



Please welcome NAEGA's newest intern Dillon Fowler

As a dual U.S.-Canadian citizen, Dillon is a native of the Detroit, MI/Windsor, ON area. A recent graduate from the American University School of Law, Dillon is looking forward to assisting with members services and working with our policy teams. Dillon can be reached at intern@naega.org.

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NAFTA and Asia-Pacific Policy Teams

With NAFTA negotiations underway and the evolving U.S.-China trade relationship we expect many more fast paced and dramatic developments that could greatly change the terms of trade for NAEGA members. Your involvement is needed!

NAEGA ad hoc policy teams of member personnel working largely through conference calls are helping to guide our multifaceted effort to address the evolving trade environment. Teams focused on the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Asia-Pacific Market are already established. The **NAFTA Policy Team** will be heavily engaged over the next three months to support NAEGA work with the U.S. Food and Ag. Dialogue for Trade, The Pacific Northwest Economic Region, the Canada U.S. Grain and Seed Trade Task Group and the NAEGA committees and Board of Directors to address NAFTA. A similar effort will soon start with an **Asia-Pacific Policy Team** that will be focused on U.S. trade relations with China, Japan, Korea and the Trans Pacific environment more generally.

Please contact [Ryan](#) if you have any questions or are interested in participating in NAEGA's ad hoc policy teams.

U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade – Washington, D.C. – August 25

NAEGA member personnel are invited to attend the latest U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade on August 25 at 9:30am at Arent Fox, LLP on 1717 K Street, NW Washington, D.C. A preliminary agenda include:

9:30-10:30am

Perspectives and Analysis on the first NAFTA Round:

Gary Clyde Hufbauer, Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics (*Confirmed*)

10:30-11:30am

Administration briefing on NAFTA Round:

John Melle, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere, U.S. Chief Negotiator - NAFTA (*confirmed*)

Sharon Bommer-Lauritsen, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Agricultural Affairs and Commodity Policy (*confirmed*)

To RSVP, click [here](#).

Taiwan Goodwill Mission Reception – Washington, D.C. – September 12

NAEGA member personnel are invited to attend a reception at the Marriott Metro Center for a Taiwan Goodwill Mission on September 12 from 4-6pm. The reception will honor the Taiwan Goodwill Mission travelling throughout the United States on September 10-21 and the U.S.-Taiwanese relationship.

To register for the reception, [please click here](#).

A formal invitation will be available soon. Please contact Ryan for more information.

WITA Agriculture's Perspectives on NAFTA Modernization panel - Arlington, VA – September 13

NAEGA member personnel are invited to attend a Washington International Trade Association (WITA) panel on *Agriculture's Perspectives on the NAFTA Modernization* on the morning of September 13. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue has been invited. In addition, NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin will be presenting on behalf of NAEGA, and the Board of Directors will attend as special guests. The event will take place at McDermott, Will and Emery at 500 North Capitol Street NW Washington, D.C. beginning at 9:00am. A preliminary agenda includes remarks by:

Jaime Castaneda, Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Trade Policy, U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC) & National Milk Producers Federation

Gary Martin, President & CEO, North American Export Grain Association

Melissa San Miguel, Senior Director of Global Strategies for the Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA)

Tom Stenzel, President & CEO, United Association Fruits & Vegetables

Moderator: Ambassador Darci Vetter, Diplomat in Residence, Clayton K. Yeutter Institute of International Trade and Finance, University of Nebraska

Additional Speakers TBA

To register, [click here](#).

Board of Directors Meeting – Arlington, VA – September 13

The next meeting of the NAEGA Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, September 13 from 1:00-5:00pm at NAEGA Headquarters in Arlington, VA. NAEGA member representatives are invited to attend and submit topics for discussion during the Board meeting.

In addition to the Board meeting, Board members and member representatives are invited to attend the following events on September 12-14, including:

Tuesday	September 12, 2017 Events	Location
4:00-6:00pm	Taiwan Goodwill Mission Reception <i>Please RSVP Here</i>	Marriott Metro Center 775 12 th Street NW, D.C.

7:00-9:30pm	NGFA Board of Directors Reception and Dinner <i>Please RSVP Here</i>	Willard Intercontinental D.C. 1401 Pennsylvania Ave NW, D.C.
Wednesday	September 13, 2017 Events	
9:00-11:00am	Washington International Trade Association NAFTA Series Event – <i>What’s in Store for Food and Agriculture?</i> <i>One seat for each NAEGA Board member company is already reserved. Others may register please: click here</i>	Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, D.C.
12:00-1:00pm	NAEGA Board of Directors Working Lunch <i>Lobby Conference Room</i>	1400 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA
1:00-5:00pm	NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting <i>Lobby Conference Room</i>	1400 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA
5:00-7:00pm	NAEGA Board Appreciation Reception <i>Paragon Club – 2nd Floor</i>	1400 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA
Thursday	September 14, 2017 Events	
8-10:00 am	IGTC Management Council – Meet, Conf. Call <i>Conference Room in Suite 260</i>	1400 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA
10:30 – 12	Meeting with China CIQ Cochran Fellows re: port inspections and food safety <i>Lobby Conference Room</i> To attend please register here .	1400 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA

Please contact Gary or Ryan if you need travel assistance or have any questions.

