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Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA

The NAEGA office will be closed Monday, September 1st in recognition of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 2.

NAEGA Welcomes Three New Members

Please join us in welcoming Baltic Control NA, Inc.; McDonald Pelz Global Commodities, LLC; and T. Parker Host, Inc. as the newest association members of NAEGA.

Baltic Control is a leading global inspection, verification, testing and certification company. It is internationally recognized and operates through a network of offices and trusted representatives across all geographical regions of the world.

McDonald Pelz Global Commodities is a cash grain, oilseed, and renewable energy brokerage organization whose aims and goals are to help its customers in the buying and selling of their products.

T. Parker Host is a full-service agency with extensive experience in handling cargo of all kinds but specialize in dry bulk, breakbulk, and liquid bulk.

Revisions to the NAEGA Contact Directory have been posted to the Members section of www.naega.org.

Member Opportunities

- CFIA Webinar on New Canadian Food Regulations – August 28, 2014
- Milwaukee, WI – USSEC Global U.S. Soy Trade Exchange – September 15-17, 2014
- Denver, Colorado – NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – September 26, 2014
- World Grain Magazine Subscription

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- 2014 APPAMEX -NAEGA Forum
- EU Biotechnology Applications
- Pro-Exporter Trip to Kansas City

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- Free Trade Agreement Side-by-Side
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Member Opportunities

CFIA Webinar on New Canadian Food Regulations – August 28, 2014

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) would like feedback on “A New Regulatory Framework for Federal Food Inspection: Overview of Proposed Regulations.” This webinar will look at the preliminary text for proposed regulations, such as licensing, traceability requirements, and preventative control plans.

The webinar will be Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 11:00am to 12:00pm Eastern. Register for the webinar [here](#). Please contact cfia-modernisation-acia@inspection.gc.ca should you have any questions or require assistance.

Milwaukee, WI – USSEC Global U.S. Soy Trade Exchange – September 15-17, 2014

The U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) is bringing over 150 soy feed, food, and oil processing importers from around the world to meet with U.S. exporters at the Milwaukee Convention Center and the Hilton City Center. Along with the U.S. Soy Trade Exchange, USSEC is hosting a Trade Team Invitational. Over the course of the three days, your company will have the opportunity to sit down with representatives from the more than 150 soy companies from outside the U.S. at the Trade Team invitational.

A listing of participating importers can be found [here](#). To access the on-line appointment registration site, click [here](#). The opportunity to register for the Trade Team Invitational ends August 29 at 5:00pm Central. Schedules of meetings will be emailed to participants by the close of business on September 8, 2014.

NAEGA Board of Friday, September 26, 2014 Directors Meeting - Denver, Colorado.

Associate Member Co-Bank will host the next NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting at 5500 S. Quebec St., Greenwood Village, CO 80111 from 7:30am to 1:00pm (U.S. Mountain Time).

NAEGA Members are encouraged to submit items for the consideration of the Board.

World Grain Magazine Subscription

[World Grain Magazine](#) asked NAEGA to remind its members of subscription possibilities of its monthly publication. *World Grain* is a trade publication that covers grain processing, transportation, storage, market trends, and company profiles. The monthly magazine is available in both print and electronic formats. Electronic copies of the current issue of *World Grain* 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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Reports on NAEGA Actions

2014 APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum

NAEGA co-hosted the 21st APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum at the Hotel Velas Vallarta in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. A copy of the agenda can be found [here](#). NAEGA President and CEO, Gary Martin, presented on “Commercial Policies, Trade Agreements and Food Security as Converging Elements and the Future of the Global Agri-Food Trade.” Gary’s presentation can be found [here](#).

Special side meetings were also held to discuss the current issues with Mexican phytosanitary issues. The agenda for the side meetings can be found [here](#). NAEGA Senior Advisor, Arvid Hawk, was in attendance for the meetings discussing Mexico’s phytosanitary issues.

A report on the meetings will soon be posted to the International Programs Section of NAEGA members only website.

EU Biotechnology Applications

NAEGA, along with a number of other agri-business associations, signed on to [two letters](#) regarding European approval of biotechnology events. The first was addressed to European Commissioner, Tonio Borg, asking the European Commission to make timely regulatory decisions on the new biotechnology applications. The letter urges the College of Commissioners to authorize the pending import dossiers at its September meeting. The second letter encouraged U.S. Trade Representative, Michael Froman, to explore all options, including initiating a process to convene a World Trade Organization (WTO) compliance panel, should the European Union (EU) College of Commissioners not act on applications for crops developed through agricultural biotechnology in their September meetings.

Currently, there are nine events pending import approval in the EU (Soybeans: MON 87705, 305423, BPS-CV127-9, MON 87708; Maize: T25 maize, MON 87460; Oilseed Rape: GT 73 OSR; Cotton: T304-40 cotton).

There was great disappointment these events were not approved by the European Commission during the July meetings and many believe the opportunity to complete the approvals will greatly diminish after early September as the EU Presidency shifts from [José Manuel Durão Barroso](#) to [Jean-Claude Juncker](#).

