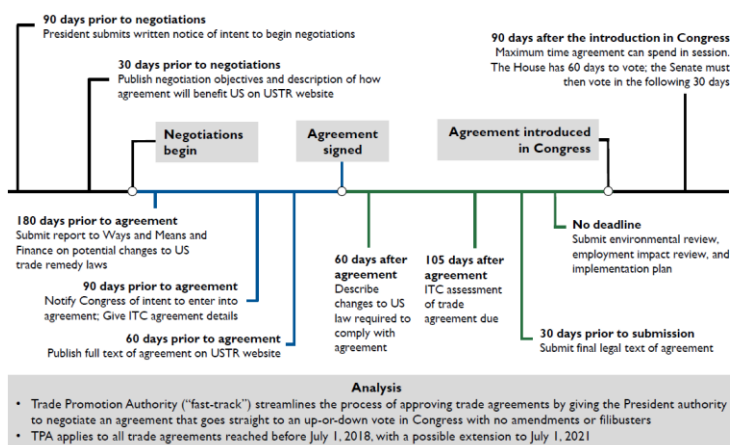


Chart of the Week:

Timeline of Requirements for NAFTA Under Trade Promotion Authority Legislation



Sources: Trade Benefits America Coalition, "Timeline and Requirements for Trade Agreements Under TPA-2015 Legislation"; Ian F. Ferguson and Richard S. Beth, "Trade Promotion Authority (TPA): Frequently Asked Questions," Congressional Research Service, July 2, 2015

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Member Opportunities

USTDA China Biotech Delegation – Arlington, VA – October 26

Member personnel are invited to attend a meeting at NAEGA offices with a Chinese biotechnology delegation sponsored by U.S. Trade and Development Agency on September 20 at 9:30am. The group includes officials from key provinces where biotech developers would like to develop a deeper relationship as domestic trials are conducted in many of these locations and their input is important to MOA. The delegation is meeting with NAEGA to learn more about grain movement and the global regulatory environment.

Please contact [Ryan](#) for more information.

Department of Commerce Trade Mission to China – Beijing – November 2017

NAEGA member companies and personnel are invited to participate in a U.S. Department of Commerce trade mission to China during November 2017. The mission is organized by the U.S. Government to provide a unique opportunity for businesses interested in exploring export opportunities overseas. This mission will advance the Administration's goal of reducing the U.S.-China trade deficit by promoting U.S. exports. The schedule will primarily consist of briefings from U.S. government officials and outside experts on the business environment in China, engagements with Chinese officials and senior Chinese business leaders, networking opportunities, and opportunities to promote agreements between mission participants and Chinese entities at signing ceremonies. Mission participants will also be presented with the opportunity to engage with Secretary Ross and other senior U.S. and Chinese government officials as events unfold around President Trump's first visit to China. The mission may also present opportunities to engage with high level Chinese officials.

If you are interested in attending please click here or visit: www.Export.gov/Chinamission2017

OFAC Symposium – Washington, D.C. – November 1

NAEGA member personnel are invited to attend the U.S. Treasury Office of Foreign Asset Control's (OFAC) 2017 OFAC Symposium at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. This event will include presentations on OFAC regulations affecting all U.S.

persons, as well as targeted reviews of sanctions concerns for new and updated OFAC programs. In addition to formal presentations, OFAC staff will be available throughout the day to answer questions on issues unique to a number of regulated industries.

Please click [here](#) and [register online](#) if you are interested in attending.

IGTC General Assembly and Strategy Session – Arlington, VA – November 16

Please join us for International Grain Trade Coalition meetings in November! You are welcome at the 2017 Ordinary Meeting of the IGTC General Assembly of Members and associated meetings. The National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) and the North American Grain Export Association (NAEGA) are hosting the IGTC meetings. We are scheduling events around from 8am-5pm on November 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, USA 22202. Other events on 15, 16 and 17 of November are pending.

