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Image of the Week

The United States currently has 24 active antidumping and countervailing duty investigations against China

Active antidumping and countervailing duty investigations, by start date

Investigation title	Start date	Phase	Investigation title	Start date	Phase
Silicon metal from China	3/1/2017	Fourth review	Carton-closing staples from China	11/3/2017	Final
Foundry coke from China	5/1/2017	Third review	Fine denier polyester staple fiber from China and 3 others	11/6/2017	Final
Tapered roller bearings from China	7/3/2017	Fourth review	Sodium gluconate, gluconic acid, and derivative products from China and France	11/30/2017	Preliminary
Lined paper school supplies from China and India	7/3/2017	Second review	Common alloy aluminum sheet from China	12/1/2017	Preliminary
Pure granular magnesium from China	9/1/2017	Third review	Plastic decorative ribbon from China	12/27/2017	Preliminary
Polyester staple fiber from China	9/1/2017	Final	Utility scale wind towers from China and Vietnam	1/2/2018	Adequacy
Tool chests and cabinets from China and Vietnam	9/8/2017	Final	Activated carbon from China	1/8/2018	Adequacy
Cold-draw mechanical tubing from China, Germany and 4 others	9/25/2017	Final	Folding gift boxes from China	1/8/2018	Adequacy
Silicomanganese from China and Ukraine	10/2/2017	Adequacy	Large diameter pipe from Canada, China and 4 others	1/17/2018	Preliminary
Aluminum foil from China	10/10/2017	Final	Stainless steel flanges from China and India	1/23/2018	Final
Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells and modules from China	11/1/2017	First review	Cast iron soil pipe from China	1/26/2018	Preliminary
Honey from China	11/1/2017	Third review	Rubber bands from China, Sri Lanka and Thailand	1/30/2018	Preliminary

Sources: "Antidumping and countervailing duty investigations," United States International Trade Commission, February 23, 2018.

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Member Opportunities

Marketing Opportunity: NAEGA Annual Meeting – Scottsdale, AZ – March 18-19

All NAEGA members interested in distributing company marketing or information resources at the NAEGA Annual Meetings should contact Ryan (rolson@naega.org) for more information.

Space is available at the NAEGA member check-in table at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa for member and associate member companies to distribute marketing materials including pamphlets or flyers. The check-in table will be located in the Hall of State and will be adjacent to the NGFA Annual Convention check-in table. The table will be staffed part-time, and marketing materials may be left out for collection during regular meeting and convention hours. Members are responsible for shipping all materials to Scottsdale.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity please contact Ryan. All materials must arrive in Scottsdale by March 17, 2018.

NAEGA Annual Members Meeting – Scottsdale, AZ – March 19

Please make your plans and reserve your hotel rooms now for the 2018 NAEGA Annual Members meeting and committee meetings on March 18-19, 2018 at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. All NAEGA member personnel are invited to attend and participate in all NAEGA meetings and events. A [preliminary schedule](#) includes:

Time	Event	Location
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Sunday, March 18		
1:30-3:00pm	Contracts Committee Meeting (RSVP here)	Merriam AB Room
1:00-3:00pm	Joint NAEGA Grades and Inspections Committee and NGFA Grain Grades and Weights Committee Meeting (RSVP here)	Trailblazers 3 Room
3:15-5:30pm	Joint NAEGA Production Technology and NGFA Biotechnology Committee Meeting (RSVP here)	Cushing AB Room
6:00-7:00pm	CoBank Welcome Reception	Marshall's Outpost Pavilion
Monday, March 19		
9:00-11:30am	Grand Opening Plated Breakfast Featuring Soren Schroder, CEO, Bunge Limited (Included in Promo Rate for NAEGA members)	Trailblazers Ballroom
10:00-12:00pm	NAEGA 2 Model Contract Revisions Briefing (RSVP here)	Kierland 1A
12:00-1:30pm	NAEGA Members Lunch and Annual Members Meeting (RSVP here)	Kierland 1A
1:30-3:30pm	NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting (RSVP here)	Kierland 1A
6:30-7:30pm	Bunge North America Reception (Included in Promo Rate for NAEGA members)	Northern Sky Terrace and Rainmakers Ballroom

Accommodations

All NAEGA meetings and events will take place at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa at 6902 E Greenway Parkway Scottsdale, AZ. Westin Kierland is currently fully booked for during NAEGA's Annual Meetings. However, if you wish to join a waitlist for a room at the Westin please email Nadine.Stamper@westin.com with your information.

Alternative hotel reservations are available. NGFA has secured a room block at the Courtyard North Scottsdale and the SpringHill Suites North Scottsdale for \$259 per night plus tax. Both hotels are a short drive to the Westin Kierland, and shuttle service will be available. To make a reservation at either of these location please click [here](#).

