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Ministerial Statements from Canada, Mexico and the United States
U.N. Food Systems Summit Pre-Summit

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Register Now – Virtual Networking & Information Session – August 4, 2021

You and your guests are welcome to join us on , Wednesday, August 4, from 2:00pm-3:00pm Central Time. The Agenda for this Session includes developments related to trade and crop biotechnology. Chris Holdgreve Executive Director at Excellence Through Stewardship (ETS) will join us. Chris will discuss plans of the Global Stewardship Group innovation of the ETS program to include a Plant Breeding Innovation Management and Engagement Program. Chris will also join us for demonstration of the NAEGA Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange.

[You can register here](#) for the August 4th session or through the [NAEGA Member's Only site](#). You can also RSVP your interest [directly to Patrick](#). Once registered you will be sent the weblink you will need to join the session.

This event is part of a series of NAEGA member exclusive one-hour sessions that we began earlier in 2021 and are holding a least once a month.

All members may be featured during a future networking and information session. If you would like your company to take part in a session as a presenter, or if you have any questions, please let us know.

U.S. Coast Guard Alternate Security Workshop – September 9, 2021

NAEGA-NGFA Alternative Security Program (ASP) subscribers are welcome to attend the U.S. Coast Guard's annual Alternative Security Program (ASP) Workshop on Thursday September 9, 2021, at the offices of Witt O'Brien in Washington, DC. NAEGA works with the USCG to administer the ASP to support compliance with the U.S. Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA). Grain export facilities operated by members in good standing are welcome to subscribe and use the ASP. If you are interested in attending or would like more information on the ASP, please contact Patrick at phayden@naega.org.

Board of Directors Meeting – September 13-14, 2021

The NAEGA Board of Directors will meet in person at the NAEGA Offices in Arlington, VA on September 13-14, 2021. In advance of this meeting, NAEGA Committees will meet to discuss items of interest and prepare presentations to the Board. More information on the Board and Committee meetings will be released in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in person in September!

Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange

NAEGA members are also invited to register to access the Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE). Developed by and at the request of membership, the PBIE contains detailed information on commercialized and pre-commercialized gene-edited and transgenic seeds used to produce the crops you use and market. To our knowledge, the PBIE is the first and only platform to contain a searchable database of gene-edited seeds.

Currently, only NAEGA members have access to this unique tool. As part of membership your company is allowed up to 5 unique users for the PBIE at no cost. Member representatives should send the names and email addresses of their company's users to Patrick at phayden@naega.org. He will connect with them individually with login information and guide them in the use of the platform. Please let us know if you have any questions!

U.N Food Systems Summit

Policy Team– Your Involvement Requested!

Our policy team continues to engage with governments and relevant stakeholders on the [U.N. Food Systems Summit \(Summit\)](#). The policy team will be updating and you are welcome to comment [on this draft NAEGA statement](#).

Your involvement is requested! As part of the NAEGA Policy Team on the UNFSS, members will work through virtual meetings to help guide our multifaceted effort to promote the positive contribution of the trade of grains and oilseeds to sustainable food systems. We plan to convene the first meeting of this team as soon as we are able. If you or a colleague has an interest in joining this policy team, please contact Gary or Patrick.

Member's Only Document Library

NAEGA has launched a new section of our [Member's Only website dedicated to the U.N. Food Systems Summit](#). In addition to different forms of media and links to outside resources, the page provides access to [a trade document library](#) that is exclusive to NAEGA members. The library was developed with a unique trade policy lens to review documents, declarations and outcomes related to the 2021 UNFSS. There are two "Collections", the first with resources directly linked to the UNFSS, and the second with background pre-UNFSS resources. The library is operationalized by Agriculture Dialogues International (ADI) and is for the use of NAEGA members only. NAEGA members can contact ADI directly through the library website.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars – Your interest requested

We are now scheduling virtual Contract and Best Practice Seminars for several NAEGA members companies over the next several months. We are also considering virtual and in person **private**

(staff from only one company) and **public** (staff from two or more companies). See the calendar below for currently scheduled seminars.

The seminars are an intensive and informative review of commercial and official practices taught in an interactive environment. We recently completed extensive work with Senior Advisors built around a private Virtual Contracts and Best Practices Seminar that included critical review of trade execution documents.

Please let us know when, how and where you would like to participate in the NAEGA Contracts and Best Practice seminars. [Click here](#) for more information on the in-depth, interactive programs NAEGA conducts!

Current & Ongoing Activities:

CFIA Proposes Changes to Canadian Feed Import Requirements

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has announced a proposed amendment to Canada's feed regulations that would require all grain used for feed, as well as single ingredient grain and oilseed meals feeds, be imported by a license holder or that the products would either need to be registered, or the product manufacturing facility would need to be registered. Feed importers would be required to provide Feed importers will have to provide the following information at the time of import: importer name and address; name and address of person who they received the feed from; country of origin; address of first destination of feed in Canada and description of the feed. The proposed changes [can be found here](#).

Comments are due to CFIA by September 10, 2021 and the Grades & Inspections Committee will be considering this issue. Your input or comments are welcome.

Japan Issues List of Products Requiring a Phytosanitary Certificate

The Government of Japan [has issued an updated list of food products that will require a Phytosanitary Certificate \(PC\)](#), beginning in August 2023. The list includes corn and soybeans.

Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries (MAFF) first proposed stricter enforcement of the Phytosanitary Certificate Requirement for certain agricultural imports, including grains and oilseeds, in November 2019. NAEGA proposed that MAFF include grains & oilseeds on the officially exempt list due to industry's strong history of meeting Japan's needs on plant safety and past experience at effective pest risk management across the value chain. NAEGA is continuing to engage with stakeholders and decision leaders to press for continuing the exemption for grains and oilseeds.

