

Outreach

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Graphic of the week.

The remaining 11 members of the Trans-Pacific Partnership have agreed to the core elements of a revised deal that they still intend to ratify after the withdrawal of the U.S. earlier this year.

Trans-Pacific Partnership-11

After the US withdrawal from the original TPP, the remaining 11 members have signed on to a new deal with identical schedules and commitments save for a few key changes:



Suspended Provisions

- 20 provisions that were in the original deal mainly to benefit the US have been suspended
- 11 of the 20 concerned IP
 - Copyright originally had a term of life of the author plus 70 years; now countries that only protect life of the author plus 50 years can continue
 - Protections for biologics also curtailed
- Other chapters with suspensions include:
 - Express delivery services (requirement for special customs desks to expedite shipments by couriers like DHL and FedEx)
 - ISDS (references to “investment agreements” and “investment authorization”)
 - Telecommunications
 - Medical Devices
- Notably, no agricultural commitment has been suspended



Issues Still Lacking Consensus

- State Owned Enterprises (Malaysia)
- Services and Investment Non-Conforming Measures – Coal (Brunei)
- Dispute Settlement - Trade Sanctions (Vietnam)
- Cultural Exception (Canada)



Revisions and Additions

- Mostly due to the US withdrawal, revisions were made to the provision dealing with entry into force, and new sections were added concerning withdrawal, accession, and the method for reviewing the agreement in the future



Remaining Steps

- 6 of the remaining 11 countries will have to ratify the TPP-11 for it to take effect
 - Final ratification was postponed past the recent APEC summit on account of Canada
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Member Opportunities

U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade High-Level Steering Group Meeting – Washington, DC – December 14

Please “save the date” for the next meeting of the U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade High-Level Steering Group. Members are invited to attend a meeting with Tiger Minsok Chu, President of the Korea International Trade Association, to discuss cooperative efforts regarding outreach to Congress and the Administration on the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, December 14 at 10:30am in the North American Meat Institute Conference Room at 1150 Connecticut Ave NW #1200.

Please contact Ryan if you have any questions.

CMC State of the Industry 2018 – Miami, FL – January 28-30

NAEGA member personnel are invited to join the NAEGA Board of Directors at the Commodity Markets Council’s State of the Industry 2018 conference. The conference will take place at The Miami Beach Edition Hotel. CMC is the leading trade association for commodity futures exchanges and their industry counterparts. The State of the Industry 2018 conference will include discussion and presentations by industry and government leaders focusing on agriculture, metals, energy, power and technology markets. Governor of Nebraska Pete Ricketts will join the conference as the keynote speaker. A copy of the draft agenda can be found [here](#). [Please click here if you would like to register.](#)

NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – Miami, FL – January 30

Please “save the date” for the next meeting of the NAEGA Board of Directors on January 28-30 in Miami, FL. The Board is planning to meet the afternoon of January 30 right after and in conjunction with the Commodity Market Council’s State of the Industry 2018 Conference at The Miami Beach Edition Hotel. More information, and a preliminary agenda, will be available soon.

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.

Please contact [Ryan](#) if you have any questions or are interested in participating in NAEGA’s ad hoc policy teams.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars

NAEGA is beginning to plan seminars for 2018! 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 the in-depth, interactive programs NAEGA conducts!

Internships

We have an open intern position starting January 2017 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:

Contract Seminar and Reception in Tokyo

Over 45 attendees from the Japanese grain and oilseed industry made for a very successful contract seminar on November 28 at the Tokai University Club in Tokyo. Participants in the seminar, which was led by NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin, Senior Adviser Sam Bonilla, and Director of Operations Ryan Olson, reviewed international grain trade contracts and took a close look at

the NAEGA II FOB contract. In addition, Ryan presented on the proposed changes NAEGA is considering to the NAEGA 2 contract and Sam led attendees through case studies on laytime commencing.

Following the seminar NAEGA welcomed approximately 70 guests to a reception at the Tokai University Club to celebrate the Japanese grain and oilseed industry. The reception was opened with remarks from Gary, followed by speeches from the U.S. Embassy's Senior Agricultural Attaché, the head of the Grain Operations Division at the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Japanese Feed Trade Association (JFTA). A copy of Gary's remarks can be found [here](#).

To learn more about NAEGA activities in Tokyo, or to learn about how NAEGA can host a personalized, innovative contracts and best practices seminar for your company, please contact Gary or Ryan.

Upcoming Actions:

EU, IGC, Cocal and IGTC events in Brussels, Belgium – December 3-6

Gary will work on behalf of both NAEGA and the IGTC in Brussels, Belgium at several important trade related events. While in Brussels he looks forward to meeting NAEGA member personnel whenever possible!

On December 4, Gary plans to attend the European Commission Grains Outlook Seminar. At the Seminar, the Commission will present its outlook for global grain supply, demand and trade.

On December 5th Gary will attend the International Grains Council's 46th Session and report the IGC on IGTC (agenda attached). That evening IGTC will co-host the Cocal Annual Reception at which the IGC delegates from IGC member governments are expected to join agri-value chain representatives and officials from the EU institutions. The IGC is a government-to-government organization of 28 member governments with a unique mandate to facilitate trade.