NGFA Convention

NAEGA's annual meetings will once again take place alongside the National Grain and Feed Association's Annual Convention on March 18-20. NAEGA members interested in attending part of the NGFA Convention can utilize a special NAEGA member rate of \$300 for member personnel and \$250 for spouses and guests. This rate includes events at the NGFA Convention on Sunday and Monday. A copy of the NGFA convention schedule can be [found here](#).

To take advantage of the special NAEGA member rate should register here using the promo code NAEGA2018.

NAEGA 2 Revisions Briefing (March 30, 2018 Revisions) – Scottsdale, AZ – March 19

All NAEGA members are invited to attend a briefing on the NAEGA 2 Model Contract (March 30, 2018 Revision) at 10:00am on March 19 in the Kierland 1A room of the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa.

If you are interested in attending please [RSVP here](#).

On January 30, 2018 the NAEGA Board of Directors approved revisions to the NAEGA 2 Model Contract to be implemented on March 30, 2018. In preparation for the release of these revisions, NAEGA will be holding a briefing on March 19 in Scottsdale led by Contracts Committee chairman Andrew Marting. During the briefing, participants will review the changes to the NAEGA 2 Model Contract and discuss implementation and intended impacts.

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.

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:

Letter on Philippine Biosafety Permits

On Friday, March 2 NAEGA joined the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA), the National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA), and the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) in a letter to the Philippine Department of Agriculture on biotechnology reviews and approvals. The letter notes that applications for agricultural biotech products are taking considerably longer than the prescribed timeline under the Joint Department Circular (JDC). The letter calls for the Department to adhere to the JDC timelines for improved timing, predictability and transparency for biotech-enhanced agricultural products in order to ensure the cost efficiency and sustainability of production and trade of products imported into the Philippines.

A copy of the letter can be found [here](#).

IGTC Newsletter

The latest IGTC Newsletter is now available! This week's newsletter includes a report on the WTO MRL workshop in Geneva, an update on ePhytos, and a preview of upcoming IGTC events in London and Rome this Spring.

For more details, read the IGTC Newsletter [here](#) or visit the IGTC website at www.igtglobal.org.

Letter on West Coast Labor Negotiations

On Friday, March 2 NAEGA joined 115 state and federal trade association in a letter to the International Longshoreman's Association and the United States Maritime Alliance encouraging both parties to return to the table as soon as possible and resume negotiations on a labor contract for West Coast ports. The letter notes that a contract extension will provide supply chain stakeholders with the certainty they need for their operations and help avoid supply chain disruptions and delays that arose out of previous contract negotiations. When talks are put on hold it causes great uncertainty, shifts in logistical plans and even economic damage.

A copy of the letter can be found [here](#).

Mississippi River Barge Docs Digitization

The NAEGA Board of Directors has under consideration a report on the NAEGA/NGFA Barge Docs Digitization Workshop provided by Communique, LLC. The Workshop took place on Friday, February 16 in New Orleans, LA and brought together stakeholders from throughout the Mississippi River barge trade, including grain handlers, shippers, barge line operators and service providers. The report outlines next steps needed to pursue digital solutions for documentation. The NAEGA Board of Directors will address next steps at its upcoming meeting in Scottsdale, AZ on March 19.

U.S. Soybean and Sorghum Exports to China

Beginning in late December 2017 NAEGA Executive Committee and Board of Directors has been extensively engaged in consultation and coordination and has initiated several new actions and delayed or put aside some activity we have discussed previously to address Chinese policies

related to grains, oilseeds and other products. In doing so, NAEGA is working to provide for marketability and competition while defending value, quality and safety of the commodities traded by its Members. Our focus has been, and continues to be, to provide for regulatory and commercial best practices within the parameters of sound science, legal compliance and international convention to provide for the least trade distortion and best environment for all stakeholders.

Regarding the recent action by USDA to institute an additional declaration conveying Foreign Material percentage for U.S. export shipments of soybeans to China on the phyto-sanitary certificate issued by its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), we continue to be concerned with the resulting and ongoing lack of understanding and predictability on how Chinese authorities will treat imports of U.S. soybeans. We believe the circumstances result in new and substantial inappropriate disadvantages to U.S. origin soybeans and risk setting bad precedence of other grains and oilseeds. NAEGA is taking a number of actions to engage directly with APHIS and other parts of U.S. government. For instance, NAEGA has been aggressively communicating our concerns and possible solutions as part of the **USDA Systems Approach on Weed Seeds**. Recently USDA provided more details in this effort to help educate farmers, grain handlers and exporters on weed seed management techniques. The systems approach was developed in response to U.S. efforts to reduce the presence of weed seeds in soybean shipments to China. Over the past three months, NAEGA has been working closely with the USDA as part of the U.S. Grain and Oilseed Strategic Working Group to provide input into the systems approach. The approach is outlined [here](#) and will be rolled out as an educational tool at USDA attended events throughout the country.

