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Your help is requested; Kyle is moving to a new job and we are searching for someone to serve as **NAEGA Director of Operations**. The ideal candidate should possess a varied set of skills necessary to successfully contribute to a fast paced trade association business. A position description can be found [here](#). If you know of anyone that would be a good fit for NAEGA, please let Gary know ASAP.

Until a new Director of Operations is on the job, please use these **NAEGA Staff Contact Email addresses:** Gary: gcmartin@naega.org – Trevor: Intern@naega.org

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**London, England - International Grain Trade Coalition and International Grains Council
– June 8 and 9, 2015**

The International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) will meet June 8; the current proposed agenda can be found [here](#). IGTC meetings and participation are open to all NAEGA members. You and your colleagues are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting in London. Please contact Gary for more information.

Also in London, on June 9, International Grains Council (IGC) will convene its annual conference. The IGC Conference requires registration. Click [here](#) for more information.

NAEGA Market Access Program funds may be available to NAEGA member personnel for travel and attendance to the IGTC meeting and IGC Conference. Please contact Gary or Kyle for additional details.

GIPSA Seminar – UGMA Moisture Meters – Fargo, ND June 25

The Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packing & Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) plans to hold a seminar regarding Unified Grain Moisture Algorithm (UGMA) Moisture Meter technology. The seminar is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 at the Northern Crops Institute in Fargo, ND. You may find a preliminary agenda [here](#). The session is geared toward grain elevator operators/managers in North Dakota, Minnesota, and South Dakota. Space is limited at the Northern Crops Institute, so attendees should register in advance, **by June 12, 2015**. If you would like to register, you may contact Marsha Schwartz by email at marsha.k.schwartz@usda.gov.

New Orleans, LA – USGC Mexico Biosafety Regulators – June 25, 2015

NAEGA will join the U.S. Grains Council (USGC) in New Orleans, as they host a team of biotech regulators from Mexico, to educate them on the U.S. grain export system. NAEGA members are invited to join the group for lunch on Thursday, June 25th at noon. Please contact Gary for details.

Notice To Solicit Nominees – USDA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee – June 25, 2015

The Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is seeking nominations in a [Federal Register notice](#) to serve on the USDA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). These nominations are for individuals to serve on the Advisory Committee to replace two members whose terms will expire in August 2015, and three members whose terms expire October 2015. Candidates who wish to be considered for membership on the Advisory Committee should submit an [AD-755 application form](#). All nomination material can be emailed to: Terri.L.Henry@usda.gov, faxed to: (202) 690-2173, or mailed to: Terri L. Henry, Management Analyst, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 3642, Washington, DC 20250. The deadline for submission is **June 25, 2015**.

If you or a colleague would like to serve on the Advisory Committee and wish to have NAEGA’s support for your application – please contact Gary.

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NAEGA Contract Seminars –

The NAEGA Contracts Committee conducts seminars for in-depth and interactive education on contract practices. NAEGA Seminars are conducted in two different ways: first, “Privately” funded and designed for a single member company, and attended by persons invited by that member company; second, “Generally” funded by registration fees, designed to cover the interests of many companies, and attended by persons from several companies. In most cases, the Seminars provide intensive review of current developments and practices in international grain trade contracts, and often focus on the NAEGA 2. In-depth examination of regulatory compliance, NAEGA services and policy concerns can also be added content for a Seminar designed to meet your needs. Invitations for General Seminars are sent to all NAEGA member company representatives, and a per person registration fee will be required for attendance.

For example, this week on June 2-3, NAEGA Senior Advisor and NAEGA Director of Operations, Sam Bonilla and Kyle Liske, conducted a Private seminar in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

Our tentative plans for a General Seminar in Kansas City are on hold as we seek a date in near future that can be accommodated. NAEGA members interested in attending a General Seminar should contact Gary (gcmartin@naega.org) or Sam (sbonilla@naega.org). We have several open dates during which Seminars may be conducted; currently July 20-31 and August 1-11, 17-21 are available. Please let us know, at your convenience, if you would like to discuss options for holding a seminar.

