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## **OUTREACH October 21, 2013**

**Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA**

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## **NAEGA Member Participation Opportunity**

### **NAPPO Annual Meeting 2013 – Guelph, Ontario, October 28**

The 2013 North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) annual meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2013 to November 1, 2013 at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Ontario in Canada. More information will be coming soon. Nick Friant (Cargill) and NAEGA Senior Advisor Arvid Hawk are planning to participate. In addition to concerns with official plant protection regulation in Mexico, Canada and the U.S., Nick and Arvid will focus on the International Plant Protection Organization’s intentions regarding a standard for Phytosanitary Measures for International Grain Movements. Updates on the agenda are forthcoming at: <http://www.nappo.org/en/>

### **Canada Border Services Agency/Canadian Food Inspection Agency Trade Consultation – November 7**

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Members are invited to attend a Trade Consultation Session via WebEx hosted by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), in conjunction with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). The webinar will focus on the importation of products regulated by the CFIA.

The session is scheduled for November 7th, 2013, from 1-4 p.m. (EST). The objectives of this webinar will be to provide participants with information on the Single Window Initiative (SWI) as it relates to food, plant and animal products and to provide a forum for discussion on the following aspects:

- Background on the SWI
- Integrated Import Declaration
- Business process changes for food, plant and animal products
- Data requirements for food, plant and animal products

Members are requested to register by October 24th, 2013. This webinar is being offered in English and provided free of charge to participants. To register for this training session go to <https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/k2/j.php?ED=250149527&UID=1692251122&HMAC=3151dfeae6054b7e6917a376c05d5fec3a620a17&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D&FM=1> and register.

Questions can be forwarded to CBSA-ASFC\_OGD\_Single\_Window-Guichet\_Unique\_des\_AM [SWI-IGU@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](mailto:SWI-IGU@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)<<mailto:SWI-IGU@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>>.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> European Union Buyers’ Conference – Istanbul, Turkey, November 19-22**

The USSEC has [announced](#) the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Union (EU) Buyers’ Conference will be held in Istanbul, Turkey on November 19-22. A list of the attendees can be found [here](#). For more information and an agenda, please contact Matt Magiera at [mmagiera@ct.ussec.org](mailto:mmagiera@ct.ussec.org).

### **Soy Sustainability Certificate Process Webinar**

NAEGA, in conjunction with the USSEC, will host a webinar to educate members on the new Soy Sustainability Certificate now available. The time and location of the webinar will be announced shortly. You can learn more [here](#). For immediate questions, contact Brent Babb at [sesadmin@ussec.org](mailto:sesadmin@ussec.org) or 636-449-6020.

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

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## **Reports on NAEGA Actions**

### **Mexico – Soil Pod Issue**

Regarding the arbitrary denial of grain imports into Mexico for alleged excess soil, USDA APHIS requested grain inspection procedures from Mexico’s SENASICA. Just recently

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SENASIC sent APHIS their procedures on grain inspection. The procedures are still in draft form and in Spanish, but can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

This issue is expected to be discussed at length later this month in Guelph, Ontario at the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Annual Meeting. NAEGA will be represented at the Annual Meeting by Senior Advisor, Arvid Hawk and Nick Friant of Cargill.

### **U.S. – State of Washington Grain Inspection**

NAEGA continues to work with its members, NGFA and other stakeholders to ensure grain inspectors of exports from in the state of Washington in light of troubling decisions related to provision of service by the USDA Grain Inspections Packers and Stockyards Agency’s Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). NAEGA and NGFA this week circulated a [letter](#) to get other agricultural industry groups to sign on to encourage the administration to ensure FGIS provides inspection when Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) fails to provide inspectors. NAEGA and NGFA have a meeting scheduled for late Monday afternoon with USDA’s Larry Mitchell and GFIS Administrator Randall Jones.

This event transpired in a response somehow tied to picketing by the locked out International Longshore Workers’ Union (ILWU), the WSDA suddenly and without clear reason refused to provide for the inspection of grain at least one grain export facility within its assigned responsibility to do so. In an unexpected and potentially adverse precedent setting response, FGIS has deferred to the curious decisions of its delegated state agency WSDA and is not willing to directly provide for grain inspections at the facility.

Further reports and actions in this regard will be addressed via coordination with the Grades and Inspections Committee.

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

#### **2013**

**Oct. 22** – Comments to USTR on the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers. <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=USTR-2013-0027-0001>

**Nov. 8** – Originally due Oct. 11, but date was extended – Comments to Office of Management and Budget on the U.S. – Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council’s progress to date and how to address regulatory divergence between the U.S. and Canada governments.

