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Montreal, Quebec - US Biotech Crops Alliance Technology meeting July 29-30

Integral to the new U.S. Biotech Crops Alliance business plan, as endorsed by NAEGA, the Alliance will conduct a “Technology Meeting” on July 29-30 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

The meeting will bring together value-chain stakeholders with technology providers to discuss:

- 1) specific biotech-enhanced events in the developmental pipeline,
- 2) status of efforts to obtain approvals/authorizations of foreign countries and
- 3) stewardship plans that the technology provider intends to implement

The agenda includes a plenary discussion of biotech traits in U.S. export markets and projections on anticipated foreign import markets and a full day of two hour discussions with each technology provider.

NAEGA is invited to participate and the Biotechnology Committee is in the process of assembling a team of NAEGA representatives to join NAEGA President Gary Martin in Montreal.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you or a colleague are interested!

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; precipitating and motivating further action to promote a transportation infrastructure that better serves the interests of U.S. agriculture; providing 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 building bridges between government and 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 at the Westin O’Hare is located a short distance from Chicago O’Hare Airport. [Please click here to register.](#)

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China – New Grain Law meeting August 10-12, 2015

Final Call for Registration - Space Limited!

COFCO Group and China Chamber of Commerce of Import and Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce & Animal By-Products (CFNA) have invited IGTC members and corporate stakeholders to meet, discuss, and respond to the AQSIQ draft Administrative Measures for Inspection, Quarantine, and Supervision of Inbound and Outbound Grains. These meetings are the result of NAEGA Grades and Inspection Committee high priority to respond to the “New Grain Law.” The invitation letter can be found [here](#).

Gary Martin will lead the IGTC delegation of Members and Corporate Stakeholders at the August 11 and 12 working meetings. Gary plans to convene with NAEGA members in Beijing on Monday August 10 in advance of the meeting.

NAEGA and IGTC along with COFCO are also organizing a Gala Reception for meeting attendees and other stakeholders at the meeting hotel (W Beijing) beginning at 6 PM on Tuesday, August 11.

The preliminary Agenda for August 11 and 12 can be found [here](#).

All NAEGA members are invited to attend the working meetings and reception.

A “Final Call for Registration” for the August 11 and 12 working meetings will be sent today encouraging you or a colleague company representative to attend the working meetings.

Invitations to the Gala Reception will follow soon.

All the meetings and a Gala reception will be held in the [W Beijing](#) - Chang'an, No.2 Jianguomennan Avenue, Beijing, Beijing 100022 China, (86)(10) 6515 8855.

Please contact us if you would like to take advantage of the IGTC / COFCO group rate for guest rooms at the W Beijing.

Space is limited, more than 75% of the planned attendance has already registered. **Please contact us with any questions of advice and be sure to register now for this important opportunity to learn more about and join in industry advice on AQSIQ's Draft Administrative Measures for Inspection, Quarantine, and Supervision of Inbound and Outbound Grains. Register for the working meetings [here](#).**

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

The 22nd APPAMEX/NAEGA Forum will take place in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico at the [Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta All Inclusive Hotel and Spa](#) from August 13-15. An exciting agenda includes remarks from USDA, CFTC (??) , SENASICA, and APHIS, among others. An opening dinner and gala dinner are included in the registration. Keynote remarks will be made on Mexico's economic expectations and current reforms.

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The registration fee will be \$380 USD for participants. Invitations and more details will be available this week.

Government and Industry Workshop in Portland – August 27, 2015

Please Register Now. 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. An invitation was sent to members on Friday, July 10. These regional workshops are intended to 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). The workshop will feature an important industry only section covering biotechnology regulation and GIPSA reauthorization, followed by session including maritime security, APHIS issues, and FGIS issues.

To view the agenda, click [here](#).

The \$50 per person registration fee will cover food and beverage including a working lunch.

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, 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.

