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### **Canadian Phytosanitary Measure – D-12-05**

NAEGA hosted and participated in new meetings with officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the US Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) with respect to pending new requirements on US grain and grain products imported into Canada. CFIA is moving forward in the next few months to complete global notification of a newly [revised directive D-12-05](#), which provides for Phytosanitary import requirements for grain of field crops including pulses, oilseeds, cereals (other than barley, oats, rye, triticale, and wheat), forages, and other special crops from the continental United States. Originally proposed in 2012, the new measures for plant health risk management on grain and oilseed imports from the US have been the subject of much [NAEGA work](#) and are integral to Canada's new Grain Import Framework. Important findings from this round of discussions include:

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1. Corn has been removed from the latest version of D-12-05. Directive D-95-28 will continue to apply to imports of corn from the U.S. D-95-28 can be found here: [CFIA corn import requirements](#).
2. CFIA and APHIS are supportive of alternatives to the requirements for phyto-sanitary certification of shipments by APHIS or import permits. Such documentation would not require official inspection and certification of individual shipments, and avoid the need for import permitting or phytosanitary certificates. NAEGA and NGFA agreed to propose an alternative for attestation that would be acceptable to both CFIA and APHIS. Concepts for the NAEGA NGFA Alternative Documentation will be discussed NAEGA Grades and Inspections meets jointly with NGFA Grades and Weights Committee on Nov. 5 in Kansas City.

We are tracking the Canada Grain Import Framework developments on the [Grades Committee Section](#) of the website under the Canada section.

### **CFTC Agricultural Advisory Committee**

NAEGA again accepted an invitation from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to nominate a representative to serve on the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC). Steve Strong of Bunge, North America will continue to represent NAEGA on the AAC. Mr. Strong will serve on the AAC for a term of two years and will be charged with presenting the views and interests of NAEGA and its members to the AAC and CFTC.

The first meeting of the newly constituted AAC will likely be December 9<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC.

### **Dow Enlist Duo™ Commercialization**

NAEGA met with officials from Dow Agro Sciences’ regarding plans for 2015 marketing of seeds that contain the now deregulated Enlist corn and soybean trait. Key foreign import approvals for the Enlist Biotech trait are pending in China and the European Union. Dow officials explained that with US EPA approval of the Modified 2-4D herbicidal product, Dow is co-marketing with the Enlist trait plans are as follows:

- Soybeans: Dow will propagate Enlist in fields for seed use only and does not plans to sell seeds to farmers for grain production.
- Corn: Dow will sell seed from grain production. Around 150 select growers in select geographic locations will be offered the seed under a stewardship program that incorporates many requirements for regulated field trails. They include isolation of 660 feet and the field surrounded by non-corn crops. The corn produced from these Enlist seeds must be used for farm use only or selected non-export channel off farm sales. The off farm sales will most likely be restricted to feed mills selling feed to domestic users. The off farm sale will be governed by a three party agreement between Dow, the grower, and the cash buyer.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed the registration of Dow Agro Sciences’ Enlist Duo™ herbicide for use with Enlist corn and soybeans. The EPA’s decision was the final step regulatory step for the Enlist system as Enlist corn and soybeans traits were

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deregulated by the USDA on September 17, 2014. The registration of Enlist Duo™ currently applies to six states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Dow is working with the EPA to add additional states in the coming months. A copy of Dow’s press release on EPA’s registration of Enlist Duo™ can be found [here](#).

### **IGTC Progress Report**

NAEGA has completed a consulting arrangement with Marcel Bruins to provide for an IGTC Secretariat. Henceforth Marcel will be leading and informing us regarding IGTC actions and success. Please join us in welcoming Marcel! [Marcel’s CV](#) can be found on the Biotech Committee webpage of the member’s only site.

Work is well underway on the formal establishment of IGTC. We will soon submit to Swiss authorities a final version of the [draft Articles of Association IGTC](#), which can be found on the Biotech Committee webpage. Work has also been done to revise the [IGTC Statement of Organization and Operating Guidelines](#), which can also be found on the Biotech Committee webpage. The next steps for the IGTC include a conference call to update on all IGTC policy files as well as our organizational efforts. Marcel will lead the conference call and will work with COCERAL to plan the next meeting of the IGTC in Brussels during the week of December 7.

### **USBCA Thanks Senator Grassley on EU Biotech Leadership**

NAEGA joined the other U.S. Biotech Crops Alliance (USBCA) organizations in sending a thank you letter to Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) for writing to the President of the European Commission (EC) urging final action on the pending biotechnology approvals. A copy of Senator Grassley’s letter to the President of the EC and the EU biotech approval is being tracked under the [Biotech Committee webpage](#). A copy of the USBCA thank you letter can also be found the [Biotech Committee webpage](#).

### **West Coast Port Labor Negotiations Letter**

NAEGA joined a number of other businesses and associations in signing a [letter](#) urging the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) to quickly conclude a new labor agreement. The letter warned of the negative impact on U.S. and North American economies because of delayed shipments if there is not a speedy conclusion. The congestion problems at key West Coast ports in both the U.S. and Canada are getting worse each day, and the absence of a new contract between ILWU and PMA is a significant contributing factor. The letter can be found on the [NAEGA public website](#).

