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### NAFTA and Asia-Pacific Policy Teams

It appears the 90 day NAFTA renegotiation clock will start soon, the U.S. and China have a 100-day plan on trade already started and 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.

### NAEGA-APPAMEX Forum – Cancun, Mexico – May 24-26

All NAEGA members are invited to attend the 24th Annual NAEGA-APPAMEX Forum in Cancun, Mexico on May 24-26. This year’s forum will take place at the Hotel Secrets the Vine in coordination with the Mexican feed mills association CONFAB. Gary plans to attend and conduct several side meetings with industry and government officials. A combined agenda is available [here](#) and the NAEGA-APPAMEX Forum Agenda is available below:

Friday May 26 <sup>th</sup>	
9:30–10:45am	Section of the 24 <sup>th</sup> Forum APPAMEX-NAEGA
9:30–10:10am	<b>APPAMEX-NAEGA</b> “Outlook of the International Grains and Oilseeds Trade in the Global and Regional Markets” – David Williams, Senior Vice President, Informa Economics IEG
10:10–10:45am	<b>APPAMEX-NAEGA</b> Panel: “APPAMEX Background and Participation in the Agri-Bulks Trade Repositioning for the Agri-Food Industry in Mexico” – members of the APPAMEX Direction Board and Gary Martin, NAEGA President and CEO. Moderator: Ricardo Calderon Lopez, Director Executive, APPAMEX
10:45–11:05am	“Realignment of the Logistic and Regulatory Procedures for Grains and Oilseeds Imports” – Felipe Pena Duenas, Vice President of the Transportation Commission, CONCAMIN (Industrial Chambers National Confederation) and President of CONAGO (the Grains and Oilseeds Supply National Council)
11:05–11:35am	Coffee Break and Visit to the Business Area
11:35–12:15pm	“The Agri-Food Sector in Mexico” – Mr. Bosco de la Vega Valladolid, President of the National Agricultural Council
12:15–12:40pm	Presentation to be confirmed

12:40–1:10pm	“Genetically Modified Organisms and the Agricultural Inputs Availability for the Feed Mills Industry” - Ph.D. Sol Ortiz Garcia, Secretary Executive, CIBIOGEM (TBC)
1:10–2:50pm	“Mexico’s Economic and Politic Outlook under an International Context” - Sergio Sarmiento, Economy and Political Analyst, Press Columnist and Media News Anchor
2:50–3:00pm	Conclusions

Please [click here](#) if you would like to register. Information on hotel reservation can be found [here](#).

### **IGTC Strategy Session– London – June 5**

The IGTC Secretariat is seeking corporate stakeholder participation in an IGTC Strategy Session in London on June 5. All NAEGA members are considered IGTC corporate stakeholders. The Strategy Session is a chance to join global grain trade leaders from Argentina, Australia, Canada, Eastern Africa, Europe, Mexico, Ukraine and the U.S. to discuss global issues affecting the grain and oilseed trade, including IGTC policy files. Please contact the IGTC Secretariat to secure your place at the meeting.

### **ASP Users Meeting – Washington, DC – June 14**

Subscribers to the NAEGA-NGFA Alternative Security Program (ASP) are invited to attend the Spring ASP Workshop in Washington, D.C. Coordinated by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), this Spring’s meeting will be held at the offices of the American Chemistry Council on June 14, 2017. Along with presentations by the USCG on ASP compliance, the workshop’s agenda will include discussion of the new TWIC reader rule and an update from the Federal Aviation Administration on unmanned aerial vehicles and managing airspace security. More information, including an agenda, will be available soon. Ryan Olson will attend the workshop on behalf of NAEGA. Please contact [Ryan](#) if you are interested in attending.

### **Global Low Level Presence Initiative – Rome – June 14-15**

The IGTC Secretariat in Rome, Italy will participate in the Global Low Level Presence Initiative (GLI) meeting on June 14-15. The meeting will take place at the UN FAO Headquarters and include participation from GLI members Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Mexico, Paraguay, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, United States, Uruguay and Vietnam and observers China, EU, Malaysia and Peru.

For more information or to participate please contact the [IGTC Secretariat](#).

