



## Outreach

November 23, 2021

Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA

### *Happy Thanksgiving!*

*As the U.S. celebrates Thanksgiving, we would like to thank all Colleagues for your support!*

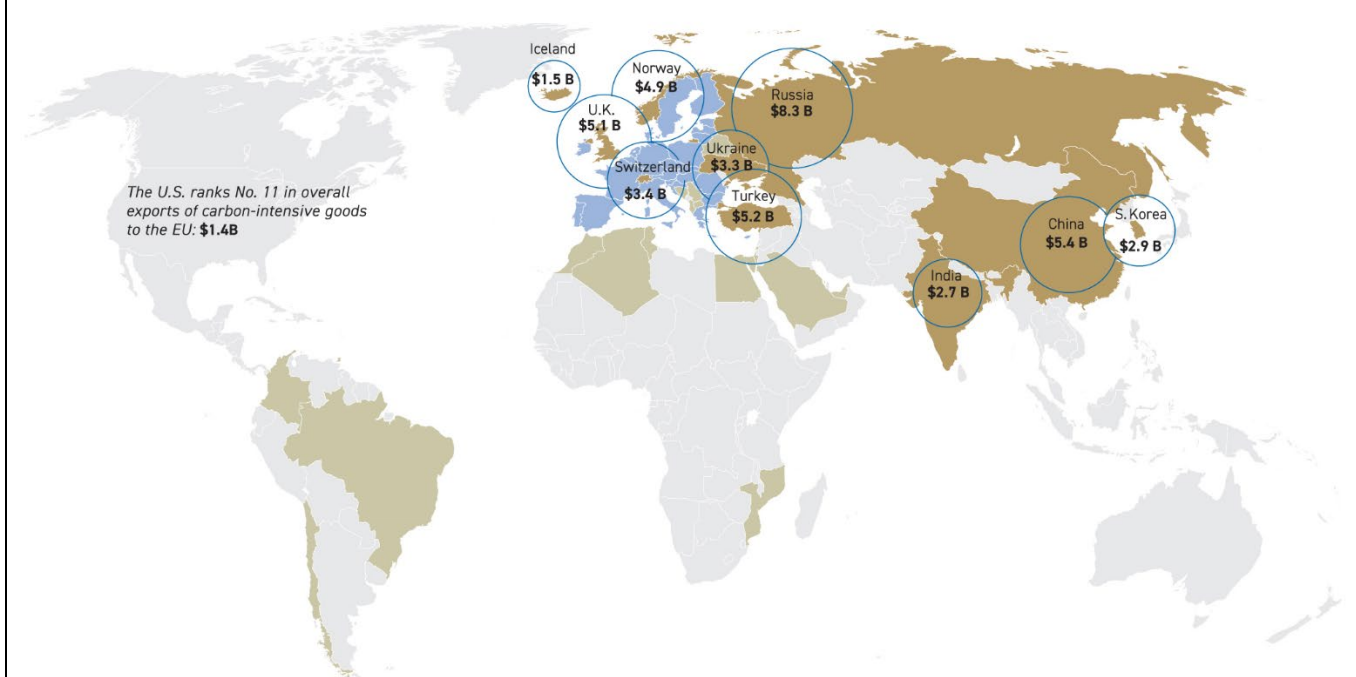
### **NAEGA Media of the Week**

Impact of EU's Proposed Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism – November 2021

#### **Countries in Europe and Asia would be most affected by EU's CBAM**

The tariff would initially apply to imports of cement, iron/steel, aluminum, fertilizers and electricity. By value, more than half of carbon-intensive goods imported by the EU in 2020 came from six countries: Russia, China, Turkey, the United Kingdom, Norway and Switzerland.

■ EU   
 ■ Top 10 exporters of carbon-intensive goods to EU, by value of exports, 2020   
 ■ Other exporters in top 10 lists of specific carbon-intensive goods to EU



*Source – Politico Pro*

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

### **Notice to the Trade – State of Emergency in British Columbia, Canada**

We wish to extend our support and sympathy to all impacted by the circumstances that led to the State of Emergency declared by the Government of the Province of British Columbia on Wednesday, November 17.

NAEGA issued [the following Notice to Trade](#) in response.

“Buyers and Sellers of agricultural commodities pursuant to terms of the NAEGA 2 Model F.O.B. Contract are advised that it is our understanding that circumstances related to the State of Emergency declared on Wednesday, November 17 by the Government of British Columbia, Canada have had an impact on export operations that is ongoing.

