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## **OUTREACH October 28, 2013**

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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/>

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

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>>.

**International Grains Trade Coalition (IGTC) meeting and Grain Industry Symposium:  
“Canada’s Grain Industry Outlook for 2014”, hosted by  
Canada Grains Council and Grain Growers of Canada**

The IGTC will convene to make important decisions on the future of the IGTC as well as update strategy and plans on several key developments affecting trade risk. The IGTC is meeting on November 18 and 19 on the margins of the November 18-20 Symposium at the National Hotel in Ottawa, Canada. Interested NAEGA members are welcome at both.

An agenda for the IGTC meeting which will begin on Monday morning, November 18 is now under development.

Please let us know if you would like to be included in the IGTC meetings that will include: Reports and decisions related future of IGTC including proposed 2014 budget, membership fees, a secretariat selection and revisions to the IGTC Statement of Organization and Operating Guidelines. IGTC actions related to the International Plant Protection Conventions development of an International standard for phyto-sanitary management for grain movement; crop Biotechnology Low Level Presence, International Standards Organization (ISO) work on Sampling / Testing, the Trans Pacific Partnership Negotiations and the Biosafety Protocol.

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The program and registration form for the Symposium are available at <http://naega.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/CGC-GGC-Grain-Industry-Symposium-2013-Updated-to-Oct-24-2013.pdf> or the website [www.canadagrainscouncil.ca](http://www.canadagrainscouncil.ca). The Symposium has an impressive roster of speakers and topics that will deliver a comprehensive outlook for the global economy, grain trade, market access and how advances in crop genetics. You will also hear about how Canada’s grain supply chains are responding to changing food safety requirements in Canada and the U.S. and fighting back to confront misinformation about nutritional value and health benefits of grain-based foods.

Register NOW for the Symposium by filling out the registration form at the end of the program and returning it to the Canada Grains Council.

Call the National Hotel (361 Queen Street) by November 1<sup>st</sup> to receive a special room rate of only \$149. Please reserve your room early as there are a limited number of rooms available at this rate. To reserve a room: phone 1-613-238-6000 or toll-free 1-855-238-6001, identify yourself as being with the Canada Grains Council group and quote reservation ID GSCGC13.

### **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).

*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**

### **China-U.S. – AQSIQ Meeting and Decree 118**

We met with Chinese officials from China’s General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ). A copy of the power point presentation can be found [here](#).

We also met with personnel from USDA FAS about China’s new import regulations being implemented from China’s Decree 118. Decree 118 would require inspection of U.S. facilities and certification before products could be imported. USDA AMS is working with U.S. FDA to create a certificate that would satisfy the Chinese requirements. We will meet with USDA AMS in the near future to get further details of the certificate system.

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

USDA GIPSA FGIS actions related to multiple failures by their delegated State agency Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to provide export grain inspection service remains a concern. In a reaction somehow tied to picketing by the locked out International

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Longshore Workers’ Union (ILWU), the WSDA repeatedly and without clear reason has 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 then deferred to the curious decisions of its delegated state agency WSDA and is not willing to directly provide for grain inspections at the facility.

Working with NGFA and other stakeholders, NAEGA met with USDA’s Larry Mitchell and FGIS Administrator Randall Jones and sent a [letter](#) to Secretary Vilsack to encourage the USDA to take all actions necessary to provide official inspection of grain. Also at the end of last week Politico ran a segment on the issue. That article can be found [here](#) under the title “The Show Must Go On”. Now the effort is to focus efforts on Capitol Hill and get the attention of key lawmakers. Meetings are scheduled for early this week with House and Senate Agricultural Committees.

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

**U.S. – Trade Promotion Authority Legislation**

NAEGA working with a large number of groups to provide for U.S. Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation, also known as “fast track.” Such legislation is needed to empower Congress to set negotiation parameters for the administration in negotiating trade agreements and allow the administration to negotiate without the worry of Congress amending the agreement. TPA is seen as a critical tool for passing pending trade agreements, both the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP).

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

**2013**

**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. 15** – Comments to USTR on TBT & SPS trade barriers.  
[http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=USTR\\_FRDOC\\_0001-0279](http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=USTR_FRDOC_0001-0279);  
[http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=USTR\\_FRDOC\\_0001-0278](http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=USTR_FRDOC_0001-0278)

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

**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>

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**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)

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

### **Central America-EU – Free Trade Agreement**

The EU-Central America Association Agreement entered into force at the beginning of October. The preferential treatment of countries in Central America include, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala. The European Commissioner for Trade, Karel De Gucht stated, “In the current economic situation it is vital for European businesses to count on a stable and predictable business and investment environment.” The press release on the agreement can be found [here](#).

### **EU-China – Bilateral Investment Talks**

As directed by the European Council, the European Commission is set to negotiate a bilateral investment agreement with China. The main objected of the agreement will be enhanced protection of EU investments in China and protection of Chinese investments in the EU, as well as the reduction of barriers to investing in China. The goal is to finish the negotiations no later than two and a half years from the start date. Investment, market access, procurement, and intellectual property have been identified by the EU as priorities of EU-China trade relations. More can be learned about EU-Chinese trade relations [here](#).

### **EU-Ukraine – Trade Agreement**

An agreement, which is expected to be signed at the end of November, between the EU and Ukraine is projected to benefit Ukraine’s agricultural export industry significantly. This agreement is the first step to an eventual free trade agreement between the two nations. “After

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signing the Agreement with the EU, its key component has to start working – a deep and overall free trade area between the Ukraine and the EU” said Ukraine Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food, Mykola Prysyzhniuk. More can be learned about EU-Ukraine trade relations [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**

### **October**

**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. Report from NAEGA team that is attending is pending.

### **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

**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**

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**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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