### **International Symposium on Risk Based Sampling – Baltimore, MD – June 26-30**

NAEGA Senior Advisor Arvid Hawk at the North American Plant Protection Organization’s (NAPPO) International Symposium on Risk Based Sampling in Baltimore, Maryland on June 26-30. The symposium’s topics will include:

- International collaboration to frame agricultural quarantine policy around Risk Based Sampling;
- Risk Based Sampling concepts and their application in practice;
- Scientific, statistical and operational concepts that support regulatory strategies for Risk Based Sampling;

- Experiences with implementation of ISPMs 23 and 31 and technically justified inspection procedures used in international trade.
- Communication strategies for fostering acceptance of RBS by decision-makers and stakeholders.

The Symposium will take place at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor. Please let us know if you would like to join Arvid at the Symposium, to register, please click [here](#).

### **NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices – Vancouver – July 20**

Please “save the date” for a Contracts and Best Practices Seminar on July 20 somewhere in Vancouver, BC area! Led by NAEGA Senior Advisor Sam Bonilla, this seminar will provide participants with a current and interactive, review of commercial and official practices to improve predictability, reduce risks, resolve trade barriers, and facilitate profitable trade. NAEGA staff will assist Sam and be available to discuss NAEGA actions and member services

The seminar will be an important opportunity for newer trade professionals to become familiar with the industry and for more experienced trade professionals to consider recent events and discuss get to know the recent changes to the NAEGA 2 contract!

More information on a location and time will be announced soon.

### **PNWER Annual Summit – Portland, OR – July 23-27**

NAEGA working to shape agriculture trade related discussion at the Pacific Northwest Economic Region’s (PNWER) Annual Summit on July 23-27. NAFTA modernization, and infrastructure are the focus of the Summit that NAEGA is most interested in. The summit is an annual event that brings together leaders from Pacific Northwest states and Western Canada to discuss opportunities for growth within the region and address major challenges to the economy and our environment. NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin will attend and speak on the importance of trade to North America during the PNWER Agriculture Working Group session on July 24.

NAEGA staff are considering attending and presenting. A preliminary agenda can be found [here](#). Please register [here](#) if you are interested in attending.

### **Contracts and Best Practices Seminars**

Proposed open seminars are under consideration in Tokyo, Japan in the last half 2017.

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 May 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.](#)***

## Action Reports

### *Recent Actions:*

#### **Treated Seed Letter**

This week NAEGA again reminded industry leaders about the threat of treated seeds entering commodity supply. In an open letter to the U.S. Grain and Oilseed industry, NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin emphasized the importance of preventing treated seeds from entering the commodity supply. The letter calls for continued communication with the public and utilization of industry resources to educate users on the threat of treated seeds contaminating food and feed supplies.

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

#### **U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade**

On Thursday, May 11 NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin and Director of Operations Ryan Olson participated in a meeting of the U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade and a meeting of the Dialogue's High-Level Steering Group. NAEGA, Co-Chairs the Dialogue, its High-Level Steering Group and its Implementing Team. An organization chart for the Dialogue can be found [here](#).

The May 11 off the record and closed door meeting of the Dialogue High-Level Steering Group to discuss Dialogue communications and structure, including targeted education on the benefits of trade to the food and agribusiness sector.

Following the meeting, of the High-Level Steering Group, broader dialogue participants heard remarks from representatives of the Chinese and New Zealand Embassies, the U.S. Trade Representative and the Asia Society Policy Institute. Topics discussed included the U.S.-China 100 Day Plan, the future of trade in the Asia-Pacific, and potential NAFTA renegotiations.

### *Upcoming Actions:*

#### **ISF World Seed Congress – Budapest – May 21-22**

IGTC Secretariat Katy Lee will travel to Budapest, Hungary on May 21-22 to attend the International Seed Federations (ISF) World Seed Congress. During the Congress Katy will participate in the ISF's Plant Breeding Innovation Working Group meeting on May 21 and the Breeders Committee open meeting on May 22. A copy of the World Seed Congress's program can be found [here](#).

A copy of the Notice to Post for this upcoming mission is available [here](#).

