



Outreach

December 23, 2021

Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Thank you for your work with and supporting NAEGA. We look forward to working with you in the New Year!

Media of the Week

NAEGA's Holiday Toast – December 22, 2021



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Member Notices & Opportunities:

Save the Date - NAEGA Annual Meeting – Monday, March 14, 2022 – Charleston, SC

All NAEGA members are welcome to attend the NAEGA Annual Meeting on March 14, 2022 at the [Charleston Place Hotel](#) in Charleston, South Carolina. Our agenda will include the Annual Member Appreciation Luncheon and Members Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting, and meetings of NAEGA Committees.

The NAEGA meetings on March 14 will take place alongside the [2022 NGFA Convention](#), held from March 13-15 at the Charleston Place Hotel. We would like to thank NGFA for making meeting space available to us at the hotel.

We will have more information on agendas and registration soon. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank You, Nolan Tsunoda and Welcome New Board Member Fuyuhiko Nakata

Please join us in extending our sincere appreciation and best wishes to Nolan Tsunoda of Mitsui & Co. as he returns to Japan, and welcome Mr. Fuyuhiko Nakata of Mitsui to the NAEGA Board of Directors. The Board unanimously voted to approve Fuyuhiko’s nomination to fill Nolan’s unexpired term. Fuyuhiko serves as Senior Vice President of Food & Retail Division of Mitsui USA and we thank him for his willingness to serve on the Board. The new Board Term Schedule is below:

Name	Company	Term Expiration
Tyler Schultz	Cargill, Incorporated	March 2023
Gordon Russell	Louis Dreyfus Company	March 2022
Charles Colbert	Zen-Noh Grain Corp.	March 2024
Steve Strong	Bunge North America	March 2023

John Griffith	CHS, Inc.	March 2022
Matt Hopkins	ADM	March 2024
Carsten Bredin	Richardson International	March 2023
Holly Womack	CoBank	March 2022
David Smoot	Viterra	March 2024
Fuyuhiko Nakata	Mitsui & Co.	March 2022
Jason Hofer	Gavilon Grain, Inc.	March 2022
Kurt Haarmann	Columbia Grain, Inc.	March 2024
Augusto Bassanini	United Grain Corporation	March 2022
Kevin LaGraize	Southport Agencies, Inc.	March 2024

Staff Changes

We are pleased to welcome Katy Lee of Agriculture Dialogues International (ADI) as she begins a new role as NAEGA Senior Advisor for International Programs and Services. Katy is moving on from her position as Secretariat of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC). Katy and ADI provided for the IGTC Secretariat since 2016, and we are happy that she has chosen to continue to work with NAEGA in this new capacity. She can be reached at klee@naega.org

Beginning on January 1st, 2022, Jacinta Mwau of the East African Grain Council (EAGC, www.eagc.org) will be the primary contact point for IGTC Secretariat service. Jacinta will work with EAGC Executive Director Gerald Masila and a team of EAGC professionals to meet IGTC needs adding significant new capacity to the IGTC in the areas of policy leadership, administration, membership recruitment and financial reporting. Jacinta is reachable via the IGTC Secretariat E-mail address, secretariat@igtglobal.org.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars –Video on Website

You can now view all or individual segments of the recently curated video from the seminar held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. The recording of the session has been edited into two two-hour videos which have been posted to the NAEGA Member's Only website. Your comments about the utility of the digital content on the Website as well as advice and questions about the NAEGA 2 Contract are welcome – please use this new email address for comments and questions: MemberQuestions@naega.org.

NAEGA 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 in 2022. Given the strong attendance and interest from Members, we expect to hold another public virtual seminar in 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!

China Decrees 248, 249 & 177

The General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) will enact Decrees 248 & 249 on January 1, 2022. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) has circulated a list that of Harmonized System (HS) codes that GACC has published to its Single Window website that reportedly represent the scope of commodities covered by Decree 248. The list of HS codes and data cells has been updated by GACC several times over the past ten days and other changes are anticipated as GACC makes "system improvements" to the Single Window website. FAS has made the list available [here](#).

Grain and oilseed exporters registered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), or those that are on the exempt from registration list, do not need to register their facilities with GACC. These registrations are covered under China's Decree 177, which supersedes Decree 248. NAEGA members who have not yet registered or applied for a waiver with FGIS for calendar year 2022 can do so [here](#) or see the article below.

USDA/FGIS Export Facility Registration

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) [continues to accept 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. 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. 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.

Current & Ongoing Actions

MRLs – China

China notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) on December 3, 2021 of 733 new pesticide maximum residue levels (MRLs) for agricultural products, including grains and oilseeds. A translation of the notification provided by USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) [can be found here](#). The proposed date of entry into force has not been determined.

FAS is requesting comments be submitted by Friday, January 14, 2022, and the deadline for submission to the WTO is February 1, 2022. The Production Technology Committee is considering comments. Your input or comments are welcome.

Recent Actions:

Consultation with USDA/FAS Indonesia

NAEGA staff took part in a virtual one-on-one consultation with the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service's (FAS) Office of Agricultural Affairs in Jakarta, Indonesia. The discussions focused on local regulations and their impact on U.S. grain and oilseeds imports, including crop technology products, and provided an opportunity to introduce FAS staff to NAEGA's mission and services.

News:

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.

Calendar & Member Notices:

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

2022

January

- 6** – NAEGA Contracts Committee Arbitration Subcommittee Meeting
- 21** – International Grains Council (IGC) 54th Council Session - Virtual

February

- 24-25** – 2022 USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum – Virtual

March

- TBD** –WTO Thematic Session on Trade Facilitative Approaches to MRLs – Geneva, Switzerland
- 8-10** - 2022 Canadian Crops Convention, planned for both virtual and in person in Ottawa, Canada
- 13-15** – NGFA Annual Convention – Charleston, SC
- 14** – NAEGA Annual Meeting – planned for both virtual and in person in Charleston, SC

April

- 25** - May 8 – Meeting of the Convention on biological diversity (CBD) COP 15 and COP-MOP
- 10** – Part 2 - Kunming, China

May

- 19-21** – 2022 APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

June

- 6 - 9** - IGTC Meetings and IGC Annual Conference – planned for both virtual and in person in London, UK

December
TBD – COP 16 – CBD – Turkey

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