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20045. Secretary Vilsack is a confirmed speaker at the event.

The USACC is comprised of more than 30 prominent U.S. food and agriculture companies and associations who seek to advance trade relations between the U.S. and Cuba by re-establishing Cuba as a market for U.S. food and agriculture exports. To see a current list of USACC members please see [this invitation](#) to the Public Launch of the USACC.

Electronic Working Group -- Proposed Draft Amendments to “The Guidelines for the Exchange of Information Between Countries on Rejections of Imported Food (CAC/GL 25-1997)” – January 9, 2015

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register experts for the Electronic Working Group (eWG). The eWG will work on comments for the Proposed Draft Amendments to “The Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Countries on Rejections of Imported Food (CAC/GL 25-1997).”

The existing CAC/GL 25-1997 would be revised to include the following aspects:

1. Exchange of information (including its format) on rejected consignments and the respective roles and responsibilities of the relevant parties in this regard;
2. Any relevant processes and procedures relating to subsequent interactions (i.e. review) on rejections of imported food;
3. Where appropriate the role of the competent authority of the exporting country in investigating the non-compliance with the importing country requirements;
4. The appropriate inclusion of feed in this document.

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The eWG will be co-chaired by the European Union and Chile. NAEGA is planning to advocate for a Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) by commenting on the proposed amendments. Those interested can register by sending an email detailing their name, organization and email address to Codex.europa.eu and Codex.Contact@agriculture.gov.au before **9 January 2015**.

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

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Reports on NAEGA Actions

Welcome New NAEGA Senior Advisor – Warren Duffy

Please join us in welcoming Warren Duffy as the newest NAEGA Senior Advisor. Warren recently retired from Archer Daniels Midland. He chaired NAEGA’s Grades and Inspection Committee for several years. NAEGA looks forward to Warren’s continued leadership and work!

NAEGA Actions on Current Issues are tracked on the Member’s Only Section under their relevant committee pages.

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Information for your Consideration

U.S. Sanctions on Ukraine

The U.S. issued new sanctions against Ukraine. The most recent Executive Order issued by U.S. President Obama relating to Ukraine specifically targets the Russian occupation of the Crimea region of Ukraine. Under the new Executive Order, U.S. persons are prohibited from:

- Making new investment in Crimea,
- Importing into the U.S. goods, services, or technology from Crimea,
- Exporting or supplying goods, services or technology to Crimea, and
- Approving, financing or facilitating transactions by non-U.S. persons that would be prohibited if engaged in by U.S. persons.

The U.S. simultaneously issued General License No. 4 to authorize exports of agricultural commodities and other essential products to Crimea.

U.S. Treasury OFAC Obligations

This serves as a reminder of U.S. exporters’ obligations to comply with the U.S. Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) regulations. Exporters must comply with both the Sectorial Sanctions Identifications (SSI) list and the Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list.

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The SSI list is a list of persons operating in sectors of the Russian economy as directed by Executive Order 13662 on July 16, 2014. Most financial activities with the persons on the list are prohibited. The SSI list and its directives can be found [here](#).

The SDN is a list of individuals and companies owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, targeted countries whose assets are blocked and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from dealing with them. The SDN has recently been updated and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

If you would like more information or wish to provide comments on any of these news topics monitored by NAEGA, please contact us.

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NAEGA Calendar & Member Notices

2015

January

8 – Washington, DC – USACC First Public Press Conference – National Press Club from 2:00pm-3:00pm

9 – Washington, DC – USDA Annual Grain Industry Sector Meeting with APHIS Leadership

14 – NAEGA Grades and Inspection Committee Conference Call – 3:30pm Eastern, 2:30pm Central, 1:30pm Pacific.

16 – Conference Call – Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Agriculture Working Group

March

5-6 – Singapore – International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) General Assembly

16 – San Antonio, Texas – 2015 NAEGA Annual Meetings – Hyatt Regency Hotel (in conjunction with NGFA’s Convention).

April

10 – Panama – “Summit of the Americas”

July

12-16 – Big Sky, Montana – 2015 PNWER Annual Summit

14-15 – U.S. Agriculture Export Development Council (USAEDC) Attaché Seminar – Location TBD

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November

16-19 – USADEC Annual Workshop – Location TBD

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