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NAEGA Member Participation Opportunity

Food and Agriculture Dialogue on Trade Agreements – Washington, D.C., August 8

NAEGA, along with the Steering Committee for Food and Agriculture Dialogue on Trade Agreements, will host a discussion on both TPP and TTIP. The discussion will take place at Arent Fox LLP at 1717 K Street, NW Washington, DC from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Each trade agreement will be discussed for approximately 45 minutes.

If you are interested in joining please let us know, or register [here](#).

FGIS and Industry Workshop – Portland, Oregon, August 13

A NAEGA-NGFA hosted regional Industry and Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) Workshop is now scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2013. The Workshop will be held at the Courtyard Hotel by Marriott at 435 NE Wasco St. Portland, Oregon. APHIS is invited to attend and cover both Phyto-sanitary and Biotechnology regulatory actions.

The agenda can be found [here](#).

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The Workshop is a continuation of a series of meetings at export port locations which are intended to expand understanding and identify needs related to U.S. Official grain inspection. The workshops have proven to be an excellent venue for direct interaction with FGIS leadership and local personnel. All NAEGA member companies are welcome to attend these Workshops.

If you plan to attend please let us know, or register [here](#).

2013 APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum – Cancun, Mexico, August 15-17

The 2013 Asociación de Proveedores de Productores Agropecuarios México (APPAMEX) - NAEGA Forum has been scheduled for August 15-17, 2013 at the in Cancun, Mexico. This year marks the 20th APPAMEX-NAEGA forum, and the theme is “Mexico’s Integration in the Global Food Security: 20 years of Commerce for the Service of the Mexican Agri-Food Industry”. An agenda for the forum is being developed and NAEGA members are invited to attend. If you or a member of your company would like to be a speaker at the forum or take part in a panel, please contact the NAEGA office.

Registration for the forum can be done on the APPAMEX [website](#).

NAEGA Fall Board Meeting

NAEGA’s fall board meeting is scheduled to meet on September 18, 2013 from 10:00am (CDT) to 3:00pm (CDT) at Cargill, 15407 McGinty Road West, Wayzata, Minnesota.

All NAEGA Members are invited to attend. A draft agenda, including reports from all NAEGA Committees will be developed in August. **Please let us know what issues you want on the agenda by Friday August 23.**

NAPPO Annual Meeting 2013

The 2013 NAPPO annual meeting has been scheduled for October 28, 2013 to November 1, 2013 at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Ontario in Canada. More information will be coming soon. In the meantime, feel free to contact Steve Cote at steve.cote@inspection.qc.ca or call 613-773-7368.

Full Details on Upcoming Events can be found in the Meetings & Events Section of the [NAEGA Member’s Only Page](#) and the [Personal Pages Website](#)

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Reports on NAEGA Actions

Asia and Americas – Trans-Pacific Partnership

NAEGA joined several U.S. businesses and agriculture trade groups encouraging the U.S. and other parties to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement to place even the most sensitive of issues on the negotiating table. In its July 23 letter, the U.S. Business Coalition for

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the TPP repeated its position that the negotiations include efforts to reduce all trade barriers. While noting that for the U.S. economy to remain adaptable, it must minimize government protections or preferences that distort the market, the letter referenced textile and apparel, sugar, and footwear barriers that should be included in the negotiations in order to provide for access to the U.S. market. Ultimately the letter points out that if the U.S. is willing to open historically protected markets, the final agreement will make for a more meaningful trade agreement for all parties.

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

USTR made a formal statement about the conclusion of the 18th round of the TPP negotiations that ended on July 25th. The round took place in Malaysia and was the first in which Japan was a part of the negotiations. The statement by U.S. Trade Representative, Mike Froman, reiterated the goal set by President Obama of concluding a high-standard, comprehensive agreement by the end of the year. It went on to say the negotiations covered market access, rules of origin, technical barriers to trade, investment, financial services, and e-commerce. They also found common ground that allowed them to make progress in the negotiating of intellectual property, competition, and environment. Finally, the group worked on a detailed plan to close on the remaining issues in order to complete their work.

