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Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA.

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MEMBER ACTION ITEMS:

NAEGA 2012 Annual Meeting and Centennial Celebration

THANK YOU to the NAEGA members who have signed on to sponsor the February 22 **Global Industry Reception** and others who have reserved Tables for the **Gala Dinner** on February 23. A list of the Confirmed Reception and Dinner Attendees is [available here](#). If you have RSVP'd for either event and do not see your name on that list, or if you need to make any corrections, please contact the NAEGA office immediately.

If you have not yet done so, please **Act NOW** to confirm your company's plans for these **"Once in a Lifetime"** opportunities! The room block at the Crystal Gateway Marriott has been filled. Rooms are still available at the hotel, but not at a reduced rate. There are several hotels in the area that offer similar rates to those available at the Crystal Gateway. If you need assistance in booking a room, please contact the NAEGA office.

A draft agenda is [available here](#). If you have made plans to attend, or would like to attend, and have not yet informed the NAEGA office, please let us know your plans for the Celebration by contacting Patrick Hayden at 202-682-4030 or via email at phayden@naega.org as soon as possible!

NAEGA Actions Update – NAEGA is working with members ahead of the 2012 Annual Meetings on February 22 and 23 to prepare agendas for 2012 and reports on actions taken. On January 25 & 26 the NAEGA Biotech and Contracts Committees met via conference call and covered the following topics:

- The **NAEGA Biotech Committee** discussed the status of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Value Chain Communication; Asynchronous Approval issues in China, the EU and Korea; Global Adventitious Presence Coalition strategy for addressing LLP and Asynchronous Approvals; NAEGA strategy regarding Canada's Low Level Presence proposals; and International Grain Trade Coalition strategy for 2012.
- The **NAEGA Contracts Committee** discussed definitions of "Business Day" under NAEGA Nominations Clause 15, received an update in the NAEGA Arbitration Clause Task Force, and received a report on the correction of inconsistencies in Grain and Feed Trade Association contracts.

Both committees are preparing reports that will be presented to the NAEGA Board of Directors at their meeting on February 23.

Award Nominations Open – Please contact us now to nominate persons who have exhibited distinguished leadership in free trade and outstanding promotion of agriculture for NAEGA's highest distinction, the Amstutz Award! More details on the award are available on the [Amstutz Tribute page of the NAEGA Website](#). If you would like to nominate an individual for the award, please contact Gary Martin at the NAEGA office.

NAEGA Membership Dues – Payments for NAEGA's 2012 Membership Dues were due on February 1. If you have not yet submitted your payment, prompt action is appreciated. Thank you to all NAEGA members who have already submitted their payments. If you have any questions, please contact the NAEGA office.

NAEGA Action Items:

U.S., TWIC Re-enrollment – NAEGA Senior Advisor Jerry Cotter has received information from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) that all current holders of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) will have to re-enroll in the program once their current TWIC cards expire. In response to a question forwarded from a NAEGA member as to how TWIC card holders can renew their cards when they expire, the USCG informed Mr. Cotter that the system has not been set up for renewal, only re-enrollment, which means that when the current TWIC cards expire, card holders will need to go through the entire application process again. Jerry reports that during the recent USCG Alternative Security Group Users Group meeting in Seattle, Washington, USCG had no new information to offer to TWIC users as to what re-enrollment or renewal would entail, and that no final decisions on process or handling have been made. USCG has also informed Jerry that costs for new cards will drop slightly and that TWIC card holders can use any of the existing 136 enrollment centers shown on the Transportation Security Administration website www.tsa.gov/twic. Those who need to re-enroll should plan on starting the process 30-60 prior to the expiration date on their current TWIC cards. NAEGA will continue to follow this issue.

EU, Comments on US-EU High-Level Working Group on Jobs and Growth – NAEGA and the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA), have submitted joint comments US-EU High-Level Working Group on Jobs and Growth to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. The Working Group was created at the U.S-EU Summit in November 2011 and is tasked to identify policies and measures to increase U.S.-EU trade and investment to support mutually beneficial job creation, economic growth, and international competitiveness. The Working Group was tasked to work closely with all public and private sector stakeholder groups, and to draw on existing dialogues and mechanisms, as appropriate.

The comments state that NAEGA & NGFA look forward to the Working Group's success, stating support for the effort to identify policies and measures to increase U.S.-EU trade and investment to support mutually beneficial job creation, economic growth, and international competitiveness. The comments highlight two initiatives that NAEGA and NGFA believe should be of primary importance for the Working Group:

1. Reducing and eliminating the inconsistencies between the U.S. and EU regulation of crop biotechnology that restrict or prevent trade in grains, oilseeds and their food and feed products. For example the current EU "technical solution" with respect to the low level presence of yet to be approved for use as food or feed in the EU crop biotechnology places an impractical restriction on imports to the EU of U.S. grains, oilseeds and products thereof.
2. Completing by August 1, 2012 a bi-lateral agreement as provided for in EU Renewable Energy Directive (RED). The Agreement should recognize the RED sustainability requirements are achieved via the production and marketing in compliance with the long standing framework U.S. conservation programs. The agreement should ultimately determine that U.S. soybeans and other commodities that are imported to the EU for Biofuels and Biofuel feedstock do not require additional certification.

The full comments are available on the [NAEGA Public Website](#) under "Current News".