**Nov. 25** – Comments to EPA on Fumigant Registration. <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0625-0001>

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**Nov. 26** – Comments to FDA’s proposed rule on importer/third-party accreditation of foreign foods: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/07/29/2013-17994/accreditation-of-third-party-auditors-certification-bodies-to-conduct-food-safety-audits-and-to-issue>

**Nov. 30** – Comments to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) on current crop variety registration system in Canada. <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/public-opinion-and-consultations/crop-variety-registration-engagement/?id=1374781777067>

**TBD** – Comments to USDA on Agricultural Coexistence. The USDA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register asking the public to comment on how agricultural coexistence in the U.S. can be strengthened. The comment period begins upon publication of the notice in the Federal Register and will be 60 days. More information can be found [here](#).

**TBD** – Comments to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on draft directives D-12-05: [http://www.naega.org/images/pdf/CFIA\\_Draft\\_D-12-05.pdf](http://www.naega.org/images/pdf/CFIA_Draft_D-12-05.pdf)

*NAEGA Actions on Current Issues are tracked on both the Member’s Only Section under their relevant committee pages and the on the Personal Page’s site. Updates to tracked issues are posted in this section.*

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## **New Issues & Opportunities for NAEGA Consideration**

### **Canada-EU – Free Trade Negotiations**

Canada and the European Union (EU) announced this week that negotiators between the two are prepared to start to settle all the remaining technical issues. This trade agreement, called the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), is projected to increase trade by 23% between the two entities. In a [joint statement](#), Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, and Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the EU, said, “Today’s breakthrough on CETA, together with the forthcoming Strategic Partnership Agreement, marks the start of a new, stronger chapter in the long-standing partnership between the EU and Canada.”

This agreement may be instructive to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP), the agreement between the U.S. and EU in which negotiations recently began. More information on the CETA can be found [here](#).

### **U.S. – Government Shutdown Ends**

After a 16-day long partial government shutdown, on October 16, 2013 Congress reached an agreement on a Continuing Resolution to fund and re-open the federal government. It is still unclear when normal operations will resume as furloughed employees return to a backlog of work.

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NAEGA members who would like assistance to overcome related delays or other problems with U.S.G services should feel free to call on NAEGA for assistance.

*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

### Member Notices

USAID and USDA have postponed the Expanded Food Aid Consultative Group meeting that was scheduled for November 21 and November 22. The postponement is due to the expired authority for the Food Aid Consultative Group within the expired Farm Bill and delays in planning caused by the shutdown of the government.

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Richey, telephone 202-720-0430, [dana.richey@fas.usda.gov](mailto:dana.richey@fas.usda.gov)

### Calendar

#### October

**24-25** – Washington, D.C. Area – CBP East Coast Trade Symposium held at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC. The theme is “Increasing Economic Competitiveness through Global Partnerships and Innovation.” This will be the only Symposium held this year.

**28 – Nov. 1** – 2013 NAPPO Annual Meeting – NAPPO’s annual meeting has been scheduled for October 28, 2013 to November 1, 2013 at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Ontario in Canada. More information will be coming soon.

#### November

**4-6** – San Antonio, Texas – American Nutrition Forum – Gary Martin attending and presenting

**7** – Canada Border Services Agency/Canadian Food Inspection Agency Trade Consultation – Webinar

**12-15** – Lisbon, Portugal - 6th International Conference on Coexistence between Genetically Modified (GM) and non-GM based Agricultural Supply Chains: [www.gmcc13.org](http://www.gmcc13.org)

**13-16** - PNWER Economic Leadership Forum

**19-20** - Canada Seminar/Canada Grains Council

**18-22** - IPPC Standards Committee - Grain Movement

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**19-20** – Baltimore, Maryland – U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council (USAEDC) 2013 Annual Workshop – NAEGA Members invited to participate

**19-22** – Istanbul, Turkey – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual European Union Buyers’ Conference. Hosted by USSEC.

**20** – Riverdale, Maryland – APHIS BRS Annual Stakeholder Meeting – Attendees can participate in person or via webcast. Meeting details and registration information will be available soon.

## **2014**

**January -- TBD** – Egypt – 2013 Middle East Regional Trade Conference hosted by U.S. Wheat Associates in cooperation with NAEGA, U.S. Grains Council and U.S. Soybean Export Council

## **March**

**31** – 2014 NAEGA Annual Meetings – Hilton Head, South Carolina

**30-April 1** – 2014 NGFA Convention – Hilton Head, South Carolina

## **June**

**10** – IGC Grains Conference – Tower Hotel, Tower Bridge, London

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