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Member Opportunities

Vietnam Government Team and Feed Importers Trade Mission – September 19

All NAEGA Members representatives and DC representatives are invited to attend a meeting with a U.S. Grains Council trade mission of Vietnamese government officials and grain importers on September 19. The team consists of a mix of high profile officers from Vietnam Plant Quarantine Department or the Plant Protection Department of Vietnam (PPD) with grain importers from major feed companies. The objective of the trip and meeting is to expose PPD to the unnecessary costs and burdens imposed on Vietnamese importers for fumigation, and highlight the advantage of using U.S. products.

The meeting will take place at NAEGA new headquarters office in Crystal City, VA on the afternoon of September 19 from 2-4pm. NAEGA's new office is located at the following address conveniently off of the Crystal City Metrorail station.

1400 Crystal Drive
Suite 260
Arlington, VA 22202

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Gary or Ryan.

SAVE THE DATE: Upcoming NAEGA Events in Portland, OR

Please "Save the Date" for a series of exciting upcoming events in October in Portland, Oregon. All member personnel may attend:

Tuesday, October 18

NAEGA-NGFA Alternative Security Program Users Meeting
Grades and Inspections Committee Meeting Joint with NGFA Grades Weights Committee
Regional Industry and Government Workshop – Sponsored by NAEGA, NGFA and PNWGF
Location: 1200 NW Naito Pkwy Ste 230, in the conference in the Wheat Marketing Center

Wednesday, October 19

NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting
NAEGA Contracts Committee Meeting (pending)
Location: 1300 SW Fifth Avenue
C/O Columbia Grain

Thursday, October 20

NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices Seminar
Location: 200 SW Market St., conference facility on the lobby level

NAEGA/APPAMEX Forum – October 5-8

Please save the date for the 23rd 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.

NAEGA Seminars

The Next NAEGA Contract Seminar is scheduled for September 14 and 15 in Regina, Canada. Sam Bonilla and Gary Martin are working with staff at Viterra for the company specific / private seminar.

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

Internship Open at NAEGA

NAEGA has an open internship position! Information on working for NAEGA as an intern in our new Arlington, Virginia 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

Recent Actions:

Zika Labelling for China

NAEGA has been working closely with the USDA's Foreign Agriculture Services (FAS) and following developments out of China's General Administration on Quality, Supervision and Inspection (AQSIQ) regarding new Zika-related mosquito disinsection requirements for U.S exports. Following the World Health Organization's (WHO) determination that the United States is a Zika infected country, Chinese authorities are now requiring mosquito disinsection of all U.S. origin shipments. Disinsection requires that the vessel or container, not the goods, be sprayed or fumigated for mosquitos. Disinsection will not be required for chilled shipments or shipments of bulk food or feed. Exporters will be required to provide a proof of disinsection based on this template provided by AQSIQ. Disinsection does not need to be provided by a governmental body or a government approved body. Disinsection is required for all vessels and containers departing U.S. ports on or after August 5. Local CIQ officials will be conducting selective examination procedures at import. No separate Zika-related inspection process will occur.

NAEGA will continue to work with FAS and monitor developments and compliance with these procedures. For more information, please read the following documents provided by FAS regarding their discussions with AQSIQ.

[FAS Update on Requirements on Shipments from Zika-Infected Countries – August 19](#)

[AQSIQ Zika Certificate Template – August 18](#)

[AQSIQ Unofficial English Translation of Zika Virus Scheme](#)

Please contact Gary or Ryan if you have any questions or concerns.

IGTC Newsletter

The newest edition of the IGTC Newsletter is now available! This week's newsletter includes coverage of two new policy documents approved this week by the IGTC Management Council, information on an IGTC [survey on electronic trade documentation](#) and an opportunity to provide comments on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety's draft ministerial declaration ahead of its meetings in Cancun. A copy of the newsletter can be found on the IGTC intranet at www.igtglobal.org or by clicking [here](#).

