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## Member Opportunities

### **U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange – August 30-September 1**

All NAEGA members are invited to join NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin in Indianapolis, Indiana for the U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange on August 30 to September 1. The Exchange, sponsored by the U.S. Soybean Export Council and the Midwest Shippers Association, brings together international trade teams and U.S. Soy industry representatives for key discussions and personal networking. This year, Gary will be attending and present on *A Global View of Key Dynamics in Policy and Commerce for Grains, Oilseeds and other Agri-bulks*. A copy of the Exchange's schedule can be found [here](#).

For more information, or if you are interested in attending, please click [here](#).

### **DBTG Executive Committee Meeting – September 1**

The Dry Bulk Terminals Group will hold its Executive Committee meeting in London, United Kingdom on September 1. NAEGA Senior Adviser Jerry Cotter, who is a member of the Executive Committee and leads NAEGA engagement with the DBTG, will attend. Ongoing issues related to the international regulations at the UN GHS Subcommittee, the IMO Subcommittee on the Carriage of Cargoes and Containers as well as issues related to international transportation and logistics will be under discussion.

For more information on the DBTG please click [here](#). Please contact Gary or Ryan if you would like to provide contributions to Jerry's participation in the committee meeting.

### **IMO CCC Subcommittee Meeting – September 5-9**

The International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Subcommittee on the Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) will hold its annual meeting in London, United Kingdom on September 5-9. A copy of the agenda can be found [here](#). NAEGA Senior Adviser Jerry Cotter will travel to London and represent NAEGA. Jerry will be engaging the IMO CCC on topics related to the classification of substances Harmful to the Marine Environment (HME) and the IMO's Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC), and will also monitor developments related to the classification of seedcakes as hazardous commodities and proposed regulation of seedcakes under the International Grain Code.

For more information on NAEGA activities related to the IMO, please click [here](#). Please contact Gary or Ryan if you would like to contribute your knowledge or expertise to Jerry's engagement with the IMO CCC.

### **FAS Regional Market Strategy Session – September 12-13**

The USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) will hold a Regional Market Strategy Session on September 12 and 13 at the Titanic Hotel Gendarmenmarkt and Chaussee in Berlin, Germany. FAS personnel, marketing specialists, and cooperator representatives have been invited to attend. The event will begin with a social gathering for USDA staff and cooperators on September 12, followed by a full day of cooperator discussions and "speed dating" on September 13.

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

### **IPPC ISPM EWG Meeting – September 19-23**

The International Plant Protection Convention's (IPPC) Expert Working Group (EWG) on International Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Grain (ISPM) will hold a meeting in Melbourne, Australia. Marcel Bruins, NAEGA Science Adviser, will attend and represent NAEGA and the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC). During discussions on the development of the proposed ISPM for grain Marcel will represent the IGTC and NAEGA based off the recently completed survey on the International Movement of Grain, which can be found [here](#), and the IGTC's policy document on the IPPC ISPM, which can be found [here](#).

For more information or to contribute your knowledge and expertise to this NAEGA/IGTC mission, please contact Gary or Ryan.

### **NAEGA/APPAMEX Forum – October 5-8**

Please save the date for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual NAEGA/APPAMEX Forum to be held on October 5-8 in Cancun, Mexico. This year's forum will take place at the [Iberostar Hotel](#) in Cancun. All NAEGA member representatives and their colleagues are invited to attend. More information, including a link to registration and a preliminary agenda, will follow. A copy of last year's agenda can be found [here](#).

For more information, please contact Gary or Ryan.

### **Seminars and Internships**

**NAEGA Seminars:** Please click [here](#) for more information on NAEGAs in-depth, interactive education on contract practices.

**Internships:** Information on working for NAEGA as an intern in our Washington, D.C. office 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**

### **Korea Facility Registration**

NAEGA is seeking member input on the implementation of the Korean Special Act for Imported Food Safety, which came into effect on February 4 and requires facility registrations by August 4, 2016. The Special Act requires food importers to register facilities with the Korean Ministry of Food & Drug Safety (MFDS). During meetings in May with NAEGA and USDA FAS the MFDS agreed to reverse its decision on facility registration and only require registration of export elevators. NAEGA finds this an important change that should be more practical than registration of grain facilities all the way upstream to point of production as was previously being considered.

Following the May meetings, we have been pursuing official notification from MFDS on the decision. We have recently learned during a briefing for foreign embassies that MFDS indicated that only the final packaging location is required to be registered.