Pending Actions:

U.S. APHIS Consultations on IPPC Activities

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is accepting consultations on three draft specifications and 13 draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) from the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

Draft Specifications:

- [Revision of ISPM 12](#)
- [Audit of phytosanitary context](#)
- [Supplement to ISPM 11](#)

Draft ISMPs:

- [2017 Amendments to ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms](#)
- [International movement of cut flowers and foliage](#)

- [Requirements for the use of fumigation as a phytosanitary measure](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Bactrocera dorsalis complex](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Conotrachelus nenuphar](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Ips spp](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Xylella fastidiosa](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Puccinia psidii](#)
- [Revision of Diagnostic Protocol: Plus pox virus](#)
- [Revision of ISPM 6: Surveillance](#)
- [Requirements for the use of temperature treatments as a phytosanitary measure](#)
- [Draft revision of Annexes 1 & 2 to ISPM15](#)
- [Draft 2015 and 2016 amendments to ISPM 5 Glossary of phytosanitary terms](#)

Please contact Gary or Ryan if you are interested in contributing to any of these comments.

CFIA Consultations for Canada-U.S. RCC

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is seeking input from stakeholders for the development of new cooperation opportunities and prioritization of existing initiatives under the Canada-United States Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC). The purpose of this consultation is to provide an additional mechanism to seek stakeholder feedback on the prioritization of work plan initiatives currently being pursued between the CFIA and its U.S. regulatory counterparts, and to solicit input on potential opportunities for the future. There is no firm deadline for completion of this consultation. However, CFIA’s tentative timeframe for collecting input is by fall of this year. Input [can be submitted at this link](#).

Canada – U.S. RCC Request for Stakeholder Comments

NAEGA is seeking member input on the Government of Canada’s call for [suggestions for regulatory cooperation that supports participation in the Canada-U.S. Regulatory Cooperation Council \(RCC\)](#). Canadians, businesses, and stakeholders have been encouraged to submit suggestions for regulatory reconciliation and cooperation items for federal consideration.

Suggestions for regulatory reconciliation should focus on existing federal regulations that act as a barrier to trade, investment, or labor mobility between Canada and the U.S. Suggestions for regulatory cooperation should highlight areas where governments could cooperate in the development of future regulations, in order to facilitate innovation, competition, and growth in emerging industries, technologies and sectors.

If you are interested in contributing to NAEGA comments on the RCC please contact Gary or Ryan. Comments are due by January 8, 2018.

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In the News

Glyphosate Approval

On November 27 the European Union’s Committee for Plants, Animals, Food and Feed Health voted to extend Glyphosate authorization for an abbreviated period of five years. The vote came

with a split between France and Germany, as President Macron announced that he would ask government officials to devise a plan to ban the herbicide in France within three years. The vote of approval came less than three weeks before Glyphosate's current license expired.

The final vote tally included 18 in favor of extended authorization, 9 against, and one abstention.

Ag Economy Letter to Sec Ross

U.S. Senator John Boozman (R-AR) led a bipartisan letter to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross asking the administration to conduct a robust economic analysis to evaluate how any changes to NAFTA would affect changes to the nation's crop and livestock sectors.

The letter noted that "it is imperative that before any changes are made to NAFTA, or any other free trade agreement, that economic analysis that illustrates the impact on the full supply chain of the industries involved be shared. As such, we request an economic analysis that examines and evaluates the impacts to crop and livestock sectors as a result of any change to NAFTA."

You can read the full letter [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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Calendar & Member Notices

Click [here](#) for a Copy of the IGTC Calendar

2017

December

- 3** – NGFA Country Elevator Conference – Louisville, KY
- 4** – EU Commission Grains Outlook Seminar – Brussels, Belgium
- 4** – COCERAL-IGTC Reception – Brussels, Belgium
- 5** – 46th International Grains Council Session – Brussels, Belgium
- 6** – NOLA Subcommittee Meeting – New Orleans, LA
- 6-8** – GHS Subcommittee Meeting – Geneva, Switzerland
- 10-13** – WTO Ministerial Conference – Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 14** – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

2018

January

- 18** – Annual Grain Sector Meeting with U.S. APHIS Administrator
- 22-26** – IPPC Global ePhyto Symposium – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 25-26** – Paris Grain Day 2018 – Paris, France
- 28-30** – Commodity Markets Council State of the Industry – Miami, FL
- 28-30** – NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – Miami, FL

February

- 21-22** – WTO Agriculture Committee – Geneva, Switzerland
- 28-March 1** – WTO SPS Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

March

- 14** – IGTC Management Council - Virtual
- 18-20** – NGFA Annual Convention – Scottsdale, Arizona
- 18-20** – NAEGA Annual Meetings – Scottsdale, Arizona
- 26-28** – Canadian Global Crops Symposium – Toronto, Canada

April

- 16-20** – IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-13) – Rome, Italy

May

- 14-18** – IPPC Standards Committee – Rome, Italy

June

- 6-7** – WTO Agriculture Committee – Geneva, Switzerland
- 14** – IGTC Management Council – Virtual
- 18-20** IGTC Strategy Session – London, UK
- 19** – 27th IGC Grains Conference – London, UK
- 19** – 2018 Gafta London Dinner – London, UK

July

- 1-September 30** – IPPC ISPM Consultation - Virtual
- 11-12** – WTO SPS Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

August

1-2 – Australian Grains Industry Conference – Melbourne, Australia

September

4-7 – IGTC and Gafta Seminars – Washington, D.C.

10 – USSEC Annual Event – Mid-West, U.S.A.

14 – IGTC Management Council – Virtual

26-27 – WTO Agriculture Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

October

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

November

19-23 – IPPC Standards Committee – Rome, Italy

21-22 – WTO Agriculture Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

TBC – COP 14 – CBD and COP-MOP 9 - Egypt

December

14 – IGTC Management Council - Virtual

TBD – Biosafety Protocol COP 14 – Egypt

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December

TBC – COP 15 – CBD – Beijing, China

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December

TBC – COP 16 – CBD - Turkey

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