#### **IGTC Strategy Session and IGC Conference – London – June 5-6**

On June 5-6 Gary and Katy will travel to London, United Kingdom to attend the International Grains Council's 2017 Grain Conference and hold a Strategy Session for International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) members and corporate stakeholders. All NAEGA members are invited to attend the IGTC Strategy Session on June 5. IGTC Strategy Sessions are an opportunity for associations,

councils and Corporate Stakeholders to provide strategic feedback on priority files and the activities of IGTC Policy Teams and Working Groups.

While in London, Gary also hopes to meet with NAEGA Colleagues as well as International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) members and corporate stakeholders. Please contact Gary or Ryan if you would like to arrange for meeting.

### ***Pending Actions:***

#### **APHIS Meetings and Comments on Part 340**

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has announced three public comment meetings on proposed revisions to 7 CFR Part 340 regulations regarding the importation, interstate movement, and environmental release of certain genetically engineered organisms. Meetings will take place at the following locations:

- June 6 – Kansas City, MO APHIS Center for Animal Welfare
- June 13 – Davis, CA University of California Davis Conference Center
- June 16 – Riverdale, MD USDA Center at Riverside

You can register to attend any of the above meetings by clicking [here](#).

The announcement also included a call for industry stakeholders to submit public comments ahead of the meetings. To submit a public comment, click [here](#). The deadline for public comment is June 19. More information on the proposed rule, direct contact information, and in-depth supplementary information can be found [here](#). Additionally, related information and official documents are available online in the Docket Folder [here](#).

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## **In the News**

### **Department of Commerce 10-Point Plan with China**

Last week the Department of Commerce released the “100-Day Action Plan of the U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue” agreed to by Chinese President Xi Jinping and U.S. President Donald Trump. The ten actions include:

1. Chinese Beef Imports;
2. Biotechnology;
3. Poultry
4. Liquid Natural Gas trade;
5. Investment;
6. Cross-border exchange and currency clearing;
7. Electronic payment settlement;
8. Financial regulations;
9. Underwriting and settlement for financial institutions;
10. Engagement on One Belt One Road Initiative.

The full 100-Day Action Plan can be accessed [here](#).

### G-7 Statement on Trade

The G-7 nation finance ministers released a statement on global trade following a ministerial meeting in Sicily. The statement included tempered commitment to international trade after the U.S. Treasury pushed back on more substantive discussions of free trade during the meeting. A copy of the statement can be found [here](#).

### U.S. Government Transition

*Cabinet Nominations and Confirmations:* NAEGA continues to monitor Cabinet nominations. Nominations hearings are currently ongoing. NAEGA understands the following nominations and confirmations have been made:

Cabinet Position	Name	Status
Vice President	Mike Pence	Elected
Secretary of State	Rex Tillerson	Confirmed
Secretary of Treasury	Steve Mnuchin	Confirmed
Secretary of Defense	James Mattis	Confirmed
Department of Justice-Attorney General	Jeff Sessions	Confirmed
Secretary of the Interior	Ryan Zinke	Confirmed
Secretary of Agriculture	Sonny Perdue	Confirmed
Secretary of Commerce	Wilbur Ross	Confirmed
Secretary of Labor	Alex Acosta	Confirmed
Secretary of Health and Human Services	Tom Price	Confirmed
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Ben Carson	Confirmed
Secretary of Transportation	Elaine Chao	Confirmed
Secretary of Energy	Rick Perry	Confirmed
Secretary of Education	Betsy DeVos	Confirmed
Secretary of Veterans Affairs	David Shulkin	Confirmed
Secretary of Homeland Security	John F. Kelly	Confirmed

High-Level Office	Name	Status
Director of Office of Management and Budget	Mick Mulvaney	Confirmed
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency	Mike Pompeo	Confirmed
Ambassador to the United Nations	Nikki Haley	Confirmed
Admin. of the Small Business Administration	Linda McMahon	Confirmed
Admin. of the Environmental Protection Agency	Scott Pruitt	Confirmed
Admin Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv	Seema Verma	Confirmed
Deputy Commerce Secretary	Todd Ricketts	Nominated
Secretary of the Army		
Trade Representative	Robert Lighthizer	Nominated
National Aeronautics and Space Administrator		
Director of National Intelligence	Daniel Coats	Confirmed