[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

Canada’s Directive D-12-05 - APHIS formal request to NAEGA

NAEGA is preparing a response to this letter from USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) ([linked here](#)). The letter requests our assistance in providing for alternative measures to support U.S. exports and provide for compliance with Canada’s Directive D-12-05. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) directive provides for new import requirements for grain (other than barley, oats, rye, triticale, and wheat) from the continental United States. **NAEGA members who wish to work with our efforts to respond to this request should contact Gary immediately.**

China Grain Law

Working via the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC), NAEGA continues to coordinate with the COFCO Group, China Chamber of Commerce of Import and Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce & Animal By-Products (CNFA), and Canada Canola Council for the upcoming meeting in Beijing to examine and address, from a global industry perspective, the draft General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) Administrative Measures for Inspection, Quarantine and Supervision of Inbound and Outbound Grains. NAEGA has a high priority on responding to the “New Grain Law” ([copy of the draft text here](#)). Gary Martin, who serves as IGTC President, will lead the IGTC delegation of Members and Corporate Stakeholders at the August 11 and 12 meetings. All NAEGA members are invited to attend. Gary plans to convene with NAEGA members in Beijing on Monday August 10th in advance of the meeting.

Space is limited, more than 75% of the planned attendance has already registered. Please indicate your interest and hold a space at the table by [registering now!](#)

GHS Sub-Committee Meeting

On June 29, Jerry Cotter attended the opening session of the UN Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Sub-committee meeting and met with representatives from several of the delegations. Following a meeting that Jerry attended with the Argentinian Agriculture Counselor in December, their government created a task group consisting of government, trade association and industry reps to develop an informal paper for the GHS sub-committee and the Dust Explosion Correspondence Group (CG) to consider.

After the U.S. updated the full committee on the status of the CG, the Argentinian delegation made an official statement, based on the informal paper, opposing the proposal to classify agricultural products i.e. grain, cereal and flour as an explosion hazard and recommending that ag products be exempted from being classified as a chemical.

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OSHA responded to the intervention by stating that it is "pre-mature" to specifically exempt agricultural products from the GHS when the CG is still in the process of identifying how dust explosion hazards can be identified and addressed. The Chairman concluded the discussion by stating that there are still "significant differences between the technical experts on agricultural dust." He said that it is an issue that will not be resolved today so the CG should continue to address until it is resolved.

A trip report for GHS Sub-Committee meetings is available [here](#).

USAEDC Attaché Seminar

On July 15 NAEGA staff Trevor Colbert and Ryan Olson attended the U.S. Agriculture Export Development Council's attaché seminar conference. At the conference Ryan and Trevor networked with USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) attachés from around the world and attended presentations on U.S.-Cuba relations, sustainability, the new USDA Under-Secretary for Trade position, and science based regulation. Ryan also attended the USAEDC Board of Directors meeting and voted with the majority to approve USAEDC's 2016 budget.

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

U.S. Sustainability Alliance's New Website

The U.S. Sustainability Alliance has launched a new website to promote its members efforts at promoting sustainability in U.S. agriculture. The alliance is a group of U.S. agriculture, fishing, and forestry organizations committed to "developing and continuing sustainable practices and improving our operations through ongoing innovation and thoughtful approaches to conservation." The new website features a blog on sustainability efforts and news releases on the Alliances efforts at promoting sustainability throughout the world. Most recently, the alliance has been working closely with the U.S. pavilion at the Milan Expo to promote U.S. agriculture and sustainable practices.

For more information, and to visit the website, click [here](#).

NAEGA Future Actions

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

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Comments on China "New Grain Law" to USDA by July 24, USDA FAS's Plant Division is currently seeking comment on a draft version of China's "New Grain Law." NAEGA has been heavily engaged with stakeholders and Chinese partners on the new law, and will be holding consultations with COFCO Group, China Chamber of Commerce of Import and Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce & Animal By-Products (CNFA), and Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) in Beijing on August 10, 11 and 12.

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NAEGA looks forward to receiving your input on the new law, either during our event or through the USDA comment process. USDA is accepting comments on the draft version of the law through July 24th. Please contact Gary or Ryan if you would like to submit a comment.

U.S. Review of Coordinated Biotechnology Framework – ASAP NAEGA will be engaged in a White House initiative intended to update and improve the U.S. Coordinated Biotechnology Framework. The White House issued a memorandum directing the three Federal agencies that have oversight responsibilities for the products of biotechnology—the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Department of Agriculture (USDA)—to update the Coordinated Framework, develop a long-term strategy to ensure that the system is prepared for the future products of biotechnology, and commission an expert analysis of the future landscape of biotechnology products to support this effort.

