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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

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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](#).

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](#), and a proposed agenda can be found [here](#).

Vietnam Plant Law Team to Visit the U.S. – Washington, D.C., August 21

A Vietnam Plant Health Law team will visit the United States and meet with NAEGA and U.S. industry on August 21 from 11:00am to 12:30pm. Topics of the meeting include the draft law, U.S. views of the draft law, recommended changes, and general trade issues.

The following people are included in the Vietnamese team:

- Mr. Nguyen Vinh Ha, Vice Chairman, NA Science and Technology Committee (team leader)
- Dr. Phung Duc Tien, Commissioner, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Office of NA
- Dr. Nguyen Xuan Hong, Director General, MARD/PPD
- Dr. Nguyen Quy Duong, DG, MARD/PPD/ICD
- Dr. Tran Xuan Dung, NA Science and Technology Committee
- Ms. Tran Ngoc Hoa; NA Science and Technology Committee
- FAEA representative (Ms. Giang Tran, tentative)
- Ms. Thi Huong Nguyen, FAS, Hanoi

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Lunch will be included with the meeting. Details on the location of the meeting will follow shortly. NAEGA members are welcome to attend. Please contact Kyle or Gary if you interested in attending.

NAEGA Fall Board Meeting – Wayzata, Minnesota, September 18

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 – Guelph, Ontario, October 28

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

China - BASF’s CV127 Import Certificates Now Available

BASF has notified NAEGA that China import certificates for the newly approved soybean event CV127 now available. Information on how to access the certificates for the soybean that may contain the GMO event is available [here](#).

Japan-U.S. – GM Wheat: Japan Resumes Tender

After completing its due diligence on the issue, which included numerous meetings with NAEGA, Japan announced it would resume purchases of U.S. wheat on August 1st. Japan’s Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery and Forestry (MAFF) announced that it will end a two-month ban on U.S. western-white wheat after it ceased imports because of a biotech event CP4, 71800 in plant material in a single field in Oregon. This announcement comes just two weeks after a MAFF delegation was in Washington, D.C. to meet with NAEGA and USDA officials to learn more about the circumstances of the biotech event.

A copy of MAFF’s press release can be found [here](#).

U.S. – NAEGA Submits Trip Reports

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NAEGA has submitted two trip reports from its recent travels to USDA, FAS as part of its MAP program. The first report is from NAEGA President, Gary Martin, and Senior Advisor, Kendall Keith’s, trip to London in early June for the “IGC Grains Conference.” The second trip report is from Mr. Martin’s trip to Anchorage, Alaska in July for the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Summit. Both trip reports are in furtherance of NAEGA’s Unified Export Strategy.

The two trip reports have been posted to NAEGA’s “International Programs Committee” [website](#).

World – International Grain Trade Coalition

NAEGA plans to participate in a number of events with the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) in the near future. These events include a Low Level Presence (LLP) conference in South Africa, LLP conference with the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, Italy, GMCC13meeting in Lisbon, Portugal.

On a recent conference call with IGTC members, NAEGA discussed the above mentioned events as well as IPPC International Phytosanitary Grain Standard. IPPC’s Standard Committee is expected to decide whether or not traceability would be included within the scope of the proposed new international phytosanitary grain standard at its meeting in Rome in November. IGTC is planning to prepare a brief analysis of traceability for the members of the Standard’s Committee.

Also discussed on the call was ISO Sampling Testing Proposal. ISO is considering sampling for LMOs. IGTC wrote a letter to Maggie LI, Secretary of ISO/TC34/SC4 stating that IGTC Members believed that existing standards are sufficient to sample grains for GMOs in a representative manner and are commercially viable and feasible, concluding there is no need for a separate system for GMO analysis.

Finally on the Canada and Columbian LLP issues were discussed. Canada will continue to make LLP policy development a high priority and the government has requested advice from industry on action levels and threshold levels. Industry continues to focus on a 5% LLP threshold. Columbia is expected to change from adventitious presence to low level presence in its next draft policy. The threshold level is expected to increase from 2% to 5% for events that have been authorized in one or more countries.

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

2013

Nov. 26 – Comments to FDA’s proposed rule on importer/third-party accreditation of foreign foods: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/07/29/2013-17994/accreditation-of-third-party-auditorscertification-bodies-to-conduct-food-safety-audits-and-to-issue>

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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

China – Landmark Antitrust Lawsuit

A Chinese court rules on Thursday that Johnson & Johnson was in violation of its antitrust laws. Johnson & Johnson is the first Fortune 500 company to lose a Chinese antitrust case. The Chinese court ruled that the company violated its antitrust laws because of its practice of resale price maintenance. The decision was based on a lack of competition in the medical instrument market in China and the court found that consumers paid higher prices because of Johnson & Johnson’s price floor.

The case is not only the first antitrust lawsuit where the plaintiff prevailed in China, but it is also the first vertical monopoly lawsuit. Vertical monopolies and restraints of trade refer to companies that control multiple aspects of the supply chain: production, distribution, and sales. The Chinese dealer of Johnson & Johnson medical instruments, Rainbow Medical, was under contract with Johnson & Johnson that included a price floor on Rainbow. In 2008, Rainbow sold the Johnson & Johnson products for less than the floor price. Johnson & Johnson did not renew its contract with Rainbow in 2009 and Rainbow sued for compensatory damages of more than 14 million Yuan.

This ruling will be a leading case in Chinese antitrust law and will likely lead vertical business decisions.

Syria – Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) Amends Licensing

On a Federal Register notice published on July 23, 2013, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) issued a final rule amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to include a limited waiver regarding licenses for Syria.

The final rule explains that "The waiver authorizes BIS to issue licenses on a case-by-case basis for the export or re-export of certain commodities, software, and technology necessary for the support of the Syrian people."

Some of the commodities under this limited waiver are:

- Water supply and sanitation

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- Agricultural production and food processing
- Power generation
- Oil and gas production
- Construction and engineering
- Transportation
- Educational infrastructure

This rule became effective on July 23, 2013. The full 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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NAEGA Calendar & Member Notices

August

13—Portland, Oregon – FGIS and Industry Workshop

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

21 – Washington, D.C. -- Vietnam Plant Law Team to Visit the U.S. – NAEGA members are welcome to attend a meeting with the Vietnam Plant Law Team from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

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.

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

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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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