Big Sky, Montana – PNWER Annual Summit – July 12-16, 2015

The 25th Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit brings together over 500 key business leaders, legislators and government leaders from the ten PNWER states, provinces and territories to address the major policy issues impacting the region.

This year’s summit will be held in Big Sky, Montana from July 12-16. U.S. and Canada Ambassadors, Bruce Heyman and Gary Doer, have confirmed their attendance and will be speaking. [Please click here to register.](#)

Rosemont, Illinois – Ag Transportation Summit – August 4 and 5, 2015

This will be the second Ag Transportation Summit hosted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Grain and Feed Association, and the Soy Transportation Coalition. The title of the 2015 summit is “Transportation Capacity: Overcoming the Challenges”.

Goals of the summit include: raising awareness of the importance of transportation to the success and profitability of U.S. agriculture; precipitate and motivate further action to promote a transportation infrastructure that better serves the interests of U.S. agriculture; provide a venue for advocates of U.S. agriculture to network and develop collaborations for the purpose of promoting the transportation needs of U.S. agriculture; and build bridges between government and

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agricultural interests that will result in more effective promotion of agricultural transportation issues.

The summit will be held all day on Tuesday, August 4, and the morning of Wednesday, August 5. The Westin O’Hare is located a short distance from Chicago O’Hare Airport. [Please click here to register.](#)

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico – APPAMEX/NAEGA Forum – August 13-15, 2015

The 22nd APPAMEX/NAEGA Forum will take place in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico at the [Hyatt Ziva Hotel](#) from August 13-15. The registration fee will be \$380 USD for participants. Invitations and more details will be available soon.

Government and Industry Workshop in Portland – August 27, 2015

Mark your calendars! NAEGA and NGFA are working with the Pacific Northwest Grain and Feed Association (PNWGFA) to host a FGIS/Industry Workshop in Portland on Thursday August 27, 2015. NAEGA members will soon be invited to attend the regional workshop on Thursday May 13, 2015.

These regional workshops are intended expand understanding and identify needs related to Grain and Oilseed trade. We expect the Portland workshop will feature the US Coast Guard, Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Agenda and Registration are being developed. Your suggestions for topics and speakers are welcome!

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

Protecting Orderly and Responsible Transit of Shipments (PORTS) Act of 2015

NAEGA, along with 71 other associations, has signed a letter to Senator Gardner in support of the “Protecting Orderly and Responsible Transit of Shipments Act of 2015” (PORTS Act).

The PORTS Act was recently introduced by Senator Gardner in an effort to provide certainty to future negotiations as well as avoid the significant and costly impact of port labor negotiations; as experienced recently in the West Coast. This bill will provide an important tool to ensure our ports remain open and cargo continues to flow during future negotiations.

The letter sent to Senator Gardner in support of this legislation can be found [here](#).

Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act (CFTC) Reauthorization

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NAEGA has signed an NGFA led coalition letter in support of the Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act (CFTC) Reauthorization. The House Agriculture Committee is currently working to gain support for the CFTC Reauthorization, scheduled to go to the House floor next Tuesday, June 9.

The CFTC is a bill to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes. The bill is very similar to last year's bill that was voted out of committee and approved on the floor with bipartisan support.

More information on the CFTC Reauthorization can be found [here](#).

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

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June 21 – Comments to USDA APHIS on draft environmental assessment (EA) and preliminary plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) seeking deregulation for corn genetically engineered (GE) found [here](#), and seeking for the deregulation of cotton GE found [here](#).

June 22 – Comments to USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) on the regulation of biotechnology products found [here](#).

NAEGA Actions on Current Issues are tracked on the Member's Only Section under their relevant committee pages.

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Information for your Consideration

U.S. OSHA Hazard Communications

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will begin implementation of a revised standard for hazard communications on **June 1, 2015**. As we understand it, revision requires Safety Data Sheets for grain and oilseeds be provided to buyers from sellers for all U.S. transactions. An industry guidance document can be found [here](#).