NAEGA looks forward to receiving member input. More information can be found [here](#).

Comments to USDA on proposed changes to the Facility Guarantee Program that would expand program coverage and streamline the application process, enhancing the program’s ability to support U.S. agricultural exports. The proposed rule for which comments are due August 14 – can be 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

COOL Reform

In late May, the WTO ruled that U.S. Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) regulations discriminated against Canadian and Mexican cattle and hog producers. Now in arbitration, Canada and Mexico have requested \$3.2 billion in retaliatory tariffs against a wide variety of American products. The U.S. House of Representatives acted quickly to respond to the WTO ruling and avoid retaliation, passing a measure that would repeal COOL labeling for meat. On June 25, the Senate Ag Committee held a hearing on the issue, but future floor action remains uncertain.

For more information, click [here](#). For the Senate Ag Committee hearing, click [here](#).

FAO Director General Stresses the Value of Phytosanitary Measures for Trade

At the 5th Global Review of Aid for Trade, FAO’s Director-General Jose Graziano da Silva stressed the importance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) to the WTO. According to Mr. da Silva, FAO implementation of SPS measures is necessary to instill confidence in

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consumers and importing countries, avoid food safety incidents such as disease outbreaks, facilitate safe trade and ensure food security. At the review, FAO hosted the Secretariats of the International Plant Protection Convention and the Joint FAO/World Health Organization Codex, both of which set international food standards. The meetings goal was to strengthen engagement with developing countries in the standard-setting process, and develop those countries’ capacity to implement SPS standards.

More information can be found [here](#).

Iran Nuclear Deal

On July 14 the United States and five other world powers completed a nuclear deal with Iran called the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" (JCPoA). The deal could result in the lifting of the multi-lateral economic sanctions on Iran thereby changing the way trade with Iran is conducted.

The U.S. Congress has 60 days to approve the deal in which Iran agrees to curtail its nuclear program in exchange for the lifting of billions of dollars in sanctions.

Opposition to the deal is currently the focus of Republicans in the U.S. Senate. There is likely enough votes for the Senate to disapprove of the deal. However, Senate Republicans will need support from about 13 Senate Democrats to get the 67 votes needed to override President Obama’s almost certain veto of a disapproval resolution. The Republican-control House would also need Democratic support for an override.

Several public hearings are expected before a projected September voting by the U.S. Congress. The first is schedule for Thursday, August 23 when Secretary of State John Kerry, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and Treasury Secretary Jack Lew are scheduled to testify to the Senate.

During the 1970’s, before sanctions began, 50-75% of imported grain was bought from the U.S. and exports to Iran as a whole totaled \$3.7 billion in 1978 alone. With sanctions, U.S. exports totaled \$182.1 million in 2014, and even in recent years, grain has been a major export to Iran. While licensed exports of agricultural commodities were still allowed under the sanctions regime, financial sanctions made securing export financing difficult. Indeed, during the height of the sanctions Iran turned to barter and bullion to finance import transactions.

NAEGA will closely monitor and be prepared to comment on the evolving commercial requirements for trade with Iran. More information on the JCPoA can be found [here](#).

PNWER Summit

Pacific Northwest Economic Region concluded its 25th annual summit on July 16 in Big Sky, Montana. The summit featured over 540 elected officials, senior government staff, and public and private sector leaders. Highlights included speeches from the Montana Congressional delegation, including freshman Senator Steve Daines, who spoke on the need to develop

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Montana’s resources prudently. Other events included policy tours of local industries and research facilities and a keynote address by U.S. Ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman.

A summary of the summit and links to Ambassador Heyman and Senator Daines remarks can be found [here](#).

TPP Negotiators Meet in Maui

Negotiating nations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) will meet in Maui, July 28 to 31, as some anticipate negotiations are drawing to a close. With the U.S. passage into law of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), it is believed that TPP countries are closing in on revealing their “final offers” to negotiating partners. Major issues still persist, including bilateral discussions between the U.S. and Canada over dairy, and the U.S. and Japan over a range of issues. However, analysts remain hopeful that TPP can be concluded by the end of the summer and presented to Congress by fall.