NAEGA has been working concurrently with its European partner, COCERAL to get swift approval of the pending events. COCERAL recently highlighted in a [factsheet](#) the consequences the food and feed chain may face if the decision to approve the events is delayed any further.

Pro-Exporter Meeting in Kansas City

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NAEGA President and CEO, Gary Martin attended the Pro-Exporter Summer Seminar in Kansas City. The Seminar provided sessions on the world economy, China’s agriculture, and more. A copy of the Seminar’s agenda can be found [here](#).

NAEGA Actions on Current Issues are tracked on both the Member’s Only Section under their relevant committee pages and the on the Personal Page’s site. Updates to tracked issues are posted in this section.

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

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Oct.29 – Comments to USTR on TBT & SPS trade barriers for Annual National Trade Estimate Report

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is seeking input for its annual national trade estimate (NTE) report on foreign trade barriers. Comments are due by October 29 and are encouraged to be made on any of the following topics:

- import policies (e.g., tariffs, quotas, import licensing and customs barriers)
- government procurement restrictions (e.g., “buy national” policies and closed bidding)
- export subsidies
- lack of intellectual property rights protection
- anticompetitive conduct of state-owned or private firms tolerated by foreign governments that restricts the sale or purchase of U.S. goods or services in the foreign country’s markets
- other barriers, including barriers that encompass more than one category, such as bribery and corruption, or that affect a single sector

The USTR is particularly interested in trade practices that may violate U.S. trade agreements and information on new barriers. The USTR also welcomes comments on trade restrictions through unwarranted sanitary and phytosanitary measures and standards (SPS), and conformity assessment procedures or technical regulations that can be implemented in less trade restrictive ways (TBT).

A copy of the federal register notice can be found [here](#).

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Information for your Consideration

Free Trade Agreement Side-by-Side Comparison

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a side-by-side comparison of numerous U.S. Free Trade Agreements and preferential trade programs. The comparison focuses on rules of origin, valuation, and post importation claims. A copy of the comparison can be found [here](#).

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U.S. Appellate Court Rules in Bunge’s Favor on Biotechnology

The 8th Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals ruled that a grain elevator cannot be forced to accept genetically engineered corn. In 2011 Bunge refused to accept Syngenta’s biotechnology product, Agrisure Viptera. Bunge told growers it would not accept the product because it had not cleared regulatory hurdles in all major export destinations. Syngenta responded by suing Bunge accusing them of violation the U.S. Warehouse Act of 1916, which requires elevators to treat depositors fairly.

The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the case, ruling that Syngenta lacked a “cause of action” to bring a case against Bunge in court. This ruling does not preclude farmers directly affected by Bunge’s refusal to sue the elevator company. However, this ruling may stop other biotech seed companies from using similar litigation tactics to restrict the freedom to operate of grain buyers and warehouses.

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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September

3-4 – Washington, DC - NAEGA MAP compliance review by USDA FAS.

8-12 – London, England – International Maritime Organization (IMO) subcommittee meeting of Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC). The agenda can be found [here](#).

11-12 – Beijing, China – Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Food Safety Cooperation Forum: Special Session and APEC High-Level Regulatory-Industry Food Safety Dialogue.

14 – Beijing, China – U.S.-China Agriculture and Food Partnership Symposium – Tentative

14 – Seoul, Korea – Korean Rural Economic Institute Food Security Symposium.

14 – Geneva, Switzerland; Rome, Italy – USBCA-The International Maize Alliance (MAIZALL) Mission to the WTO & FAO

18 – Washington, D.C. – Michigan State University/USDA FAS Industry Roundtable International Agricultural Biotechnology Short Course. Gary Martin on the panel

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18-19 – Beijing, China – APEC Food Security Ministers Meeting, High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology (tentative)

26 – Denver, Colorado – NAEGA Board Meeting – Hosted by CoBank

29-October 3 – Pyeongchang, Korea – 7th Meeting of the Parties/Conference of the Parties for the So-called Cartagena Biosafety Protocol under the Convention on Biodiversity, which governs trans-boundary movements of Living Modified Organisms for feed, food and processing. More information can be found at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/>

October

1-3 – Panama – Dry Bulk Terminal Group (DBTG) Annual Meeting, Jerry Cotter and Gary Martin planning to present and attend.

13 – Geneva, Switzerland – WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) Committee Meeting

20-24 – Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico – The North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) and the National Plant Protection Organization of Mexico. <http://www.nappo.org/>

24-25 – Beijing, China – Development Research Center Food Security and Sustainability Summit

30 – Washington, D.C. – US Coast Guard Alternative Security Program (ASP) Workshop

November

10-11 – Beijing, China – APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting (TBD)

17-20 – Baltimore, MD – USAEDC Annual Workshop

December

14 – Washington, D.C. – U.S. China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT)

14 – Seoul, Korea – USGC Sponsored Technical Workshop for Biosafety Committee Members

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