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Member participation opportunity:

- Revised **Members Only** website. “Spout Line Video” among files.
- NAPPO Annual Meeting 2013 – Guelph, Ontario-Canada – October 28-November 1

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NAEGA Member Participation Opportunity

NAEGA Launches Revised ‘Members Only’ Site



Exclusive content for NAEGA members

A new Members Only website providing easy access to NAEGA files is now available. You can visit www.naega.org/members directly or navigate to via the button on the public website: www.naega.org. The site now contains an easier to use file system to access documents and other material related to your NAEGA membership.

For example, a newly revised NAEGA **Contact Directory** is now in the files on Members Only site. Please review the Directory and contact Gary or Kyle with any corrections or changes in the information.

Another recent addition to the Members Only site is a .Mv4 audio/video file containing a newly produced recording from U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) describing “**Spout Line**” formation and impact. The Grades and Inspections Committee worked closely with USSEC and Senior Advisor Arvid Hawk to develop the educational videos about how Spout Lines develop, need to be managed, and may result in a sample that misrepresents the quality of a lot of grain or Thank you for your membership and work with NAEGA. This copyrighted report is intended for the use of NAEGA membership only. The accuracy of the information reported and interpreted is not guaranteed. All contents are subject to correction and revision. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture NAEGA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability. NAEGA is an equal opportunity employer

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oilseed. The video is available for unrestricted use by NAEGA and its members will be used for presentations.

The video can be viewed [here](#).

Please note the new Members Only website is password protected. If you currently have a valid log in or are listed in the NAGEA contact directory you will receive an email with new login information. If you do not receive an email and would like access to the “Members Only” files please contact Gary or Kyle.

NAPPO Annual Meeting 2013 – Guelph, Ontario, October 28

The 2013 North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) annual meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2013 to November 1, 2013 at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Ontario in Canada. More information will be coming soon. NAEGA is planning to participate. In addition to concerns with official plant protection regulation in Mexico, Canada and the U.S. expect to focus on the International Plant Protection Organization’s intentions regarding a standard for Phytosanitary Measures for International Grain Movements. Updates on the agenda are forthcoming at: <http://www.nappo.org/en/>

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

Canada-U.S. – NAEGA/NGFA Joint Statement on Canada-U.S. Perimeter Approach to Plant Protection

NAEGA submitted joint comments with NGFA on the Canada-U.S. Perimeter Approach to Plant Protection. The comments were supportive of the collaborative effort between Canada and the United States from risks posed by the introduction and spread of plant pests and invasive species. It also stressed the need for plant protection measures that provide for the least-trade-distortive regulatory environment. This included a detailed explanation of a Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM).

The comments can be found [here](#).

U.S. – Trade Promotion Authority

NAEGA is working with the “Trade Benefits America Coalition,” to secure reauthorization of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), also known as “fast track”. TPA grants the President of the U.S. effective and important boundaries to negotiate trade agreements tied to the law that prevents the U.S. Congress from amending a negotiated as final trade agreement. TPA does give the Congress the authority to approve or disapprove the negotiated agreement.

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Reauthorization TPA is seen as a critical component to a successful completion of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and eventually the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. There are a number of U.S. Senators and Representatives that have not voted on TPA in the past so there is currently a strong push on Capitol Hill to educate members about TPA. Trade supportive interests are hopeful that TPA can be introduced and passed this year. The effort to pass TPA reauthorization is also a priority of the Obama Administration.

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

2013

Oct. 11 – Comments to Office of Management and Budget on the U.S. – Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council’s progress to date and how to address regulatory divergence between the U.S. and Canada governments.

Oct. 22 – Comments to FAS on the proposed extension of an information collection in support of the export sales reporting program for U.S. agricultural commodities.

Nov. 25 – Comments to EPA on Fumigant Registration.

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0625-0001>

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-auditors-certification-bodies-to-conduct-food-safety-audits-and-to-issue>

Nov. 30 – Comments to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) on current crop variety registration system in Canada. <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/public-opinion-and-consultations/crop-variety-registration-engagement/?id=1374781777067>

TBD – Comments to USDA on Agricultural Coexistence. The USDA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register asking the public to comment on how agricultural coexistence in the U.S. can be strengthened. The comment period begins upon publication of the notice in the Federal Register and will be 60 days. More information can be found [here](#).

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

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.

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New Issues & Opportunities for NAEGA Consideration

U.S. – CBP Registration for East Coast Trade Symposium

On September 18, 2013 the U.S. Customs and Boarder Protection (CBP) issued a [press release](#) announcing the opening of the registration for the East Coast Trade Symposium. The Symposium will be held on Oct. 24-25, 2013 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC. The theme is “Increasing Economic Competitiveness through Global Partnerships and Innovation.” This will be the only Symposium held this year.

A draft agenda and registration information is available [here](#).

U.S. – GIPSA Container Standard Directive

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) published a final rule in the Federal Register on July 22 amending the official grain inspection and weighing services performed by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) pertaining to grain exported in large reusable containers that are primarily used on export ships. [Here](#) is the directive issued by FGIS that provides the procedures for the sampling, inspection, weighing, and certification of bulk grain exported in containers when the rule goes into effect on Monday, September 30, 2013.

Direct any questions regarding this procedure to the local field office or to Andrew Greenfield (202) 720-0277, Anthony Goodeman (202) 720-0271, or Robert Dorman (816) 649-8411 of the Policies, Procedures, and Market Analysis Branch. Also, please visit the “Inspection and Weighing of Containers” Q & A page located at <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/fgis/standproc.html>.

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

October

4 – Washington, D.C. – Public hearing at USTR on China’s compliance with its WTO obligations.

24-25 – Washington, D.C. Area – CBP East Coast Trade Symposium held at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC. The theme is “Increasing Economic Competitiveness through Global Partnerships and Innovation.” This will be the only Symposium held this year.

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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

13-16 - PNWER Economic Leadership Forum

18-19 - Canada Seminar/Canada Grains Council

18-22 - IPPC Standards Committee - Grain Movement

19-21 – Baltimore, Maryland – U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council (USAEDC) 2013 Annual Workshop – NAEGA Members invited to participate

20 – Riverdale, Maryland – APHIS BRS Annual Stakeholder Meeting – Attendees can participate in person or via webcast. Meeting details and registration information will be available soon.

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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