The current schedule for November 16 includes:

1. A Strategy Session in the morning. IGTC policy teams and working groups will report and provide us the opportunity to consider and comment on IGTC policy and actions.
2. In the afternoon, the 2017 Ordinary Meeting of the IGTC General Assembly of Members will take place. IGTC Members act to effect governance and advise future direction of the IGTC. During the General Assembly, revisions to the IGTC Business Plan including membership

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

NAEGA members are invited to register 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. If you are interested in attending, please [REGISTER HERE](#).

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.

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.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars

NAEGA is beginning to plan seminars for 2018! Let us know where we should hold 2018 Seminars and what topics you would like us to cover. 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:

NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting and Events

Thank you to all who attended the events surrounds the NAEGA Board of Directors meeting on September 12-14.

Taiwan Goodwill Mission Reception

During the afternoon of Tuesday, September 12 several member of the NAEGA Board attended a reception with the Taiwan Goodwill Mission. The reception was attended by Taiwanese importers on the Goodwill Mission to the United States, and U.S. government and industry personnel

Dinner and address by Secretary Purdue

On Tuesday, September 12 several NAEGA Board Directors and their spouses joined NAEGA and the NGFA's Board, staff and their spouses for a dinner featuring remarks by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. During his remarks, Secretary Purdue discussed his vision for the USDA, including his desire to make the Department service oriented and responsive to customer and farmer needs.

WITA Event on NAFTA and Agriculture

On the morning of Wednesday, September 13 the NAEGA Board attended a Washington International Trade Association (WITA) event on NAFTA and Agriculture. During the event, Gary spoke on NAEGA and the U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue's priorities for the NAFTA renegotiation. A video of the event can be found [here](#).

NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting

The NAEGA Board of Directors held a meeting on September 13 at NAEGA's offices in Arlington, VA. Steve Smalley, Chairman of the NAEGA Board of Directors, presided over the meeting. During the meeting, the Board Members reviewed NAEGA financials, received an update on the IGTC, heard reports from each of the Committees and approved the minutes from their last meeting, which can be found [here](#).

Reception with the NAEGA Board of Directors

Following the meeting of the Board, NAEGA held a rooftop reception with the Board of Directors for Washington based NAEGA members, like-minded organizations, and U.S. government personnel.

IGTC Newsletter

The latest IGTC newsletter is now available! This week's newsletter includes an update on the IGTC's presentation at the IGC's Market Conditions Committee meeting, information about the November 2017 General Assembly and a request that members fill out a questionnaire on a global ePhyto solution.

For more details, read the IGTC Newsletter [here](#) or visit the IGTC website at www.igtglobal.org.

U.S. Codex Office Realignment Letter

On September 18, 2017 NAEGA joined a letter to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue from the Food Industry Codex Coalition and allied organizations applauding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's commitment to Codex and welcoming the Secretary's recent decision to organize the U.S. Codex Office under the authority of the new USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs. In the letter, the signees also recognized the knowledge and expertise of the current U.S. Codex Office staff and U.S. delegates to Codex committees and requested that USDA remain grounded in a clear, unimpeachable commitment to advancing science-based standards that enhance global food safety capacity.

A copy of the letter can be found [here](#).

U.S.-China AQSIQ Survey Team

On September 10-20 NAEGA Senior Advisor Kirk Miller travelled throughout the Midwest with a U.S.-China AQSIQ Survey Team to tour U.S. grain handling, transshipment, and export facilities along the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. During the tours, NAEGA briefed AQSIQ officials on the scope and operation of the U.S. grain export value chain, including its fungible, co-mingled nature. This trip was meant to educate Chinese officials about the U.S. value chain related to U.S. industry compliance with Decree 177. A trip report for this travel will be available soon.

IICA Presentation on the Future of Ag Trade

On Friday, September 22 Gary participated in an Inter-American Institute on Agriculture (IICA) event on *The Future of Agriculture Trade in North America*. During the presentation, which featured speakers from each commodity group, Gary discussed the challenges of making the grain and oilseed trade in the region more efficient.