As this may not be sufficient guidance, NAEGA is requesting your advice regarding the following:

1. What is your understanding of the registration requirements as they are to apply to your company?
2. Is the direction provided by MFDS sufficient for:
  - a. Limiting registration to the export elevator for bulk F.O.B vessel loadings,
  - b. Defining which facility needs to be registered for container and break bulk shipments?
3. Is there a need to seek some exemptions or alternative approaches to meeting the requirements of the special act?

Please contact Gary and Ryan if you would like to contribute a response. Your responses will be used as background for NAEGA policy development and as such will be held confidential and no company or individual specific information or advice will be shared beyond NAEGA staff.

### **NAEGA Moving**

NAEGA is pleased to announce that it will be moving to a *new office space as of August 30, 2016.* NAEGA will be joining the National Grain and Feed Association, which NAEGA currently shares space with in its Washington, D.C. office, in a move to a new office in the Crystal City neighborhood of Arlington, VA. Our new Crystal City office is conveniently located near the Crystal City Metrorail station, next door to the Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel, adjacent to shops and restaurants and less than a 10-minute drive to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Our new address is below. *Please note that NAEGA email addresses and telephone numbers will not change.*

1400 Crystal Drive  
Suite 260  
Arlington, VA 22202

Please contact Gary or Ryan if you have any questions.

### **Decree 177 Working Group**

Following up on a July meeting, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is leading a newly developed working group to address industry concerns regarding implementation of Chinese Decree 177, which came into effect on July 1. Decree 177 lays out a regulatory framework for import to China of grains for food and feed and strengthens existing food safety laws on imported foods, including implementation of a facility registration process. The newly created working group will develop an advocacy and engagement strategy related to industry interest regarding implementation of Decree 177. Included in the working group are government personnel including the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), the Farm Service Agency (FSA), and APHIS, as well as private sector stakeholders including NAEGA, the National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA), the U.S. Grains Council, U.S. Wheat Associates and the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC). More information on the activities of the working group will be shared as information becomes available.

For more information on China's Decree 177, please click [here](#). Please contact Gary or Ryan with any questions.

### **GMO Soybeans: EU Authorization BUT RR2Xtend lacking key Approval**

On July 22 the European Commission announced it had granted import approval for three genetically modified soy traits – Monsanto and Dupont Pioneer's RR2 Xtend (dicamba x glyphosate MON87708 x MON89788), Monsanto's Vistive Gold (high oleic x glyphosate MON87705 x MON89788) and Bayer CropScience's Balance GT (glyphosate x HPPD inhibitor FG72).

The approval of these traits follows a letter written by NAEGA and NGFA to Monsanto regarding the responsible commercialization of Monsanto's RR2 Xtend Soybean trait in the United States before import approval was granted in the European Union (EU). Commercialization of this trait before import approval in the EU and other soy markets threatened to severely disrupt trade with the EU if RR2 Xtend soybeans. The NAEGA/ NGFA letter included a series of follow up questions to Monsanto. The letter and follow up questions with Monsanto answers can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Because RR2Xtend is likely to present in soybeans from the current 2016 harvest, NAEGA is monitoring and reporting on its global regulatory status **IMPORTANTLY *To the best of our knowledge: the stack RR2Xtend (MON 87708 X MON 89788) lacks sufficient approval to allow for import for food, feed and processing in the Philippines but has achieved such status in other import markets that regulate and accept biotech.*** The new Philippine regime for approvals put in place in May has yet to be completed and there is some expectation that the needed approval for the stack will occur in late August 2016. NAEGA does understand that the following countries have approved this event for import: Australia, New Zealand, Canada, China, Colombia, European Union, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Russia, Taiwan, United States, Vietnam and Indonesia.

NAEGA welcomes your comments and questions, especially if you are aware of different information or if there are countries with approval requirements that import soybeans or soybean meal that you are concerned about.

Please contact Gary if you have any questions or comments.

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### **Future Actions**

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

#### **Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has published in the *Federal Register* a notice regarding the implementation of a revised tiering methodology for chemical facilities of interest regulated under the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS).

The notice temporarily suspends the requirement to submit Top-Screens and Security Vulnerability Assessments (SVA) in order to allow for a phased roll out of the new Chemical Security Assessment Tool (CSAT) 2.0. CSAT 2.0 consists of a more streamlined CSAT Top-Screen, SVA, and a Site Security Plan, that will allow the collection of the data necessary to process facilities through the new methodology and improve the integration between the SVA application and the SSP application.