NAEGA is also supporting work by the National Sorghum Producers and the U.S. Grains Council, in coordination with several members, to respond to the self-initiated antidumping and countervailing duty investigation by China's Ministry of Commerce into U.S. Sorghum exports to China.

NAEGA members interested in providing input or being engaged in this work should contact us immediately. Both matters will be the subject of NAEGA consideration at our meetings on March 19 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Upcoming Actions:

IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures – April 16-20 – Rome, Italy

On April 16-20 Katy Lee, Secretariat of the International Grain Trade Coalition, will travel to Rome, Italy to participate in the IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM). During this meeting the IGTC will act as an observer at the annual CPM event, considered the “parliament” of the 183 contracting governments to the IPPC. The IGTC is also planning a side event to discuss issues of importance to the global trade.

IGTC Strategy Session and IGC Meeting – June 17-20 – London, UK

On June 17-20 a robust representation from IGTC Members and Corporate Stakeholders is expected in London to participate in a IGTC Strategy Session and attend a meeting of the International Grains Council. A preliminary schedule includes:

June 17: Welcome event for IGTC global delegation in London

June 18: IGTC Strategy Session
June 18-19: IGC Session and annual conference
June 19: GAFTA annual dinner

Pending Actions:

Canada CFIA Consultations for 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. The deadline to submit input is March 30, 2018. Input [can be submitted at this link](#).

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Steel and Aluminum Tariffs

On Friday, March 9 President Donald signed an order instituting a 25 percent tariffs on imports of steel and a 10 percent tariff on imports of aluminum. The order came after a Section 232 report, issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce, recommended import tariffs to protect domestic producers on national security grounds. The rates will go into effect in 15 days. Under the plan, Canada and Mexico are exempted from import duties as NAFTA talks continue. The duties are meant to help U.S. industry achieve production capacity levels that will maintain profitability and employments.

USDA Systems Approach on Weed Seeds

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is currently pursuing a systems approach to help educate farmers, grain handlers and exporters on weed seed management techniques. The systems approach was developed in response to U.S. efforts to reduce the presence of weed seeds in soybean shipments to China. Over the past three months NAEGA has been working closely with the USDA as part of the U.S. Grain and Oilseed Strategic Working Group to provide input into the systems approach. The approach is outlined here and will be rolled out as an educational tool at USDA attended events throughout the country.

Settlement on Corn Litigation v. Syngenta

Syngenta has reached a \$1.51 billion settlement in a nationwide class-action lawsuit over the commercialization of genetically modified corn. The settlement covers all U.S. corn producers – farmers and crop share landlords – as well as grain handling facilities and ethanol plants nationwide who sold corn priced after September 15, 2013. More information on the class-action suit can be found [here](#).

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- 18** – Joint NAEGA Production Technology and NGFA Biotechnology Committee Meeting – Scottsdale, AZ
- 19** – NAEGA 2 Revisions Briefing – Scottsdale, AZ
- 19** – NAEGA Annual Members Meeting – Scottsdale, AZ
- 19** – NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – Scottsdale, AZ
- 23** – U.S. Article 232 Steel and Aluminum Tariffs Begin
- 30** – Comments due to CFIA on RCC

April

- 4** – China sorghum ADCVD case questionnaires due
- 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** – 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

2-7 – 41st Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC41) – Rome, Italy

11-12 – WTO SPS Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

September

4-7 – IGTC Seminar – Washington, D.C.

7 – International Grains Council Market Condition Committee Meeting – London, UK

10-14 – IMO CCC5 – London, UK

14 – IGTC Management Council – Virtual

26-27 – WTO Agriculture Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

October

TBD – DBTG Operational and Technical Workshop – Baltimore, MD

1-5 – FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG) – Rome, Italy

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

November

19-23 – IPPC Standards Committee – Rome, Italy

21-22 – WTO Agriculture Committee – Geneva, Switzerland

10-22 – COP 14 – Egypt

27-29 – IGTC General Assembly 2018 – Beijing, China

December

TBD – U.S. APHIs and China AQSIQ bilateral on soybean phytosanitary requirements

2-4 – NGFA Country Elevator Conference – St. Louis, MO

4 – IGC 40th Session – London, UK

14 – IGTC Management Council - Virtual

TBD – Biosafety Protocol COP 14 – Egypt

2019

March

17-19 – NGFA Annual Convention – Amelia, Island, FL

December

2-4 – NGFA Country Elevator Conference – Indianapolis, IN

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March

8-10 – NGFA Annual Convention – Austin, TX

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TBC – COP 15 – CBD – Beijing, China

2021

March

14-16 – NGFA Annual Convention – San Diego, CA

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TBC – COP 16 – CBD - Turkey

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