



NAEGA is pleased to welcome Ceres Global Ag Corp. of St. Louis Park, MN as its newest member! Ceres Global Ag Corp. is focused on two primary businesses: a Grain Storage, Handling and Merchandising unit; and a Commodity Logistics unit. Its storage unit includes a collection of eight grain storage and handling assets in Minnesota, New York, and Ontario having aggregate storage capacity of approximately 42.1 million bushels as of December 31, 2015. Ceres' Commodity Logistics unit is focused on the development of a state-of-the-art grain, agriculture services and oilfield supplies transloading facility in Northgate, SK, Canada.

For more information on Ceres Global Ag Corp. visit their website [here](#).

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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 Ryan Olson 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:

Xanthomonas Detection

Over the past three weeks NAEGA has been working closely with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and other organization's regarding the agency's confirmation of the presence of *Xanthomonas vasicola* pv. *Vasculorum* (Xvv) in some counties in the U.S. corn belt. APHIS has released a statement about this discovery, which can be found [here](#).

Xvv is a bacterium that affects the leaves of corn plants, with symptoms appearing as narrow brown or orange-to-reddish streaks or stripes. Plant disease is similar to other bacterial diseases of corn, it poses no risk to human or animal health and there also is no evidence of adverse impacts on corn yields or quality from this plant disease. USDA does not consider Xvv to be of quarantine significance for domestic or international trade, and said it intends to address it like any other bacterial disease of corn. Management techniques include: sound sanitation practices; tilling to reduce the amount of crop residue to minimize presence of the bacterium; rotating to a non-host crop; minimal use of overhead irrigation when practical; and using resistant hybrids, when available.

NAEGA commends APHIS for its science-based, proactive and prudent approach to this detection. The participation in field survey work undertaken by APHIS, the state departments of agriculture and extension services to gather information about this plant disease and its distribution in U.S. corn while it still is in the field was very effective. We commend these entities for devoting the personnel and laboratory resources needed to quickly gather such information. NAEGA will continue to engage in informing the value chain about these best management practices and how they ensure a safe, abundant, reliable and economic supply of U.S. corn for consumers in the United States and around the world.

Throughout this process Gary has been extensively advising APHIS's approach to this finding. A thank you letter from APHIS can be found [here](#). For more information, please contact Gary or Ryan.

Philippine Biotech Regulations

NAEGA has learned of updates on the Philippine's biotechnology regime from FAS Manila. As we understand the current status of biotech trait approvals needed for import in the Philippines remains as reported in [NAEGA's August 15 Outreach](#). Several GMO traits that may be found in U.S. supplies lack needed regulatory acceptance, they include:

New approval pending:

Soybean - MON 87708 X MON 89788 - RR2Xtend stack
Corn – Syngenta 5307 – Duracade which is in several stacks

Renewed Approval needed:

Soybean - A5547-127 – Bayer Liberty Link
Corn - MON 89034 x NK603 (PowerCore / Smart Stax)
Corn - Mon 88017 - (YieldGuard VT Rootworm)
Corn - Mon 88017 x Mon810 (YieldGuard VT Triple)
Corn - Bt11 x corn DAS59122 x corn MIR604 x corn TC1507 x Corn GA21 (Agrisure Viptera)

However, new developments have occurred related to an August 22 Philippines Supreme Court ruling on the biotechnology regulatory regime. On Monday, August 22 the Supreme Court released a ruling stating that the Philippine Department of Agriculture's Administrative Ruling on biotechnology regulation (AO8) did have appropriate measures to monitor planting trials and did not necessarily lead to uncontrolled planting (as alleged in its previous ruling) – a reversal of its previous ruling. In addition, the ruling notes that the new regulatory regime currently under

development by the government will still supersede the old regime (AO8) that was overturned in the Supreme Court's December 2015 ruling.

Amidst this news, NAEGA is working closely with FAS Manila, FAS Washington and other industry stakeholders to receive certainty about the current state of affairs and how the new Supreme Court ruling will be applied. A copy of the ruling released on August 22 can be found [here](#):

[ISAAA vs. Greepeace Southeast Asia – G.R. No. 209271](#)

Further background information on this situation can be found on the [NAEGA Members Only](#) website. Please contact Gary and Ryan with any questions.

IGTC Newsletter

The newest edition of the IGTC Newsletter is now available! This week's newsletter includes an update on the IGTC ISPM advocacy strategy, a link to the IGTC poll on electronic documentation, and a new report from the Swiss Academies of Science on plant breeding innovation. A copy of the newsletter can be found on the IGTC intranet at www.igtglobal.org or by clicking [here](#).

New NAEGA Address

NAEGA has moved! You can now find NAEGA at its new headquarters in Arlington, VA at:

1400 Crystal Drive
Suite 260
Arlington, VA 22202

NAEGA's new headquarters are located conveniently off the Crystal City Metro stop. All NAEGA email addresses and phone numbers will remain the same.

DHS Response on Container Scanning

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued a response to a multi-industry letter signed by NAEGA regarding DHS's recent decision to extend the deadline for full scale implementation of the 100 percent container scanning rule. The original letter, which can be found [here](#), offered strong support for the department's decision and offered support for a legislative reevaluation of the mandate. In the letter, DHS Assistant Secretary of International Affairs and Chief Diplomatic Officer Alan Bersin states his continued support for delaying implementation of the mandate until appropriate technological systems are in place. While he states that the Department is committed to implementing the mandate, he also stated that DHS remains committed to working with industry and other stakeholders to move towards the law's objectives.

A full copy of the letter can be found [here](#). For more information, please contact Gary or Ryan.

Future Actions:

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.

GIPSA Comments on Delegated States

Following changes made to the U.S. Grain Standards Act in September 2015, the U.S. Grain Inspectors, Packers and Stockyards Administration issued a Request for Comments on the quality of services provided by delegated state agencies carrying out inspection services on behalf of GIPSA. Please let us know if you would like to contribute to any comments.

Comments are due on September 23. A copy of the notice in the Federal Register can be found [here](#).

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In the News

USSA in *The Grocer*

The U.S. Sustainability Alliance (USSA), a Global Broad-based Initiative (GBI) which NAEGA participates, has been featured in the magazine *The Grocer*, the UK's largest food retailer and processor publication with nearly 112,000 reported readers. The USSA article "A Century and Counting of American Sustainability" highlights efforts made by the U.S. food and agriculture industry to promote sustainable practices in food production.

A copy of the article can be found [here](#). More information on the USSA can be found on their website, [here](#).

USCG Final Rule on TWIC

The U.S. Coast Guard has issued its final rule regarding the installation of electronic machines that can read the Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC) used by longshoreman, truckers, port employees and others for authorized, unescorted access to secure areas. The final rule provides more flexibility with regard to the purchase, installation and use of electronic readers than the proposed rule so that new systems can be integrated into existing security and access control

systems. The rule is primarily designed for facilities that receive vessels that carry or handle Certain Dangerous Cargoes such as chemicals.

A copy of the final rule can be found [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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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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March

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

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