









## Outreach November 15, 2021

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### *NAEGA Media of the Week* *U.S.-E.U. Tariffs Agreement Details – November 2021*

US ACTIONS	
	The U.S. will adopt a quota system, which will allow the EU to annually export 3.3 million metric tons of steel and 384,00 metric tons of aluminum to the U.S., tariff-free
	Any additional steel and aluminum exported to the U.S. beyond this amount will be subject to 25% and 10% tariffs, respectively, the same rate at which all steel and aluminum were subject to prior to the trade agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The new agreement encompasses 54 separate quotas for each different type of steel and 16 separate quotas for the different types of aluminum</li><li>• Each country within the EU will also be subject to a unique quota for each steel and aluminum category, based on historical levels of trade</li></ul>
	Certain steel products were given tariff exemptions last year; these products will be given "duty-free" status for another two years and will not face tariffs even after the quota is met <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To qualify for this status, the product must meet the "melted and poured" standard, meaning the product is wholly produced in the EU</li></ul>
	The new quota system will begin in January
EU ACTIONS	
	In response to the U.S. softening of tariffs, the EU will end its retaliatory tariffs on a variety of U.S. products, such as bourbon whiskey, Harley-Davidson motorcycles and motorboats
	Prior to the new agreement, the EU was slated to double these tariffs on December 1st

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#### ***Member Notices & Opportunities:***

##### **Reception and Board of Directors Meeting – November 8 & 9, New Orleans**

NAEGA members and guests gathered in New Orleans on November 8 & 9 to Celebrate the Resilience and Reliability of the International Grain Trade.

- On November 8, NAEGA hosted a tour of the New Orleans grain export river system. Tour guests included Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jennifer Moffitt, USDA Foreign Agriculture Service Administrator Dan Whitley, USDA Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) Deputy Administrator Arthur Neal, FGIS Field Management Division Director Tony Goodeman and NGFA President & CEO Michael Seyfert. A reception attended by NAEGA member personnel and other invited guests followed the tour.
- The NAEGA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, November 9. Guest Speakers USDA Foreign Agriculture Service Administrator Dan Whitley, USDA Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) Deputy Administrator Arthur Neal, BIO Vice President for International Affairs Matt O'Mara and NGFA President & CEO Michael Seyfert discussed priorities and actions of their organizations with consideration for NAEGA interests.

The Board approved a budget for 2022 and tentatively set the next Board and Annual Member Meetings to occur alongside the National Grain & Feed Association 2022 Convention in Charleston, South Carolina in March 2022. Draft minutes from the meeting will be posted the Members Only section of the website.

#### **USDA/FGIS Export Facility Registration**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) [opened registration](#) for the U.S. Grain Exporter Registration list and waiver requests for the 2022 calendar year. The U.S. Grain Standards Act requires registration for anyone engaged in the business of buying grain for sale in foreign commerce. The Act waives official inspection and weighing for exporters who export less than 15,000 Metric Tons (MT) of grain, on an individual elevator basis during the preceding calendar year, and plan to export less than 15,000 MT of grain during the current calendar year. Such exporters and individual elevator operators must request and receive a waiver from FGIS.

Registration and waiver requests are required annually and FGIS publishes official lists of U.S. companies and organizations registered or operating under waiver or exemption to buy, handle, weigh, or transport grain for sale in foreign commerce.

Individuals who handle, weigh, or transport grain for sale in foreign commerce also must register. Registrations completed and waivers requested by December 1, 2021, will be included in the January 2022 exporter registration and waiver lists. These lists are shared with foreign governments upon request to assist U.S. grain movement in various markets.

Instructions on how to register or renew a registration as a grain or oilseed exporter, or apply for a waiver, are [available through this link](#).

### **U.S. Government Open Meeting on China Decrees 248 and 249 – November 16, 2021**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative are holding an open virtual meeting on [China Decrees 248 and 249](#) on Tuesday, November 15 from 10am-11am Eastern Time. The meeting will include an analysis of Decree 248 as it applies to the U.S. China Phase One Agreement; U.S. Interpretation of requirements for products mentioned in Phase One and U.S. Interpretation of requirements for products with existing facility registration procedures. NAEGA members interested in attending can email Patrick at [phayden@naega.org](mailto:phayden@naega.org) to receive access information for the meeting.

### **Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange**

The NAEGA Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE) continues to be improved and updated. Your advice is welcome!

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. To gain access NAEGA Member representatives send the names and email addresses of designated company users to Patrick at [phayden@naega.org](mailto:phayden@naega.org). Each designated person is provided unique login information and instructions on use of the platform. Please let us know if you have any questions!

### **U.N Food Systems Summit**

NAEGA's U.N. Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) Library has been updated to include documents and resources from the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference, including agricultural commodity companies' corporate statement of purpose.

The Library provides access to the official links to re-watch these statements when available and four collections of documents relevant to the UNFSS, collected ahead of the summit:

1. Modern agriculture and trade resources specifically mentioning UNFSS 2021
2. UNFSS Pre-Summit 26-28 July 2021 – resources and analysis
3. Background Library, tracking the origins of UNFSS Game Changers and other proposals
4. COP26 – 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference

A comprehensive report on the development of the library and recommendations for future action have been posted on the [NAEGA Member's Only UNFSS](#) page along with background

documentation on the project. NAEGA will continue to update the library and report on outcomes from the UNFSS and other initiatives related to food systems through the end of the year.

