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NAEGA Member Participation Opportunity

Looking forward to seeing you at the NAEGA Annual Meeting Hilton Head, South Carolina – March 31, 2014

Plans are just about complete for the day of meetings to NAEGA’s Annual Meeting in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Please join us on Monday, March 31, 2014 in Hilton Head, South Carolina from 10:30am to 6:30pm. The current agenda for the day includes:

10:30am – NAEGA Biotechnology Committee Briefing
Open to all NAEGA Member Representatives

The Elliot Room

11:30am – Joint NAEGA/NGFA Biotechnology Discussion

The Elliot Room

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Open to all NAEGA Representatives and NGFA Biotech Committee Industry Members

12:30pm – Luncheon The Elliot Room
Hosted by NAEGA Grades Committee and NGFA Grain Grades and Weights Committee
Randall Jones, Deputy Administrator GIPSA’s Federal Grain Inspection Service,
Guest speaker. Open to all NAEGA Member representatives and invited guests

2:00pm – NAEGA Annual Membership Meeting The Elliot Room
Open to all NAEGA Members and invited guests – Agenda forthcoming.

2:30pm – NAEGA Board Meeting The Elliot Room
Open to all NAEGA members and invited guests – Agenda forthcoming.

6:30pm – Bunge North America Inc. Reception Calibogue/Danner Ballroom
All attendees invited!

The above meetings are all available without paid registration – please let us know you plan to attend by registering with NAEGA by [clicking here](#).

IMPORTANT NAEGA meetings will coincide with the March 30-April 1, 2014 National Grain & Feed Association (NGFA) Convention. The current agenda for the NGFA convention can be accessed [here](#). Rooms at the Westin Hilton Head can be booked at the NGFA rate by clicking [here](#). A special NAEGA registration for the NGFA Convention is now available [here](#).

For example, on Monday, March 31 to kick off the Biotech related discussions, NGFA has confirmed that Howard Minigh, President and CEO of CropLife International will address the entire Convention. Mr. Minigh will discuss “Biotechnology: Accommodating Innovation While Preserving Markets” at 9:50 in the Archer/Barnwell room. This discussion, and all other sessions at the NGFA convention will require NGFA registration.

**USDA-FDA Public Meeting on Draft U.S. CODEX Positions – College Park, MD –
February 27, 2014**

USDA and FDA will discuss draft U.S. positions on agenda items for the CODEX Alimentarius Commission’s Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) at a public meeting February 27, 2014 from 10:00am to 12:00pm Eastern. The CCCF 8th session is scheduled for March 31-April 4 in the Netherlands. NAEGA is most concerned with the CCCF approach to toxins in grain. For example, the agenda includes;

1. draft maximum levels for deoxynvalenol (DON) in cereals and cereal-based products and
2. associated sampling plans, proposed draft maximum levels for acetylated derivatives of DON in cereals and cereal-based products, and
3. proposed draft maximum levels for fumonisins in maize and maize products and associated sampling plans.

The public meeting will take place in Room 1A-003 of the Harvey Wiley Federal Building, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park Maryland 20740.

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Individuals may also participate via teleconference by registering for the public meeting with the U.S. delegate.

NAEGA’s paper regarding this topic can be found [here](#).

U.S. – FDA Issues Proposed Rules on Sanitary Transportation of Food and Feed under FSMA

On January 31st, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requested comments on [proposed rules](#) for sanitary transportation of food and feed under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The proposed rule would apply to trucks and rail transportation conveyances, but not barges or vessels.

The comment period deadline is May 31. There will be three public meetings on the proposed rules:

February 27, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois;

March 13, 2014 in Anaheim, California; and

March 20, 2014 in College Park, Maryland (outside of Washington, D.C.).

More information on the meetings can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm383763.htm>

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

China – Biotech Dilemma

Syngenta announced some plans for a “Limited Launch,” of its Duracade® corn product. [NAEGA and NGFA](#) have urged Syngenta to halt its plans to commercialize Duracade® corn until it receives approval in all major export markets.