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

**NAEGA is considering making comments on the following items. Please contact us with your advice or suggestions:**

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**Oct. 29** – Comments to USTR on TBT & SPS trade barriers for Annual National Trade Estimate Report

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is seeking input for its annual national trade estimate (NTE) report on foreign trade barriers. Comments are due by October 29 and are encouraged to be made on any of the following topics:

- import policies (e.g., tariffs, quotas, import licensing and customs barriers)
- government procurement restrictions (e.g., “buy national” policies and closed bidding)
- export subsidies
- lack of intellectual property rights protection
- anticompetitive conduct of state-owned or private firms tolerated by foreign governments that restricts the sale or purchase of U.S. goods or services in the foreign country’s markets
- other barriers, including barriers that encompass more than one category, such as bribery and corruption, or that affect a single sector

The USTR is particularly interested in trade practices that may violate U.S. trade agreements and information on new barriers. The USTR also welcomes comments on trade restrictions through unwarranted sanitary and phytosanitary measures and standards (SPS), and conformity assessment procedures or technical regulations that can be implemented in less trade restrictive ways (TBT).

A copy of the federal register notice can be found [here](#).

**Dec. 15** – Comments to FDA on revisions of certain provisions on foreign supplier verification programs for importers of food for humans and animals. Potential revisions are primarily related to compliance status review of food and foreign suppliers, hazard analysis, and supplier verification activities. A copy of the federal register notice can be found [here](#).

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## **Member Opportunities**

### **Kansas City, MO – NAEGA Grades and Inspections meets jointly with NGFA Grades and Weights Committee – November 5, 2014**

NAEGA's Grades and Inspection Committee and NGFA's Grain Grades and Weights Committee will meet from 12:00pm – 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5 at the Hilton Kansas City Airport, 8801 NW 112<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO 64153, Phone: (816)-891-8900. The meeting will immediately follow the November 4-5 GIPSA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee at the National Grain Center in Kansas City. The primary discussion item will be to finalize potential policy options to address during the upcoming 2015 GIPSA reauthorization process. The session will begin with a working lunch.

In order to get an accurate headcount for both seating and food, please let Jess McCluer ([jmccluer@ngfa.org](mailto:jmccluer@ngfa.org)) know if you plan on attending the meeting.

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A block of sleeping rooms have been arranged for **Wednesday, November 5** at the special room rate of **\$159** per night, single occupancy. You can go to [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) or call **1-800-445-8667** to make your reservation under the "NGFA" room block at this special rate. The deadline for making your reservation at this rate is Wednesday, October 15.

### **St. Louis, MO – Wheat Innovation Alliance Wheat Forum – November 7-8, 2014**

The Wheat Innovation Alliance executive committee is hosting a “Wheat Forum” to introduce objectives of identifying and overcoming obstacles to innovation in wheat in order to improve wheat profitability. The National Association of Wheat Growers encourages all current and potential industry partners to participate in this important discussion surrounding current and future innovation in wheat.

A description of the Wheat Forum can be found [here](#) and a “Save the Date” can be found [here](#). Please direct any questions regarding this Wheat Forum to Burlson Smith at [technology@wheatworld.org](mailto:technology@wheatworld.org) or 202-547-7800.

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

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### **USTR Welcomes Julia Doherty**

The U.S. Trade Representative Office (USTR) announced that Julia Doherty has joined USTR’s Office of Agricultural Affairs and Commodity policy as Senior Director, SPS and Agricultural Affairs. Ms. Doherty most recently served as Senior Director in USTR’s Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs responsible for developing, coordinating and implementing U.S. trade policy on technical barriers to trade, including standards, conformity assessment procedures and technical regulations.

Ms. Doherty will be responsible for all USTR trade matters related to new agricultural technologies, including agricultural biotechnology, and organic agriculture. Following the October WTO SPS Committee meeting, she also will assume the role of lead U.S. delegate to the WTO SPS Committee. This responsibility will include advocating for an implementing a Rapid Response Mechanism.

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Ms. Doherty can be reached at: [Julia\\_Doherty@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Julia_Doherty@ustr.eop.gov); 202/395-9559.

*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**

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#### **October**

**20-24** – Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico – The North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) and the National Plant Protection Organization of Mexico. <http://www.nappo.org/>

**21** – Washington, D.C. – International Grain Trade Association (IGTC), doing business as International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC), Constitutive General Assembly meeting.

**27** – Washington, D.C. – USSEC Contractor Workshop – NAEGA will host sessions for USSEC country representatives where Senior Advisor, Arvid Hawk will discuss phytosanitary measures, Senior Advisor, Sam Bonilla will discuss dispute resolution, and Gary Martin will provide an overview of the U.S. export grain industry.

**28-30** – Washington, D.C. – US Coast Guard Alternative Security Program (ASP) Workshop. NGFA/NAEGA hosting. Jerry Cotter attending for NAEGA.

**27-November 2** – Seoul, South Korea – Korea Food Security Research Foundation (KFSRF) seminar on economic impacts of asynchronous approvals/LLP in the context of food security. Gary Martin attending and presenting.

#### **November**

**5** – Kansas City, MO – NAEGA Grades and Inspections meets jointly with NGFA Grades and Weights Committee.

**7-8** – St. Louis, MO – Wheat Innovation Alliance Executive Committee Wheat Forum

**10-11** – Beijing, China – APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting (TBD)

**17-20** – Baltimore, MD – USAEDC Annual Workshop

#### **December**

**4** – Washington, D.C. – U.S. Biotech Crops Alliance (USBCA) International Working Group (IWG) Meeting – NAEGA/NGFA Conference Room

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**8-10** – Brussels, Belgium – International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) Meeting

**10-12** – Geneva, Switzerland – UN Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Subcommittee meeting. Jerry Cotter attending.

**14** – Washington, D.C. – U.S. China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT)

**15** – Washington, D.C. – U.S. Biotech Crops Alliance Plenary Session

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