USDA/APHIS Proposal to Exempt Certain GE Plants from Regulation

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) [has proposed the addition of three modifications](#) that genetically engineered plants could contain and be exempt from USDA's biotechnology regulations. APHIS describes these modifications as "similar and functionally equivalent to modifications that could otherwise be achieved through conventional breeding." Notable modifications are:

- 1) The same or distinct loss of function mutations in the paternal and maternal alleles of a single gene resulting from repair of a targeted DNA break in the same location on two homologous chromosomes in the absence of a repair template.
- 2) A contiguous deletion or any size generated using an externally provided repair template, on one or two homologous chromosomes.
- 3) A change resulting from repair of two targeted double strand breaks on a chromosome, or at the same location on two homologous chromosomes, when the repair results in a contiguous deletion of any size in the presence or absence of a repair template, or in a contiguous deletion of any size combined with an insertion of DNA in the absence of a repair template.

[The *Federal Register* notice can be found here.](#) APHIS is accepting comments through August 18, 2021 and the Production Technology Committee is considering a response. Your input or comments are welcome.

USDA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) [is seeking nominations for members of the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.](#) The Committee meets at least once annually to advise AMS on programs and services delivered under the U.S. Grains Standards Act.

NAEGA will support applications from members who wish to serve on the Committee. If you are interested in applying you can fill out form AD-755, [found here](#), and submit it to Kendra Kline of AMS at Kendra.C.Kline@usda.gov. You may also contact NAEGA staff for further information. USDA will consider all applications received by August 9, 2021

Recent Actions:

Egypt Single Window Customs System

Egypt's new single window customs system (NAFEZA) and Advanced Cargo Information (ACI) pre-clearance system are now being implemented. We understand the ambitious project is intended to create a single point of entry for trade data, eliminating duplicative manual processes by providing the data to all government ministries with responsibilities over imports and cover all imports of goods and commodities. Further NAFEZA window incorporates the ACI.

NAEGA staff attended a US Embassy in Cairo webinar featuring Mr. Gamal Kotb, General Manager of Misr Technology Services (MTS), the public/private company responsible for developing and administering NAFEZA. MTS has begun rolling out the NAFEZA for imports of some products and **all imported goods are subject to the online digitized information management system on October 1, 2021.**

IMPORTANTLY exporters to Egypt may need to register on CargoX to be a verified supplier in the ACI. CargoX is a blockchain system that automates "know your customer" requirements to establish a verified supplier identifier. Subsequent imports of goods are then inputted via the use of the CargoX token for the company and that information will, in turn become available to government agencies for their review. Consulting with brokers, agents and/or counsel for guidance

on becoming a verified supplier and complying with the new single window requirements may be advisable. We understand:

- The obligations to register fall to “importers of record,” which include CIF sellers, but not necessarily FOB sellers.
- The system does not currently accommodate electronic Letters of Credit or Bills of Lading, but they are looking into such functionality for the future.
- 25,000 foreign suppliers have already registered on ACI, including 85 multinational corporations.

NAEGA will continue to monitor the implementation of the single window and report on any further developments. We stand ready to assist. Your advice and concerns are welcome.

Mexico and Ephyto

The Government of Mexico’s National Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA) guidance on verification and signature of phytosanitary certificates (PC) to facilitate the exchange of ePhyto documents with the United States has been updated and [can be found here](#). The document refers to the validation in USDA’s Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking System (PCIT) and the two modes in which the signatures may appear in the Phytosanitary Certificates corresponding field.

The International Grain Trade Coalition (igtglobal.org) is working with us to complete and assess ePhyto case studies from U.S-Mexico trade.

U.N. Food Systems Summit Pre-Summit

The U.N. Food Systems Summit Pre-Summit took place virtually and in Rome, Italy from July 26-28. The report on the pre-summit [can be found here](#). Key statements and sessions from the pre-summit and links directly to video of those events are included along with analysis on the 110 Government Ministerial statements issued during the pre-summit. We have identified themes that will be addressed during the full Summit in September are an indication of the direction of Summit. The report will be uploaded to the NAEGA member’s only website and the ministerial analysis has been added to the [NAEGA UNFSS Document Library](#).

News:

Daniel Whitley Named USDA/FAS Administrator

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has [named Daniel Whitley the Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Foreign Agricultural Service](#) (FAS). Mr. Whitley has served as the agency’s Acting Administrator since December 2020. Mr. Whitley has addressed NAEGA in the past, most recently at the September 11, 2019 Board of Directors meeting when he was Associate Administrator at FAS, and is well known in agricultural trade community, having served in various positions during a 20-year career with the agency. Most recently, he was responsible for leading the FAS trade policy and market analysis teams as Associate Administrator. NAEGA has extended its congratulations to Mr. Whitley and wished him well in his new role.

Calendar & Member Notices:

Click [here](#) for a copy of the IGTC Calendar

2021

August

- 4** -NAEGA Membership Networking & Information Session – Virtual
- 4** – USDA/FAS Spotlight on Australia and New Zealand
- 9** – Application for USDA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Due
- TBD** - Private Virtual NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices Seminar

September

- 9** – NAEGA/NGFA ASP User Meeting – Washington, DC
- 14**– NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – Arlington, VA
- 24** - U.N. Food Systems Summit

October

- 11-24** – Meeting of the Convention on biological diversity (CBD) COP 15 and COP-MOP 10 - Kunming, China - Tentative
- 30-31** – G-20 Summit – Rome, Italy

November

- 15-18** – USAEDC Annual Workshop – Baltimore, MD
- 29** - 12th WTO Ministerial Conference – Geneva, Switzerland

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March

- 13-15** – NGFA Annual Convention – Charleston, SC

December

- TBD** – COP 16 – CBD – Turkey

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