These circumstances may provide for a valid cause under the provisions of Clause 20. Clause 20 provides for the suspension of the seller’s obligation to make delivery when delivery of a commodity, or any part thereof, is prevented at an elevator or port, or the forwarding of the commodity to the elevator or port is prevented by riots, strikes, lockouts, interruptions in or stoppages of the normal course of labor; embargoes or exceptional impediments to transportation; or action by Federal, State or Local government or authority.

Consideration of certification by NAEGA in accordance with Clause 20 of cause for elevators and / or ports, which includes determination of the beginning and end, will proceed upon receipt of applications from Sellers.”

Please contact NAEGA staff if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Workshop on UN Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition**

Following the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) approval of [the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition \(VGFSyN\)](#), the Private Sector Mechanism of the CFS and CFS Secretariat have collaborated to produce a series of workshops for businesses. The workshops are designed to provide a greater understanding of the main principles of the VGFSyN. Regional challenges to utilizing available tools to address food insecurity are also identified, as well as the needed actions and policies to transform the food system.

Two workshops, on Asia and the Americas, have already been held. The next workshop, [with a focus on Africa and Europe](#), will be held on Wednesday, November 24 from 10am-11:30am Eastern Time. [Registration information can be found through this link](#). The Americas workshop was recorded and [can be viewed here](#).

### **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](#).

### **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:***

### **Canadian Cabinet Changes**

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau [reshuffled Canada's cabinet ministers](#) after his Liberal party won a minority government in October's snap federal elections, with significant changes across multiple ministries. Of the 38 cabinet members, just 10 remain in their prior roles.

Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland and Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food Marie-Claude Bibeau retained their positions. Ministers with new positions include Mélanie Joly, elevated to Minister of Foreign Affairs, and environmental activist Steven Guilbeault as the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, an area where the Prime Minister promised action with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 40 to 45 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. The Prime Minister has stated that the shakeup has occurred because "Canadians are expecting big things to be done" on matters like climate change.

Canadian Parliament met for the first time with the ministers in their new roles on Monday, November 22.

### **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 reported to FAS that as of September 24, 2021, just 122 of those had been submitted to MFDS and 111 approved. FAS [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.

### **U.S.- Japan Partnership on Trade**

The U.S. and Japan [announced a new partnership on trade](#) that will facilitate regular engagement on trade-related matters of importance to both countries. The announcement followed recent visits to Tokyo by U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai and U.S Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo aiming to bolster bilateral trade ties amid efforts by China to strengthen its own economic hand in the region. It also builds on agreements the two sides concluded two years ago on trade in agricultural, industrial, and digital goods.

According to the U.S. Government, the initial areas of focus under the new partnership will include global excess capacity in the steel and aluminum sectors, cooperation in regional and multilateral trade-related fora, labor and environment-related priorities, a supportive digital ecosystem for all, trade facilitation, and supply chain issues.

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

#### **Letter To U.S. President Biden on Mexico Biotechnology Policy**

NAEGA joined a broad coalition of industry partners in submitting a letter to U.S. President Joe Biden regarding Mexico's Biotechnology policy ahead of the November 18, 2021 North American Leaders Summit.

The letter expresses concern that Mexico's current policy on agricultural biotechnology is out of step with its commitments under the United States, Mexico, Canada Agreement (USMCA) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). The letter encouraged President Biden to use the summit to encourage Mexican President Manuel López Obrador to reestablish a timely, science-based regulatory process and reaffirm the Government of Mexico's commitment to bilateral trade in agricultural products produced with biotechnology. The letter as submitted [can be found here](#).

### **USAEDC Annual Workshop**

On November 17-18, NAEGA staff virtually attended the U.S. Agriculture Export Developments Council's (USAEDC) 2021 Annual Workshop. USAEDC's annual workshop brings together U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cooperators, staff and other U.S. government officials to discuss trends and opportunities for U.S. agriculture exporters. The workshop featured remarks by U.S. Department on Agriculture Acting Deputy Secretary Jason Hafemeister and USDA Foreign Agricultural Service Administrator Dan Whitley, as well as discussions on USDA and cooperator programming and policy.

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

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

#### **November**

29 - 12th WTO Ministerial Conference – Geneva, Switzerland

#### **December**

7 – NAEGA Contracts Committee Meeting

#### **2022**

##### **March**

TBD –WTO Thematic Session on Trade Facilitative Approaches to MRLs – Geneva, Switzerland

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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