China CIQ Cochran Fellows visit – Arlington, VA – September 14

NAEGA member personnel are invited to attend a meeting with nine U.S. Department of Agriculture Cochran Fellows from China Inspection and Quarantine (CIQ) on Thursday, September 14 at 10:30am. The Cochran Fellowship provides education on how U.S. inspection and food safety laws and regulations are created, monitored and enforced on a national and port level. The goal of the fellowship opportunity is to demonstrate the effectiveness of U.S. port inspections and U.S. food safety regulations along with the safety of U.S. food products in order to reduce interruption of U.S. Shipment of Agricultural products at China ports.

If you are interested in attending please [register here](#).

IGTC General Assembly – Arlington, VA – November 16

NAEGA member representatives are invited to save the date for the next IGTC General Assembly in Arlington, VA on November 16. As NAEGA members companies are invited to participate as IGTC Corporate Stakeholders. The General Assembly will take place at the Crowne Plaza National Airport at 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. A formal invitation will be available soon.

NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices Seminar and Reception – Tokyo, Japan – November 28

NAEGA members are invited to save the date for a Contracts and Best Practices Seminar and Reception in Tokyo, Japan on November 28. NAEGA seminars are a current and interactive, review of commercial and official practices to improve predictability, reduce risks, resolve trade barriers, and facilitate profitable trade.

The Contracts and Best Practices Seminar will be followed by a reception honoring the U.S.-Japan grain trade and featuring participants from the Japan Feed Trade Association, U.S. Grains Council, the U.S. Embassy, Japanese Government and U.S. and Japanese industry.

A formal invitation to the seminar and reception will be available soon.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars

Proposed open seminars are under consideration in Tokyo, Japan in the last half 2017.

NAEGA also conducts company specific private seminars. Please let us know if you are interested attending or hosting a NAEGA seminar. Click [here](#) for more information the in-depth, interactive programs NAEGA conducts!

Internships

We have an open intern position starting January 2017 to work at the NAEGA office at 1400 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Information on working for NAEGA as an intern 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:

CSG West Meeting

On Friday, August 22 NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin presented remotely before the Council of State Government's West (CSG West) Annual meeting. CSG West is a non-profit organization that facilitates regional cooperation, exchange of information and fosters the strengthening of legislative institutions among its 13 member states in the Western United States and Pacific Island territories. During his presentation before the Agriculture and Water Committee, Gary highlighted the latest from the NAFTA negotiations, previewed NAEGA policy positions on

international trade and updated participants on U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade activities.

A copy of Gary's presentation can be found [here](#).

New NAEGA Directory

A new membership directory is now available for NAEGA members. The new directory can be found [here](#), or on the NAEGA members only webpage. NAEGA Member Directories include a comprehensive list of NAEGA's Board, leadership and membership and committee participation. Please review the directory and let us know if you have any changes.

Upcoming Actions:

IGC MCC Meeting – London, UK – September 8

On Friday, September 8 Katy Lee, Secretariat of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) will travel to London to attend and participate in the International Grain's Council's (IGC) Market Conditions Committee (MCC) meeting. During the meeting Katy will be presenting before the MCC on *Current Developments in Policy and Practice* as part of the IGTC's continued and regular engagement with the IGC.

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

U.S.-China AQSIQ Survey Team – Mid-West – September 10-20

On September 10-20 NAEGA Senior Advisor Kirk Miller will join a group of China AQSIQ officials for a survey tour of grain supply chain facilities in the Mid-West. The trip, supported by the USDA FAS, NAEGA, U.S. Soybean Export Council, U.S. Grains Council, American Soybean Association and the United Soybean Board, is meant to educate AQSIQ officials on the U.S. export supply chain and the fungible, comingled nature of U.S. grain and oilseed exports as part of U.S. government and industry efforts to comply with Decree 177 facility registration requirements. During their travel, the team will be visiting facilities along the Mid-West, Mississippi River and Gulf Coast in Kansas City, St. Louis, Memphis and Galveston. The trip will conclude with a briefing in Washington, D.C.

IMO CCC – London, UK – September 11-15

On September 11-15 Katy Lee, Secretariat of the IGTC, will travel to London, UK to participate in the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Subcommittee on the Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC). In London, Katy will be working closely with the International Dry Bulk Terminals Association, to monitor and respond to developments impacting the global grain and oilseed trade. A notice to post for this travel will be available shortly.