The announcement refers to Syngenta actions to provide “marketing options” for producers who decide to plant and grow the trait.

Now that Syngenta has recognized the need to manage the exposure and steward their Duracade® product, we will work to encourage Syngenta to also responsibly communicate with stakeholders, enable markets and identify measures to mitigate damage and compensate the value chain when their stewardship fails. Unfortunately the announcement and Syngenta's actions to date in providing for Duracade® Product Launch Stewardship and Communication fall far short of necessary actions to achieve established Biotech industry policy and guidelines, meet their product management responsibilities and serve value chain needs.

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Further, we will continue to advise farmers "to check with their local grain elevators and merchants to determine whether the grain buyer or handler has any limitations on accepting biotechnology traits that do not have certain export market approvals." Similar advice has been issued to growers by the National Corn Growers Association and American Farm Bureau Federation.

International Grain Trade Coalition

NAEGA is working with the International Grain Trade Coalition on several important issues of concern to our membership including IPPC Draft International Standard for Phyto-Sanitary Measures (ISPM) for grain, international efforts related to the lack of synchronization of biotech approvals including providing for Low Level Presence solutions, and the Biosafety Protocol (BSP) and CODEX Alimentarius Commission’s Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF).

In addition to hosting an IGTC conference call on February 20, NAEGA actions include: provided the IGTC with:

1. [Background](#) information and recommendations for CCCF.
2. For the ISPM, several IGTC members have followed NAEGA’s lead by petitioning their respective governments. For example, Grain Trade Australia (GTA) and APPAMEX have submitted comments regarding the grain ISPM to their respective governments. COCERAL indicated that the European Union will not adopt a formal position until the beginning of May.
3. Support for representation at the [FAO LLP meeting](#) in Rome, Italy on March 20 and 21.

Taiwan – New Pesticide MRLs

NAEGA Senior Advisor, Arvid Hawk, reviewed and NAEGA provided USDA-FAS with his [assessment](#) of Taiwan’s new proposed Maximum Residue Levels (MRL) for corn, soybeans, sorghum and wheat. Arvid highlighted in red the Taiwan MRL that are lower than those set by the U.S. EPA. On the left hand side of the document highlighted in red are the pesticides that are considered to be most problematic for the grain industry.

U.S. – USDA-AMS/FAS Feed Export Certification Plans

The USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) hosted a webinar to further explain the agreement it signed with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The agreement designates the USDA as the authority to certify animal feed and pet food products for export to foreign countries. The USDA-AMS will now expand its services to support and certify the trade of animal feed and feed ingredients. The agreement grants USDA-AMS the authority to audit, register and provide export certification for animal feed and pet food products for export. Products USDA-AMS will have the ability to certify include pet food and treats, dried distillers’ grains with solubles, mixed-ingredient feeds, and feed additives.

The agreement between USDA-AMS and FDA was, in part initiated as a means to provide for exporters to comply with China’s new feed export rules under Decree 118. The requirements of The People’s Republic of China’s General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) include: feed products exported to China must originate from a registered U.S. facility, which may be subject to audits by AQSIQ officials, and the product must be

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accompanied by a shipment-by-shipment certificate. However, the agreement reaches beyond compliance with Decree 118, and will now likely be the means to export feed and feed ingredients to many other foreign destinations that require such certifications.

The USDA has issued a [press release](#) and [Notice to Trade](#) to help industry and the media understand the USDA’s plan. Parties interested in completing this certification process should complete the AMS web-based application for service and the Good Manufacturing Program (GMP) checklist found [here](#).

The next step in terms of complying with China’s Decree 118 will be to comply a list of facilities available for certification. Then AQSIQ will conduct an audit of a few select facilities. Currently it is unclear how the facilities will be chosen for the audits and unclear how the audits will be funded.

If you have questions, you can let Gary or Kyle know or questions can be directly answered by emailing William Stone at william.stone@ams.usda.gov.