Washington State GE Wheat Plant Finding

We continue to monitor developments related to the detection of a few genetically engineered wheat plants in a field in Washington State. Japan, which removed Western White Winter Wheat from its August 4 tender, was reported to have enabled on August 22 testing for MON 71700 and 71800 in the U.S. prior to shipment as well as in Japan upon shipment arrival.

Future Actions:

NAEGA Office Moving

NAEGA is moving to a *new office space! As of August 30, 2016 the NAEGA office will be at 1400 Crystal Drive, Suite 260, Arlington, VA 22202*

Continuing to be co-located with National Grain and Feed Association, our new office conveniently located near the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and the Crystal City Metrorail station.

Please note that NAEGA email addresses and telephone numbers will not change.

Soy Global Trade Exchange – August 30-September 1

NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin in Indianapolis, Indiana hopes to see you at the U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange on August 30 to September 1. Gary will provide remarks on the topic: *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.

IGC MCC Meeting – September 8-10

Katy Lee, Acting Secretariat of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) will travel to London, United Kingdom on September 8-10 to participate in the International Grains Council's (IGC) Market Conditions Committee meeting. The IGC's MCC is responsible for keeping market conditions and short termed prospects for grains and oilseeds under review between IGC sessions, and the meeting will feature presentations from member governments on their grain situation and policies. As a representative of the IGTC Katy leads representation and engagement with the IGC following its official recognition of the IGTC in December 2015.

A copy of the Notice to Post for this mission is available [here](#). Please contact Gary or Ryan if you would like to provide contributions to Katy's participation in this meeting.

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](#).

A copy of the Notice to Post for this mission can be found [here](#). For more information or to contribute your knowledge and expertise to this NAEGA/IGTC mission, please contact Gary or Ryan.

Pending 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.

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](#).

EU Environmental Footprint Pilot

At the end of July, the European Commission launched its public consultations on Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) for feed, food and drink products. The PEFCR is a pilot project to develop an approach to calculate the environmental footprint of different products with the goal of measuring environmental performance of products for future policy making. The PEFCR is an effort to measure and communicate the EU's environmental goals under its *Building the Single Market for Green Products Initiative*.

The EC has developed draft PEFCRs for each product under consultation from product secretariats formed by representatives of trade associations, companies and supply chain experts. The draft PEFCRs developed by the secretariats are now available for public consultation and comment. The comment period will be open until the first quarter of 2017.

More information on contributing to comments on the draft PEFCRs can be found [here](#). If you are interested in contributing comments to the draft PEFCRs please contact Gary or Ryan.

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In the News

EC 2030 Climate Targets Proposed

The European Commission (EC) has proposed new 2030 member state climate targets that would set emission reduction standards for previously excluded sectors, including buildings, transport and agriculture. Under the new proposal these sectors would need to cut their emissions to 30 percent below the 2005 baseline by the year 2030. The proposal, which has to be agreed by the Council and the European Parliament before it becomes law, revises the so called Effort Sharing Decision, establishing binding annual greenhouse gas emission targets for Member States for the period 2021-2030. Under the proposal each member state contributes towards the 2030 target via a binding, national reduction goal, calculated on the basis of their GDP per capita.

More information on the proposal and the EU's climate measures, 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

Click [here](#) for a Copy of the IGTC Calendar

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August

27 – NAEGA Move Date

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.

14-15 – Viterra Contracts and Best Practices Industry Workshop – Regina, SK, Canada

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

19-23 - IPPC ISPM EWG – Melbourne, Australia

19 – USGC Vietnam Government Team and Feed Importers Trade Mission – All NAEGA Member Reps invited – NAEGA Crystal City Headquarters – Arlington, VA

October

18 – NAEGA-NGFA Alternative Security Program Users Meeting – Portland, OR

18 – Grades and Inspections Committee Joint Meeting with NGFA Grains, Grades and Weights Committee – Portland, OR

18 – PNW Regional Industry and Government Workshop – Portland, OR

19 – NAEGA Board Meeting – Portland, OR

19 – NAEGA Contracts Committee Meeting (Pending) – Portland, OR

20 – NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices Seminar – Portland, OR

October

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

November

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

8-10 – IGTC General Assembly and Strategy Session – Geneva, Switzerland

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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