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

Pending Actions:

APHIS Consultations on IPPC Activities

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is accepting consultations on three draft specifications and 13 draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) from the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

Draft Specifications:

- [Revision of ISPM 12](#)
- [Audit of phytosanitary context](#)
- [Supplement to ISPM 11](#)

Draft ISMPs:

- [2017 Amendments to ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms](#)
- [International movement of cut flowers and foliage](#)
- [Requirements for the use of fumigation as a phytosanitary measure](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Bactrocera dorsalis complex](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Conotrachelus nenuphar](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Ips spp](#)
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- [Diagnostic protocols: Puccinia psidii](#)
- [Revision of Diagnostic Protocol: Plus pox virus](#)
- [Revision of ISPM 6: Surveillance](#)
- [Requirements for the use of temperature treatments as a phytosanitary measure](#)
- [Draft revision of Annexes 1 & 2 to ISPM15](#)
- [Draft 2015 and 2016 amendments to ISPM 5 Glossary of phytosanitary terms](#)

Please contact Gary or Ryan if you are interested in contributing to any of these comments.

CFIA Consultations for Canada-U.S. RCC

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is seeking input from stakeholders for the development of new cooperation opportunities and prioritization of existing initiatives under the Canada-United States Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC). The purpose of this consultation is to provide an additional mechanism to seek stakeholder feedback on the prioritization of work plan initiatives currently being pursued between the CFIA and its U.S. regulatory counterparts, and to solicit input on potential opportunities for the future. There is no firm deadline for completion of this consultation. However, CFIA's tentative timeframe for collecting input is by fall of this year. Input [can be submitted at this link](#).

USTR Comments on Russia, China and the NTE

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is seeking public comments on China and Russia's obligations and implementation efforts in connection to their accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and requesting assistance with identifying significant trade barriers for preparation of the annual National Trade Estimate report.

[Russia's Implementation of its WTO Commitments](#)

The USTR will convene a public hearing and seeks comments to assist in the preparation of its annual report to Congress on Russia's implementation of its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The deadline for filing written testimony is September 22, 2017. The hearing will take place on September 28, 2017.

China's Compliance with WTO Commitments

The USTR is seeking comments and will convene a public hearing to assist in preparing its annual report to Congress on China's compliance with the commitments made in connection with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The deadline for filing written testimony is September 20, 2017. The hearing will take place on October 4, 2017.

National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers

The USTR is seeking comments to help identify significant barriers to U.S. exports of goods, services, and U.S. foreign direct investment for inclusion in the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE). All written comments must be received by 11:59pm on October 25, 2017.

If you are interested in contributing to any of these comments please contact Gary or Ryan.

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In the News

USTR Initiates Section 301 Investigation

On August 14 President Donald Trump instructed the U.S. Trade Representative, through an executive order, to determine whether to initiate a Section 301 investigation against China for policies that harm American intellectual property rights, innovation or technology development. On Friday, August 18 USTR initiated the investigation. Section 301 investigations give the President the authority to investigate whether the policies of trade partners are unreasonable or discriminatory and, if they are, to impose restrictions on the import of Chinese goods and services. A Section 301 investigation must be completed within one year.

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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September

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8 – IGC Market Conditions Committee, London, UK

10-20 – U.S.-China AQSIQ Survey Team visit – Mid-West

11-15- IMO CCC – London, UK

12 – Taiwan Goodwill Mission Reception – Washington, D.C.

13 – NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting. Arlington, VA

14 – China CIQ Cochran Fellows Meeting – Arlington, VA

14 – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

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28 – USTR Hearing on Russia WTO Implementation

28 – European Commission high-level conference on modern biotechnology in agriculture – Brussels, Belgium

October

4 – Hearing on China Compliance with WTO Commitments

16-19 – 41st Annual NAPPO Meeting - Merida, Mexico

25 – National Trade Estimate Report Comments Due

November

13-17 – IPPC Standards Committee – Rome, Italy

14-16 – Global Grain Geneva

16 – IGTC General Assembly – Arlington, VA

TBD – USDA FGIS Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Meeting

27 – IGTC General Assembly – Beijing, China

December

TBD –NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices Seminar – Tokyo, Japan

- 3 – NGFA Country Elevator Conference
- 5 – 46th IGC Council Session – London, UK
- 6-8 – GHS Subcommittee Meeting – Geneva, Switzerland
- 14 – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

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January

- 18 – Annual Grain Sector Meeting with APHIS Administrator

March

- 18-20 – NGFA Annual Convention – Scottsdale, Arizona
- 18-20 – NAEGA Annual Meetings – Scottsdale, Arizona
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