The 19th round of TPP negotiations will be held in Brunei from August 22-30. To read the USTR’s press report, click [here](#).

TPP and its European trade agreement counterpart, Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), will be discussed in full detail on August 8th at the Food and Agriculture Dialogue on Trade Agreements meeting in Washington, D.C. If you are interested in attending, please follow the link [here](#).

Mexico –Frustration of Import Shipments due to “Soil”

NAEGA continues work in coordination with APPAMEX and USDA APHIS to address border actions that have delayed entry to Mexico of several rail shipments from the US and Canada. Actions taken by the government officials acting on behalf of Mexico’s health authority SENISICA (<http://www.senasica.gob.mx/>) is apparently related to soil in products that include rough rice, corn, wheat and soybeans. A half day workshop with SENISICA in Mexico City on Monday, July 29 should shed some new light on the risk assessment, identification and management being applied at the border. APPAMEX will attend the workshop and report to NAEGA.

We are working with APPAMEX to catalog recently delayed shipments to Mexico and expects a related to discussion to occur at the upcoming APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum.

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

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TBD – Comments to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on draft directives D-12-05:
http://www.naega.org/images/pdf/CFIA_Draft_D-12-05.pdf

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New Issues & Opportunities for NAEGA Consideration

U.S. – Census Bureau Website Address Change

The U.S. Census Bureau announced a change to their website address to aesdirect.census.gov. The change will take effect September 4, 2013.

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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NAEGA Calendar & Member Notices

July

29 – Washington, D.C. – NAEGA President, Gary C. Martin, will discuss NAEGA’s trade priorities with the new Trade Ambassador, Michael Froman.

August

13—Portland, Oregon – FGIS and Industry Workshop

15-17 – Cancun, Mexico – APPAMEX NAEGA Forum – NAEGA Members Invited to Attend

26 – Champaign, Illinois – Illinois Soy International Biotechnology Symposium – Gary invited to attend

September

16-20 – London, England – IMO/DSC Meeting – NAEGA’s senior advisor, Jerry Cotter, will attend the IMO/DSC meeting which will cover reception facilities for cargo and access to stockpiles by vessel representatives.

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18 – Wayzata, Minnesota – NAEGA Fall Board Meeting at Cargill

18-20 - Durban, South Africa - Third Meeting of the Global Low Level Presence Initiative (GLI)
– NAEGA participation is pending.

22-24 – Santander, Spain – DBTG Meeting – NAEGA’s senior advisor, Jerry Cotter, will attend the DBTG meeting which will address Transportation Moisture Limit issues as well as operational and shipping issues and a grain elevator tour.

October

28 – Nov. 1 – 2013 NAPPO Annual Meeting – NAPPO’s annual meeting has been scheduled for October 28, 2013 to November 1, 2013 at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Ontario in Canada. More information will be coming soon.

November

TBD – Washington, DC – One Day USDA/USAID Food Aid & Development Meeting with Stakeholders

4-6 – San Antonio, Texas – American Nutrition Forum – Gary Martin attending and presenting

12-15 – Lisbon, Portugal - 6th International Conference on Coexistence between Genetically Modified (GM) and non-GM based Agricultural Supply Chains: www.gmcc13.org

19-21 – Baltimore, Maryland – U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council (USAEDC) 2013 Annual Workshop – NAEGA Members invited to participate

2014

January -- TBD – Egypt – 2013 Middle East Regional Trade Conference hosted by U.S. Wheat Associates in cooperation with NAEGA, U.S. Grains Council and U.S. Soybean Export Council

March

31 – 2014 NAEGA Annual Meetings – Hilton Head, South Carolina

30-April 1 – 2014 NGFA Convention – Hilton Head, South Carolina

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