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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

A preliminary agenda is NOW AVAILABLE and registration are now available for the 23rd NAEGA-APPAMEX Forum in Cancun, Mexico on October 5-8. Please “Save the date,” all NAEGA member representatives and their colleagues are invited to attend! This year’s forum will take place at the [Iberostar Hotel](#) in Cancun. At an exclusive section on bulk grain trade multilateral issues Ryan Olson and Katy Lee will present at this year’s forum on behalf of NAEGA and the IGTC on electronic documentation, the IPPC ISPM for grain, the World Bank’s Enabling the Business of Agriculture Project, TPP and plant breeding innovations. [A copy of the preliminary agenda can be found here.](#)

[TO REGISTER click here and complete the attached form.](#)

For more information, please contact Gary or Ryan.

APHIS Biotech Stakeholders Meeting – November 16

Please “save the date” for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Biotechnology Regulatory Service (BRS) annual stakeholder meeting (virtually and in-person) on Wednesday, November 16. The in-person meeting will take place at the USDA Center at Riverside at 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

Additional information and registration will be available in the coming weeks. Please visit the [APHIS website](#) for information on past stakeholder meetings.

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:

Zika Certification

Over the past two weeks NAEGA has been closely following developments related to Zika mosquito related disinsection requirements for all U.S. origin shipments bound for China. NAEGA

has now learned, via the USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) GAIN report from September 2, that China's AQSIQ has agreed to a regionalization scheme for U.S. origin imports. Now, vessels originating in the United States, other than the State of Florida, will not be required to provide a disinsection certificate upon arrival at Chinese ports.

Prior to the regionalization announcement for Florida, Chinese authorities were requiring mosquito disinsection of all U.S. origin shipments. Disinsection requires that the vessel or container, not the goods, be sprayed or fumigated for mosquitos. Now, disinsection and disinsection certificates will only be required from Florida origin vessels and conveyances.

This decision to regionalize disinsection requirements to Florida was based on a risk-assessment performed by AQSIQ, using data supplied by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). FAS/Beijing and the entire U.S. Embassy was involved in the successful effort to prevail upon AQSIQ to adopt an approach that addresses their public health concern and yet reduces the trade impact of their Zika requirements.

More information on Zika disinsection requirements can be found on the [USDA website](#), or in the following documents:

[FAS Update on China's Zika Disinsection Requirements for U.S. Exports](#)

[Guidelines from China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine](#)

[Zika Certificate Template](#)

For more information please contact Gary or Ryan.

Arbitration Panelists

This week NAEGA informed American Arbitration Association's (AAA) International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) of its 2016 list of Approved Arbitration Panelists. The 2016 list of approved arbitrators was approved by the NAEGA Board of Directors at its March 14, 2016 meeting in Coronado, CA. The letter to AAA and copy of the list can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

NAEGA provides AAA with Grain Arbitrators per Clause 30 of the NAEGA No. 2 FOB Contract. Three arbitrators are used during NAEGA arbitrations. Two arbitrators are chosen by the parties from the list of approved Grain Arbitrators. The third is nominated by AAA from the list of Grain Arbitrators or from the AAA Commercial Arbitration Panel.

For more information on NAEGA arbitrations please visit Contracts Committee page of the NAEGA "Members Only" website, or contact Gary or Ryan.

Future Actions:

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 term 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. Representing the IGTC, Katy will be presenting before the MCC regarding *Current Developments in Policy and Trade Practice*, including an IGTC update on the IPPC's ISPM for grain, CBP, plant breeding innovations, electronic documentation, LLP and MRLs, among other topics. A preliminary copy of Katy's comments can be found [here](#).

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

Argentina and Brazil to launch digital certificates of origin in bilateral

Authorities in Argentina and Brazil have announced a recently signed memorandum of understanding on initiating the use of digital certificates of origin in bilateral trade. Digital certificates of origin will be issued by certifying entities of each country in accordance with the Latin American Association for Integration (ALADI). New digital certificates of origin will enable the issuing of certificates in as little as 30 minutes, compared to current times of about 24 hours.

For more information on ALADI new bilateral certificate of origin program for Argentina and Brazil, please click [here](#) (link in Spanish).

First U.S. Commercial Flights to Cuba

On August 31 JetBlue flight 387 from Fort Lauderdale landed in Santa Clara, Cuba, marking the resumption of commercial flights between the United States and Cuba for the first time in over 50 years. Ever since diplomatic relations were restored with the island nation in December 2014, U.S. and Cuban authorities have been working toward increasing integration including, in the agriculture sector, the signing of a [memorandum of understanding between the USDA and the Cuban Ministry of Agriculture](#) in May 2016.

Soon, up to 110 daily flights will be available between the United States and Cuba. The U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba (USACC), of which NAEGA is a member, has been a strong supporter of increased economic ties between the U.S. and Cuba, including the authorization of commercial flights.

For more information on the first flights, please click [here](#). More information on NAEGA participation in the USACC can be found on the “[Members Only](#)” section of the NAEGA website or by contacting Gary or Ryan.

Hanjin Bankruptcy

Hanjin Shipping, South Korea’s largest shipowner, last week filed for bankruptcy protection, a move that has created ripple effects across global supply chains. Hanjin’s late August bankruptcy filing has caused numerous delays for Hanjin carried goods as the company remained reluctant to call on foreign ports for fear that their global assets could face seizure. Over the past week ports have also be reluctant to welcome Hanjin liners citing concerns ports would not be able to recoup

their fees. The granting of a temporary Chapter 15 protection in the United States has soothed some fears of further supply chain disruptions for U.S. bound shipments. Chapter 15 protection prohibits vessels and other assets from being seized during proceedings. However, doubts still remain about whether or not vessels will be worked and containers released since there still needs to be payment to terminal operators, tug operators, longshoremen, truckers, etc. for their services.

Since the filing of bankruptcy protection U.S Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) has issued a guidance related to vessel diversions for Hanjin Shipping lines. The guidance can be found [here](#). For more information on the Hankin Bankruptcy, click [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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September

5-9 - IMO Subcommittee on the Carriage of Cargoes and Containers Meeting – London, United Kingdom – Cotter Attending.

8 – GAFTA 3rd International Seminar on Arbitration – Naples, Italy – Sam Bonilla 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

5-8 – NAEGA/APPAMEX Forum, Iberostar Hotel, Cancun, Mexico.

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

31-November 3 – NAPPO Annual Meeting – Montreal, Canada

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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