A copy of his presentation can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Actions:

DBTG and AAPA Conferences – Punta del Este, Uruguay – November 5-10

On November 5-10 Ryan will travel to Punta del Este, Uruguay to participate in the American Association of Port Authorities Latin American Congress and the Dry Bulk Terminal Group's Fall Operational and Technical Seminar.

Priority during this mission is NAEGA's continued engagement with the Dry Bulk Terminals Group, which NAEGA renewed its Memorandum of Agreement with in 2017. The NAEGA and the DBTG work together closely on international regulatory issues that affect the global grain trade and dry bulk terminals. A notice to post for this upcoming travel will be available soon.

USAEDC Annual Workshop – Baltimore, MD – November 13-15

On November 13-15 Ryan will travel to Baltimore, MD to attend the U.S. Agriculture Export Developments Council's Annual Workshop. USAEDC annual workshop brings together USDA cooperators, staff and other U.S. government officials to discuss trends and opportunities for U.S. agriculture exporters. Discussions cover USDA agencies, programing, and policy direction. Presentations are made by FAS staff and cooperators on successful marketing strategies, collaborative programs and issues affecting the ability of the U.S. ag producers to export their products. A copy of the agenda for this meeting will be available soon.

Pending Actions:

Questionnaire on global ePhyto solutions

NAEGA members are invited to participate in an IPPC questionnaire for businesses, trade operators and global trade flow representatives on the adoption of electronic phytosanitary certificates. The aim of the survey is to gather information from the private sector to support and improve the IPPC-WTO ePhyto project (website here), as well as to develop a business model for financing and cost recovery. All responses to the questionnaire will be treated confidentially. To take part contact the IGTC Secretariat: secretariat@igtglobal.org

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](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Xylella fastidiosa](#)
- [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](#).

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In the News

Notification to Congress of Expected Change to Trade Remedy Law

The Trump Administration has notified congress about expected changes to U.S. trade remedy law as part of the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). U.S. Trade Promotion Authority legislation requires the administration to notify Congress at least 180 days before the agreement to a trade deal if that deal includes changes to U.S. trade remedy law. Following this timeline, a NAFTA agreement could be reached no sooner than March 21, 2018.

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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23-27 – Third Round of NAFTA Negotiations – Ottawa, Canada

28 – USTR Hearing on Russia WTO Implementation – Washington, D.C.

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

October

4 – Hearing on China Compliance with WTO Commitments – Washington, D.C.

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

25 – National Trade Estimate Report Comments Due

November

5-8 – American Association of Port Authorities Latin America Congress – Punta del Este, Uruguay – Ryan attending

8-10 – Dry Bulk Terminals Group Technical and Operational Seminar – Punta del Este, Uruguay – Ryan attending

13-17 – IPPC Standards Committee – Rome, Italy

14-16 – Global Grain Geneva – Geneva, Switzerland

16 – IGTC Strategy Session – Arlington, VA

16 – IGTC General Assembly – Arlington, VA

TBD – USDA FGIS Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Meeting

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

December

3 – NGFA Country Elevator Conference – Louisville, KY

5 – 46th IGC Council Session – London, UK

6-8 – GHS Subcommittee Meeting – Geneva, Switzerland

10-13 – WTO Ministerial Conference – Buenos Aires, Argentina

14 – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

2018

January

18 – Annual Grain Sector Meeting with APHIS Administrator

28-30 – Commodity Markets Council State of the Industry – Miami, FL

28-30 – NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – Miami, FL

March

18-20 – NGFA Annual Convention – Scottsdale, Arizona

18-20 – NAEGA Annual Meetings – Scottsdale, Arizona

26-28 – Canadian Global Crops Symposium – Toronto, Canada

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TBD – Biosafety Protocol COP 14 – Egypt

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