World – International Maritime Solid Bulk Code

NAEGA Senior Advisor, Jerry Cotter, reports that as of 1 January 2014 Corn Gluten Meal (CGM) and Corn Gluten Feed Pellets (CGFP) are officially considered non-hazardous under the International Maritime Organization (IMO) International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code). This non-hazardous designation is on a voluntary basis until the amendment to the IMSBC Code becomes mandatory 1 January 2015. Any member with questions or inquiries from P&I Clubs should contact the NAEGA office for assistance.

Jerry also notes official schedule for Distillers Dried Grains and Solubles (DDGS) identifying as non-hazardous under the IMO IMSBC Code was effective 1 January 2013.

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

2013

Mar. 4 – Comments to USDA on coexistence of biotech and non-biotech farms. <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/12/31/2013-31192/enhancing-agricultural-coexistence-extension-of-comment-period>

Mar. 11 – Comments to USDA-APHIS on draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) evaluating one corn and two soybean varieties genetically engineered by Dow AgroSciences, LLC, to be resistant to the herbicide known as 2,4-D. These were originally due on Feb. 24, but were extended. <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0042-0051>

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

2014 CFIA-USDA Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) Memorandum

USDA-APHIS recently issued this [memorandum](#) summarizing import requirements for marine vessels entering North America ports which have called upon areas regulated for Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM).

EU-U.S. – T-TIP Talks on Track but Face Challenges

The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), Michael Froman, announced progress towards the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP). Recently, Ambassador Froman met with the EU Trade Commissioner, Karel de Gucht. Ambassador Froman’s [statement](#) included the importance of “reducing unnecessary regulatory barriers to trade while maintaining appropriate levels of health, safety, and environmental protection.”

The next round of negotiations is scheduled for the week of March 10, 2014 in Brussels, Belgium.

U.S. – Executive Order on Import/Export Process

The White House issued a [press release](#) announcing a new [Executive Order](#) on streamlining the Import/Export process, by mandating the completion of an International Trade Data System (ITDS) by December 2016, in an effort to increase efficiency and reduce the cost of trade. The ITDS would allow businesses to electronically transmit, through a “single-window,” the data required by the U.S. Government to import or export cargo. This new electronic system will speed up the shipment of goods overseas, and eliminate duplicative and burdensome paperwork.

The Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) will be in charge of coordinating and facilitating the communication between government agencies and outside stakeholders, as well as identifying supply chain inefficiencies and risks.

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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2014

March,

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6-7 – Washington, D.C. – CBP East Coast Trade Symposium held at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. This was originally scheduled for October 24-25, 2013 but had to be rescheduled due to the government shutdown.

11 – NAEGA Grades Committee Conference Call, tentative

19 – Washington, DC – ASP Workshop Dinner

31 – Hilton Head, South Carolina – 2014 NAEGA Annual Meetings – Westin Hilton Head Resort (in conjunction with NGFA’s Convention March, 30 – April, 1). Reservations can be made [here](#).

April,

14-16 – Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada – Canadian Global Crops Symposium – Hosted by the Canada Grains Council

June

10 – London, United Kingdom – International Grains Council (IGC) Grains Conference – Tower Hotel, Tower Bridge – You can register [here](#).

July

1 – Washington, DC – NAEGA 2013 MAP Contribution Report Due

15-16 – Alexandria, VA – USAEDC Attaché Seminar

September

29-October 3 – 7th Meeting of the Parties/Conference of the Parties for the So-called Cartagena Biosafety Protocol under the Convention on Biodiversity, which governs trans-boundary movements of Living Modified Organisms for feed, food and processing. More information can be found at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/>

November

17-20 – Baltimore, MD – USAEDC Annual Workshop

Thank you for your investment in NAEGA! – We very much appreciate and need your company’s many contributions to the ongoing success of NAEGA. Invoices for NAEGA’s 2014 Membership Dues have been mailed to member representatives and payments were due February 17. If you have not already paid, please do so as soon as possible.

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