NAEGA members can access the Library [through this link](#) or through [the U.N. Food Systems Summit](#) page on the NAEGA website. If you have a NAEGA Member's Only website login, you should not have any issues accessing the site at its new address. If you need login credentials, or are having any trouble logging in, please let Patrick know.

### **Contracts and Best Practices Seminars – Your interest requested**

On Wednesday, September 8, NAEGA held a virtual “public / for all NAEGA members Contracts & Best Practices Seminar. Over 80 NAEGA member employees attended the 5-hour session. The first half of the session will be posted to the NAEGA Member's Only website soon . You can find the NAEGA Sourcebook [used during the session here](#).

Seminars can be conducted in-person and / or virtually. Both in-person **private** (staff from only one company) and **public** (staff from two or more companies) are being scheduled through 2022. Given the strong attendance and interest from Members, we expect to hold another public virtual seminar in early 2022.

The seminars are much valued NAEGA member service. The intensive and informative reviews of commercial and official practices include interaction with all participants. interactive .

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!

### ***News:***

#### **IGTC Annual Activity Report**

The International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) has released it's 2021 Annual Activity Report. The report, [available here](#), contains details on actions undertaken in 2021 by IGTC's policy teams and working groups, reporting on member participation and volunteerism, and a full record of IGTC meeting held since the 2020 report. More information on the IGTC can be found on the website [www.igtcglobal.org](http://www.igtcglobal.org). All NAEGA members are considered stakeholders in the IGTC.

#### **Korea Pesticide Positive List System IT Applications**

On December 31, 2021 the Republic of Korea will permanently revoke or delete thousands of temporary maximum residue levels (MRLs) for agricultural products. These MRLs were set for making a smooth transition to Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) Pesticide Positive List System (PLS). On January 1, 2022, U.S. agricultural exports must meet Korea's domestic MRLs, import tolerances (Its), or a default of 0.01 ppm.

In 2020 U.S. stakeholders identified 360 pesticide compounds as priorities for import tolerance (IT) applications, to avoid potential disruptions to trade and continue the smooth transition to the PLS. MFDS has reported to FAS that as of September 24, 2021, just 122 of those had been submitted to MFDS and 111 approved FAS's has [redistributed this priority list](#) to stakeholders

and is encouraging pesticide compound technology providers to submit the remaining IT applications as soon as possible to avoid any potential trade disruptions.

### **North American Leaders Summit**

U.S. President Joe Biden will host Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador on November 18, in Washington, DC for the North American Leaders' Summit (NALS). Ahead of NALS, NAEGA has encouraged all three governments to provide for clarity supporting reliable cross border trade and investment. In particular, the NALS provides an opportunity for the United States to engage with Mexico on ask for clarity on the implementation of [President Obrador's December 31, 2020 decree banning GMO corn](#). NAEGA is working with partners with the goal of seeing this issue addressed at the NALS.

### ***Future NAEGA Action:***

#### **Japan Pesticide MRLs**

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) has proposed revisions to Japan's Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for nine pesticides (Uniconazole-P, Oxathiapiprolin, Cadusafos, Pyribencarb, Fenazaquin, Fluazinam, Broflanilide, Pendimethalin, Foramsulfuron) for various agricultural commodities. A number of these are used on corn, soybeans and wheat. A translated list of these MRLs, provided by USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS), [can be found here](#).

Initial Comments are due to FAS by November 23, 2021, and the Production Technology Committee is considering a response. Your input or comments are welcome.

### ***Recent Actions:***

#### **Comments on USDA/APHIS Draft RSR Procedures**

NAEGA has submitted comments to USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regarding their [draft guide](#) detailing the information requirements and process for submitting a Regulatory Status Review (RSR) request used to determine the regulatory status of a plant developed using genetic engineering.

The comments highlighted [NAEGA's Policy Paper on Plant Biotechnology](#), and encouraged APHIS to pursue a policy that require pre-market notification to the agency of a genetically engineered/gene-edited plant that the developer has determined meets one or more of the rule's exemptions prior to introduction into the marketplace. The comments as submitted [can be found here](#).

#### **Letter To Biden Administration on U.S.-China Trade**

NAEGA joined a broad coalition of industry partners in submitted a letter to U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellin and U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai ahead of the virtual meeting between U.S. President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping scheduled for Monday, November 15.

The letter expresses support the Administration’s initial China trade policy priorities, including enforcing China’s existing commitments in the U.S.-China Phase One Agreement, and presents recommendations to advance “comprehensive and durable trade” with China. The letter as submitted [can be found here](#).

### ***Calendar & Member Notices:***

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

#### **November**

**16-18 – Geneva Grain Week – Geneva, Switzerland**

**17-18 – USAEDC Annual Workshop – Virtual**

**18 – North American Leaders Summit – Washington, DC**

**16 – IGTC General Assembly – In Person/Virtual Hybrid - Geneva, Switzerland**

**29 - 12th WTO Ministerial Conference – Geneva, Switzerland**

#### **December**

**7 – NAEGA Contracts Committee Meeting**

#### **2022**

#### **March**

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

#### **April**

**25 - May 8 – Meeting of the Convention on biological diversity (CBD) COP 15 and COP-MOP**

**10 – Part 2 - Kunming, China**

#### **December**

**TBD – COP 16 – CBD – Turkey**

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