CODEX Code for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin

The 9th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCCF) agreed to forward the main text of the proposed draft revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals (CAC/RCP 51-2003), to the 38th Session of the Commission for adoption at Step 5. The CCCC also returned the annexes to Step 2/3 for further consideration by the Electronic Working Group (EWG), chaired by Brazil and co-chaired by

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Canada and U.S., as well as circulation for comments and further consideration by the next session of the Committee. Brazil, the U.S. and Canada have invited all interested Codex members and observers to assist in this task.

U.S. Chemical Facility Anti- Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Guidance

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the availability of a new guidance document for expedited approval of Tier III and IV facilities, and continues to strengthen security at the Nation’s high risk chemical facilities through the Chemical Facility Anti- Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program. NGFA has advised that an indefinite exception remains in effect for agriculture, and that DHS is developing an advance notice of proposed rulemaking that will lead to the development of a proposed rule, that it hopes to finalize in the ‘next couple of years’. DHS is also developing a list of frequently asked questions-and-answers that it hopes to issue relatively soon. DHS noted that there are a lot of misunderstandings about what is and isn’t covered under the agriculture exception, which it hopes to clarify with the FAQ document. A link to the 92-page guidance document can be found [here](#), and an updated CFATS fact sheet (May 1) can be found [here](#).

U.S.-Cuba Relations

The United States formally dropped Cuba from a list of state sponsors of terrorism on Friday, May 25; an important step toward restoring diplomatic ties, but one that will have limited effect on removing U.S. sanctions on the Communist-ruled island. President Obama had announced on April 14 that he would drop the former Cold War rival from the list, initiating a 45-day review period for Congress that expired on Friday.

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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2015

June

8 – London, United Kingdom – International Grain Trade Coalition Roundtable and Policy Discussion. All IGTC Members and Corporate Stakeholders are invited and encouraged to participate, in person, at all sessions. IGTC members and corporate stakeholders are also encouraged to invite prospective IGTC members and Stakeholders to participate.

9 – London, United Kingdom – International Grains Council 2015 Conference – 86-90 Park Lane, London W1K 7TN. Gary attending.

25 – New Orleans, LA – US Grains Council hosting Mexican biosafety regulators – Gary Martin presenting.

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29 – July 1 – Geneva, Switzerland – UN Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Subcommittee meeting – Jerry Cotter attending.

July

12-16 – Big Sky, Montana – 2015 Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) [Annual Summit](#).

14-15 – Arlington, VA U.S. Agriculture Export Development Council (USAEDC) 2015 USDA Attaché Seminar – Westin Arlington Gateway. NAEGA members welcome to join NAEGA staff at the meeting.

August

13-15 – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico – 2015 APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum – [Hyatt Ziva Hotel](#).

27 – Portland, Oregon - Government and Industry Workshop hosted by NAEGA,NGFA and PNWGFA. Agenda forthcoming.

September

14-18 – London, United Kingdom – International Maritime Organization (IMO) Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) Meeting – Jerry Cotter attending.

21 - London, England - Chatham House expert workshop on Chokepoints and Vulnerabilities in the Global Food Trade. This meeting forms part of a Chatham House research project which seeks to map chokepoints, vulnerabilities and disruptive risks onto major production hubs and global trade routes for coarse grains, soybeans and fertilizers. It will identify supply chain nodes – including producing regions, inland transport networks, ports in exporting and importing countries, and maritime corridors – that are particularly exposed to disruption. Jerry Cotter and Gary Martin attending and representing NAEGA and IGTC. Jerry will present on the major challenges facing grain and fertilizer trade in the US, with a particular focus on the resilience and capacity of inland transportation and port infrastructure. Gary will focus on a more global view on market structure and access.

22 – Washington, DC – 2015 OFAC Fall Symposia.

30 – October 2 – Vancouver, British Columbia – International Dry Bulk Terminals Group (DBTG) Annual Meeting – Jerry Cotter attending.

November

16-19 – USADEC Annual Workshop – Location TBD.

17-20 – Amsterdam, The Netherlands – International Genetically Modified Conference on Coexistence (GMCC-15).

December

9-11 – Geneva, Switzerland – Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Subcommittee meeting – Jerry Cotter attending.

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