To minimize confusion, DHS is taking a multi-step approach to this implementation. First, the Department is temporarily suspending the Top-Screen and SVA submissions requirements as outlined in the notice. Second, DHS will replace the current CSAT surveys with the revised surveys. Lastly, DHS will reinstate the Top-Screen and SVA submission requirement. DHS will individually notify facilities of the requirement to resubmit a Top-Screen using the new tool in a phased manner, however, facilities may choose to proactively resubmit a Top-Screen once the new tool is available and prior to the individual notification. Additionally, new chemical facilities of interest that come into reportable amounts of COI after reinstatement of the requirement to submit a Top-Screen and SVA must submit within 60 days.

For more information, please click [here](#). Please contact Gary or Ryan if you have any questions.

#### **Korean Corn Buyers Team**

On July 29 NAEGA will host at its Washington, D.C. office a U.S. Grains Council corn buyers team from Korea. The group includes group that includes executives from top corn buying groups and corn starch companies in South Korea and discussion will include registration requirements for Korea's Special Act on Food Safety and BCFM issues.

All NAEGA members are welcome to attend. Please contact Gary or Ryan for more information.

#### **U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange**

NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin, at the invitation of the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) will travel to Indianapolis, Indiana on August 31-September 1 to speak before the U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange. Gary will be presenting on the topic *A Global View of Key Dynamics in Policy and Commerce for Grains, Oilseeds and other Agri-bulks*. Gary's presentation will include discussion on how reliable, sustainable and affordable commodity supplies are driving governments and the trade to respond and engage, including a review of key developments in commercial trade and regulation that provides for critical understanding of several important opportunities and challenges for the farmer to consumer in the soybean value chain.

If you are interested in attending the U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange, please click [here](#). Please contact Gary if you would information or to contribute to his presentation.

#### **CFTC Supplement to Position Limits Rule**

On May 26 the Commodities and Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) announced that it will issue for public comment a supplement to its position limits proposal. The proposal will modify the procedures for those seeking exemptions from speculative position limits for non-enumerated bona fide hedging. The supplement would provide a new process for exchanges to recognize certain positions in commodity derivative contracts as non-enumerated bona fide hedges or

enumerated anticipatory bona fide hedges, as well as to exempt from federal position limits certain spread positions, in each case subject to CFTC review.

Comments on the supplemental may be submitted electronically through the CFTC's website. If you are interested in contributing to comments on the supplemental, please contact Gary or Ryan. For more information, click [here](#).

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## In the News

### USSA Factsheets

The U.S. Sustainability Alliance, which NAEGA is a member, has successfully completed a series of multi-lingual factsheets highlighting the sustainable practices of U.S. agriculture. The factsheets can be found on the USSA's website ([www.thesustainabilityalliance.us](http://www.thesustainabilityalliance.us)), and include sustainability stories from field crops, nuts, organics, hardwoods, poultry and seafood. These factsheets are part of a broader strategy to advertise U.S. agriculture's sustainability practices to buyers in the European Union and beyond. To access these fact sheets, please click [here](#).

*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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### 2016

#### July

**29** – U.S. Grains Council Corn Buyers Team Meeting – Washington, D.C. – 9:00am-10:00am

#### August

**31-September 1** – U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange – Indianapolis, Indiana – Please register [here](#).

#### September

**1** - DBTG Executive Committee Meeting – London, UK

**5-9** - IMO Subcommittee on the Carriage of Cargoes and Containers Meeting – London, United Kingdom – Cotter Attending.

**12-13** - FAS Regional Market Strategy Session – Berlin, Germany

**19-23** - IPPC ISPM EWG – Melbourne, Australia

#### October

**18** – PNW Regional Workshop – Portland, OR

**August-November**

**TBD** – IGTC General Assembly and Strategy Session

**TBD** – NAEGA Board Meeting

**October**

**5-8** – NAEGA/APPAMEX Forum, Iberostar Hotel, Cancun, Mexico.

**November**

**8** – Election Day – U.S. House, Senate and Presidential elections.

**December**

**7-15** – COP-MOP Meetings to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols – Cancun, Mexico

**7-9** – UN GHS Subcommittee Meeting – Geneva, Switzerland – Cotter Attending.

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**March**

**19-21** – NGFA Annual Convention – New Orleans, LA

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