EU, RED – NAEGA Senior Advisor Kirk Miller has returned from a six day trip to the European Union and the United Kingdom as part of a U.S. soybeans industry effort to propose a U.S. backed alternative to the sustainability requirements of the EU's Renewable Energy Directive (RED). His trip was funded in part by NAEAGA Market Access Program (MAP) funds and his trip report will be posted soon the [NAEGA MAP Committee Webpage](#). NAEGA has been tracking the EU RED issue on the [NAEGA personal pages](#) and the [NAEGA Board of Directors webpage](#).

RELATED NEWS:

U.S. Unveils National Strategy for Global Supply Chain Security – U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano unveiled the Obama administrations [National Strategy for Global Supply Chain Security](#) during the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. The strategy outlines goals to promote the efficient and secure movement of goods and foster a resilient supply chain system. According to U.S. President Barack Obama, the objective is "to protect the welfare and interests of the American people and secure our nation's economic prosperity." It also provides guidance for the U.S. government and domestic, international,

public and private stakeholders with a common interest in the security the global supply chain. No specific projects have yet been identified, nor has a budget for the program been announced.

DHS, along with the State Department, will lead a six-month engagement period with the international community and industry stakeholders to solicit feedback and specific recommendations. This feedback will, it is hoped, result in a plan as to how to implement the strategy in as cost-effective and collaborative manner as possible. One year from now, a report is scheduled to be released summarizing the status of implementation efforts.

The program has two main goals:

1. Promote the secure and efficient movement of goods by:
 - Resolving threats early to expedite the flow of legitimate commerce.
 - Improving verification and detection capabilities to identify counterfeit or contaminated goods, and to prevent cargo from being compromised.
 - Enhancing security of infrastructure and conveyances by limiting access to cargo, infrastructure, conveyances and information to those with legitimate roles.
 - Maximizing the flow of legitimate trade by modernizing supply chain infrastructure and processes.
2. Foster a resilient supply chain by:
 - Mitigating systemic vulnerability to supply chain disruptions by applying risk management principles to identify and protect key assets, infrastructure and support systems.
 - Promoting trade resumption policies and practices that provide for a coordinated restoration of the movement of goods following a disruption by applying national and global guidelines, standards, policies and programs.

More details on the plan are available at the DHS website at www.dhs.gov.

U.S. Coast Guard on Global Supply Chain Security – The Winter 2011-2012 edition of the U.S. Coast Guard’s quarterly journal *Proceedings* is dedicated to “Enhancing Global Supply Chain Security”. The publication includes articles on the “National Strategy for Global Supply Chain Security” described above, securing dangerous cargo, working with the International Maritime Organization and International and Domestic Port Security. The full magazine can be found online at <http://www.uscg.mil/proceedings/>.

Report on Foreign-Policy Based Export Controls – The U.S. Commerce Department’s Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) has released its annual report on foreign policy-based export controls. The report summarizes all foreign policy based export controls enacted by the U.S. government, whether those regulations have had, or the probability that they will have, their intended effect on the country or countries they target and how these policies affect U.S. industries and exports. In issuing the report, BIS also renews all of the export controls for another year. The full report can be found on the BIS webpage at http://www.bis.doc.gov/news/2012/2012_fpreport.pdf.

CALENDAR & WEBSITE

Official Comments Calendar
February

8 – Nominations to the U.S. Grain Inspection Advisory Committee due to GIPSA:
<http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/01/09/2012-87/solicitation-of-nominations-for-members-of-the-usda-grain-inspection-advisory-committee#p-11>

27 - Comments due to USDA/APHIS on the Dow AgroScience Petition for nonregulated status of GMO corn DAS-40278-9, genetically engineered for resistance to broadleaf herbicides:
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-27/pdf/2011-33009.pdf>

27 -Comments due to USDA/APHIS on Monsanto's Petition for nonregulated status of GMO soybean MON 87769, genetically engineered to produce stearidonic acid, an omega-3 non-fatty acid not found in conventional soybeans:
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-27/pdf/2011-33002.pdf>

27 - Comments due to USDA's Farm Service Agency on the proposed extension of currently approved information collection that supports the End-Use Certificate Program:
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-29/pdf/2011-33443.pdf>

Activities Calendar

February

14 – Washington, DC – Office of Foreign Assets Control International Trade Symposium. Gary Martin Attending.

22 – Arlington, VA – International Grain Trade Coalition Meeting and NAEGA Global Industry Reception

23 – Arlington, VA – 2012 NAEGA Annual Meetings and Centennial Celebration

March

18-20 – Charleston, SC – NGFA 2012 Convention

May

7-9 – Kansas City, Missouri – 2012 International Food Aid & Development Conference

June

7 – London, United Kingdom – 2012 International Grains Council Grains Conference –
www.igc.int

October

1-5 – Hyderabad, India – COP/MOP 6 to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

4-12 – Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom - 52nd European Commodities Exchange
<http://www.ece-edinburgh2012.com/>

NAEGA, Issue Tracking – NAEGA has updated the NAEGA Personal Pages website to include the new Issue Tracking system, which will improve the way NAEGA communicates to members regarding progress on issues.

NAEGA Issues & Decision Memos have been added to the site under the section currently titled “Events”. The events section will be retitled to “Current Issues”, and each Issue has its own page, containing background information on the issue and updates on current progress on the issue. The Issue Pages can be updated by Board, Committee and other persons who have been granted access to add information. New issues will be posted as NAEGA begins work on them. The issues will be sorted by the most recent updates, and the Personal Pages site can be searched by subject. All persons who have set up a Personal Page can access this information.

If you have not yet registered for the Personal Pages, or have forgotten your log in information, please contact Patrick Hayden at phayden@naega.org. He will set up your account or reset your log in information and send you a temporary password. You can find a user’s guide for the [Personal Pages here](#).

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