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Member Opportunities

Cuba Hearing - U.S. House Ag Committee – September 14

Vice President and General Manager of Bunge North America – Grain Unit Matt Gibson will testify on behalf of NAEGA to the House Committee on Agriculture on *American Agricultural Trade with Cuba*. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, September 15 at 10:00am in room 1300 of the Longworth House Office Building in Washington, D.C. Live streaming of the hearing is available on the Committee website or by clicking [here](#). A copy of the testimony is available [here](#).

Ahead of this hearing NAEGA has joined a letter from the U.S. Agricultural Coalition for Cuba (USACC), of which NAEGA is a member, that lays out to the Committee the coalition’s argument for increased agricultural trade ties with Cuba. A copy of the letter can be found [here](#). For more information on the hearing or to learn more about NAEGA efforts to promote increased trade with Cuba through the [U.S. Agricultural Coalition for Cuba \(USACC\)](#), please contact Gary or Ryan.

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
Location: 1300 SW Fifth Avenue
C/O Columbia Grain

Thursday, October 20

NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices Seminar
Location: 200 Market Conference Room at 200 SW Market St., on the lobby level (
<http://200market.com/amenities/meeting-room/>)

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.

USDA Agricultural Trade Mission Egypt – November 13-17

The USDA’s Foreign Agriculture Service’s (FAS) Office of Trade Programs has announced an upcoming Agricultural Trade Mission (ATM) to Egypt on November 13-17, 2016. The mission’s goal is to provide U.S. small-and medium-sized enterprise (SME) participants with first-hand market information, access to government decision makers, and one-on-one meetings with business contacts, including potential agents, distributors and partners, so U.S. businesses can position themselves to enter or expand their presence in Arab markets. The mission will provide participants with an opportunity to learn first-hand about Egyptian markets and access to business contacts and government decision makers in Egypt’s agricultural industry. Business representatives from Egypt, Lebanon and Algeria will take part in the one-on-one meeting with the select agribusiness participants in Cairo.

Applications are due to USDA FAS on September 19, 2016 in Microsoft Word format only. Application forms can be found [here](#). Please respond with completed applications to trademissions@fas.usda.gov or Alexandra.baych@fas.usda.gov

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.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars

Two NAEGA Seminars are currently scheduled:

September 14 and 15 in Regina, SK: Sam Bonilla and Ryan Olson will join Lorraine Idt in company specific / private seminar program tailored to Viterra personnel.

November 20 in Portland, Oregon – Open to all NAEGA members and invited participants the general program will incorporate current practices and commercial experience of interest to the entire trade. The Seminar follows the NAEGA Board of Directors and Contracts Committee meetings on October 19 and will be held at the 200 Market Building.

Please let us know if you are interested in attending or hosting a NAEGA Seminar! Click [here](#) for more information the in-depth, interactive programs NAEGA conducts!.

Internship

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:

IGTC Newsletter

The newest edition of the IGTC Newsletter is now available! This week’s newsletter includes an update on the Katy’s attendance at the IGC MCC meeting in London, a reminder of the September 30 deadline to nominate IGTC delegates for COP-MOP meetings in Cancun and an update on the IGTC’s IPPC ISPM for grain Working Group ahead of EWG meetings in Melbourne starting

September 19. A copy of the newsletter can be found on the IGTC intranet at www.igtglobal.org or by clicking [here](#).

IGC MCC Meeting – September 8-10

Katy Lee, Acting Secretariat of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) traveled to London, UK to attend and present at the International Grain Council's (IGC) Market Conditions Committee (MCC) meeting on September 9. Presenting on behalf of the IGTC as an official "observer," Katy gave a briefing to government representatives and stakeholders under the agenda item "Current Developments in Policy and Trade Practice." During the briefing particular emphasis was placed on two priority upcoming meetings for the IGTC, including:

1. IPPC Expert Working Group (EWG) on a new International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) on grain, 19-24 September, Melbourne.
2. Conference of the Parties (COP) and meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, 4-17 December, Cancún, Mexico.

More information about the IGTC's presentation at the MCC can be found on the IGTC intranet at www.igtglobal.org. A trip report will soon be available for this MAP travel.

Future Actions:

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](#).

Cuba Licensing Procedures Public Comments

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is requesting public comments on the effectiveness of its licensing procedures as defined in the Export Administration Regulations for the export of agricultural commodities to Cuba. These comments will be included in BIS's Congressionally mandated biennial report to Congress on the operation of its licensing system as laid out in the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000.

Comments on BIS's licensing program for Cuba must be received by October 11, 2016. More information on the request for public comment can be found [here](#). If you are interested in contributing to comments on this topic, please contact Gary or Ryan.

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In the News

USDA Close to Submitting proposed biotech revisions

NAEGA has learned that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is close to submitting to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) its proposed revisions to regulations that govern the premarket regulation of biotech enhanced agricultural traits. The proposed regulatory revisions were developed by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, which is responsible for assessing whether biotech-enhanced traits pose a plant pest or noxious weed risk. The White House OMB is the required to clear all Federal Regulations published in the U.S Federal Registrar. In the regulations it is widely expected that the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will propose to streamline its premarket regulatory review and redefine the scope of its regulatory review regarding how it addresses new plant breeding innovations.

NAEGA will update members once the USDA submits its final regulations. For more information, please contact Gary or Ryan.

New CBP Trade Facilitation Webpage

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has launched a new Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement web page as a means to provide the trade community with information on implementation of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. The website includes updates on forced labor, anti-dumping countervailing duties, the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) and other issues that require implementation under the act.

For more information, and to visit the website, please 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

14-15 – Viterra Contracts and Best Practices Seminar – Regina, SK, Canada

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 – Ryan and Katy Attending

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 – Portland, OR

19-20 – FGIS Advisory Committee Meeting – 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.

8-9 – Global Grain Geneva – Geneva, Switzerland

8-10 – IGTC General Assembly and Strategy Session – Geneva, Switzerland

14-17 – USAEDC Annual Workshop – Baltimore, MD

16 – APHIS Biotech Stakeholders Meeting – Riverdale, MD

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 – NAEGA Annual Meeting at the NGFA Annual Convention – New Orleans, LA

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