For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. Customs Modernization Bill

The U.S. House and Senate will go to conference and focus on reconciling slightly different Customs Modernization bills passed in both chambers earlier this year. The bills, which have bipartisan support, would strengthen enforcement of trade agreements and duty obligations with more Congressional oversight and, in the case of the Senate bill, a \$15 million “trust fund” to enforce trade agreements. Congress is prioritizing this bill and hopes to get it to the president’s desk before the August recess.

For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. / Cuba Diplomatic Relations

The United States and Cuba have re-established “diplomatic relations”. For the first time since severing ties in 1961, they reopened embassies in each other's capitals on Monday, July 20, 2015.

However, most of the embargo provisions are still in place including restrictions on U.S. citizen travel to Cuba and the wider U.S. trade bans that restrict many U.S. companies from doing business in Cuba. The U.S. Congress ultimately must pass a measure to lift the embargo.

Many see diplomatic relations and opening embassies as a positive step in the process of ending the U.S. isolation of Cuba. The process by the U.S. Administration began last December when President Obama declared initial actions and future intentions to revise U.S. policy toward Cuba. In May, the Obama administration removed Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism. This issue remains contentious on Capitol Hill.

The U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba (USACC), which NAEGA participates in, [released this statement](#): “Farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses across the nation welcome this continued progress toward normalized relations with Cuba. Not only are embassies critical to strengthening

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commercial ties – affording diplomatic status suggests a willingness to engage constructively on many important matters. We’re hopeful today’s announcement will ultimately lead to an end to the embargo and increased economic opportunity for agriculture in both our nations. USACC will continue our work with members of Congress from both sides of the aisle who have expressed support for ending the embargo.”

U.S. Export-Import Bank Charter Expires

On June 30, the charter for the U.S. Export-Import Bank expired. The bank provides export credit and insurance for qualifying exporters. Renewal of the bank’s charter has become controversial as of late, and Congressional Republicans effectively delayed renewal of the bank for the first time since its inception. Some analyst estimate that another vote on renewal could come up during reauthorization of the Highway Trust Fund by the end of July.

For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill Signed

On June 29, President Obama signed into law the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015, providing him with Trade Promotion Authority, and the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, extending the Trade Adjustment Assistance program. Historically, the TAA program has provided benefits to those negatively affected by trade agreements. The new legislation, however, will provide benefits to those negatively affected by trade regardless of whether or not a trade agreement is in effect with the country in question. The delivery of program benefits and services under the 2015 program is identical to the 2011 program which lapsed in 2013, although TAA programs have now been extended to June 30, 2021.

More information can be found [here](#).

U.S. - Venezuela Sanctions

On July 10, 2015, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued regulations to implement the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–278) and Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015. The Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014 was designed to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and other purposes. The international nongovernmental organization Human Rights Watch recently stated, “Under the leadership of President Chavez and now President Maduro, the accumulation of power in the executive branch and the erosion of human rights guarantees have enabled the government to intimidate, censor, and prosecute its critics.” The executive order sanctioned seven Venezuelan government and military officials; their property is being frozen, Americans are barred from doing business with them, and the seven cannot travel to the U.S.

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NAEGA Calendar & Member Notices

2015

July

22 – Chicago, USSEC Industry Advisory Council and Members Meeting, Gary attending.

29-30 - Montreal, Quebec - US Biotech Crops Alliance Technology meeting, Gary attending

August

10-12 – Beijing, China – New Grain Law meetings, Gary attending. **Please register now!**

13-15 – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico – 2015 APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum, Sam Bonilla, Ryan Olson and Gary Martin planning to attend. Registration information and an agenda will be available soon. The forum will take place at the [Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta All-Inclusive Hotel and Spa](#).

27 – Portland, Oregon - Government and Industry Workshop hosted by NAEGA, NGFA and PNWGFA. For agenda and registration, click [here](#).

30 – September 2 – Mérida, Mexico – Global LLP Initiative Meeting – TENTATIVE

September

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

14-15 – TENTATIVE Taiwanese Goodwill Mission meetings and reception.

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, and 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. An agenda for the event can be found [here](#).

22 – Washington, DC – 2015 OFAC Fall Symposia.

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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

2 – Tentative IGTC Meeting – Buenos Aires, Argentina

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

2016

April

14 – Tentative IGTC Meeting – Winnipeg, Canada

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