Assistants to the President	Name	Status
White House Chief of Staff	Reince Priebus	Appointed

Senior Advisor	Jared Kushner	Appointed
Counsel to the President	Don McGahn	Appointed
Special Advisor on Regulatory Reform	Carl Icahn	Appointed
Economic Policy and National Economic Council	Gary Cohn	Appointed
Counselor to the President	Kellyanne Conway	Appointed
Deputy National Security Advisor	KT McFarland	Appointed
National Security Advisor	Michael Flynn	Appointed
National Trade Council	Peter Navarro	Appointed
Special Rep. International Negotiations	Jason Greenblatt	Appointed
Senior Counselor and Chief Strategist	Stephen Bannon	Appointed
Press Secretary	Sean Spicer	Appointed
Director of Strategic Communications	Hope Hicks	Appointed
Director of Social Media	Dan Scavino	Appointed
Homeland Security & Deputy Nat'l Security Advisor	Thomas Bossert	Appointed
Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers	Kevin Hassett	Appointed
Director of the Office of Science		

<b>Selected Ambassadors</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
US Ambassador to China	Terry Branstad	Nominated
US Ambassador to Israel	David Friedman	Confirmed
US Ambassador to Canada	Kelly Knight Craft	Nominated
US Ambassador to Mexico		
US Ambassador to Japan	Bill Hagerty	Nominated
US Ambassador to the EU		

*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**

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**2017**

#### **May**

**8-12** – IPPC Standards Committee Meeting – Rome, Italy

**11** - U.S. Food and Ag Dialogue for Trade – Washington, D.C.

**8-12** – IPPC Standards Committee – Rome, Italy

**17** – Contracts and Best Practices Seminar – Minneapolis, MN

**22-24** – ISF World Seed Congress 2017 – Budapest, Hungary



**24** – Spring ASP Workshop – American Chemistry Council – Washington, D.C.

**24-26** – NAEGA-APPAMEX Forum – Hotel Secrets the Vine – Cancun, Mexico

## **June**

**TBD** – Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Meeting

**5** – 45<sup>th</sup> International Grains Council Session – London, UK

**5** – IGTC Strategy Session – London, UK

**6** – 26<sup>th</sup> IGC Grains Conference – London, UK

**6** – USDA APHIS Public Meeting on Party 340 – Kansas City, MO

**13** – USDA APHIS Public Meeting on Party 340 – Davis, CA

**14** – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

**14** – Spring ASP Workshop – American Chemistry Council – Washington, D.C

**13-15** – Global Low Level Presence Meeting – Rome, Italy

**16** – USDA APHIS Public Meeting on Party 340 – Riverdale, MD

**19** – Public Comments due to USDA APHIS regarding 7 CFR Part 340

**26-27** – NAPPO International Symposium for Risk Based Sampling – Baltimore, MD

**27-28** – IPPC Industry Advisory Group on ePhyto Hub – NAEGA HQ – Arlington, VA

## **July**

**10-12** – GHS Subcommittee Meeting – Geneva, Switzerland

**20** – Contracts and Best Practices Seminar – Vancouver, BC

**23-27** – PNWER Annual Summit – Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**24-28** – IMO Council Session – London, UK

## **August**

**1-3** – Australian Grains Industry Conference Australia and associated meetings – Melbourne, Australia

**7-11** – IGTC Working Visit with GTA – Sydney, Australia

**17** – APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology - Vietnam

## **September**

**8** – IGC Market Conditions Committee

**11-15**- IMO CCCC – London, UK

**14** – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

## **October**

**TBD** – IGTC General Assembly – Location TBD

**TBD** – Contracts and Best Practices Seminar – Tokyo, Japan

## **November**

**13-17** – IPPC Standards Committee – Rome, Italy

**TBD** – Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Meeting

**27** – IGTC General Assembly – Beijing, China

## **December**

**3** – NGFA Country Elevator Conference

**5** – 46<sup>th</sup> IGC Council Session – London, UK

**6-8** – GHS Subcommittee Meeting – Geneva, Switzerland

**14** – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

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## **March**

**18-20** – NGFA Annual Convention – Scottsdale, Arizona

**18-20** – NAEGA Annual Meetings – Scottsdale, Arizona

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