



Outreach March 3, 2022

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Media of the Week *U.S. Sanctions on Russia – 2010-Present*

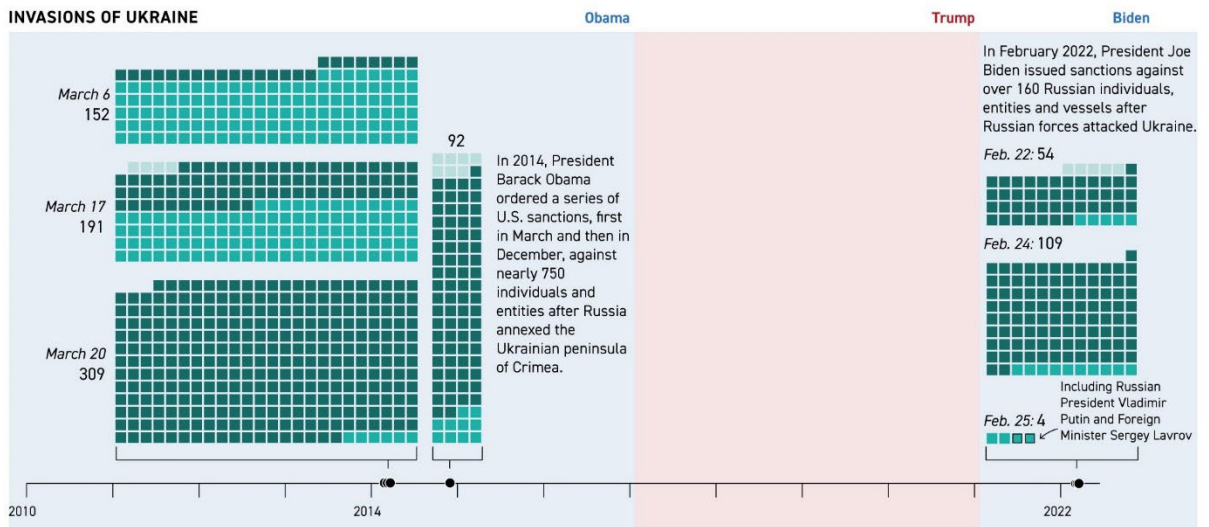
A recent history of U.S. sanctions against Russia

Since 2010 alone, the U.S. has imposed sanctions on more than 1,000 Russian individuals and companies as part of a multinational effort to punish the Russian government for actions ranging from cyberattacks to invasions of Ukraine. The Congressional Research Service compiled data on when the authorities for those sanctions were issued, under what circumstances and how many individuals and entities were targeted.

Target of sanctions

- Entities (banks, companies, etc.)
- Individuals
- Aircraft/vessel

INVASIONS OF UKRAINE



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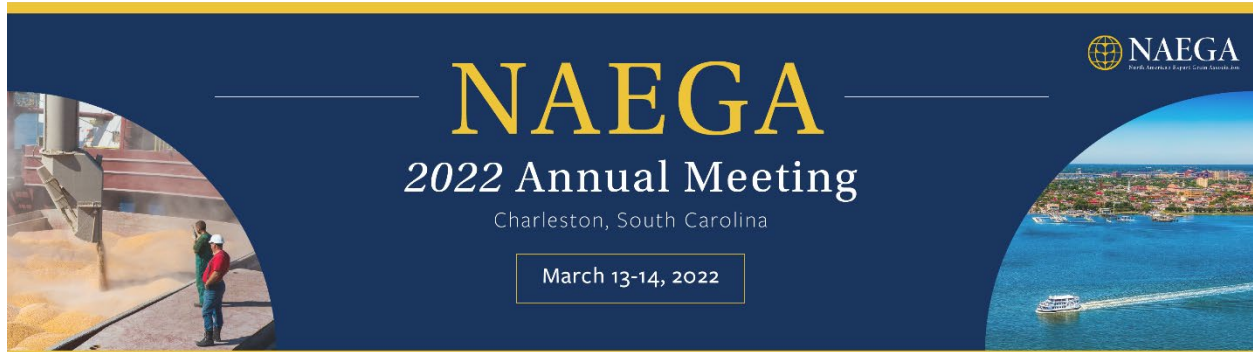
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Member Notices & Opportunities:

Compliance Considerations for Russia Sanctions

Governments around the globe continue to issue economic sanctions against Russia, its central bank and financial sector, as well as numerous individuals close to and including Russian President Vladimir Putin in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Exporters from all origins must contend with increased compliance obligations that may affect commercial operations. Members are reminded that violations of sanctions can occur in various places in an export contract from the direct counterparty to indirect counterparties, vessels, vessel owners/charterers and financial institutions.

NAEGA will continue to monitor government actions related to sanctions, most notably those of the United States and Canada as they may have more direct implications on exports from North America. U.S. sanctions information from the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Asset Control can be [found through this link](#). Canadian sanction information [can be found here](#).



NAEGA events are planned for the 13th and 14th of March at the [Charleston Place Hotel](#) in Charleston, South Carolina and virtually via MS Teams. NAEGA member personnel and their guests are welcome to join the NAEGA meetings without charge, and all NAEGA meetings will be available virtually for those unable to attend in person. ***If you are planning to attend the***

NAEGA meetings and you have not yet done so, [please register yourself and your guests here](#) and indicate if attendance will be in person or virtual.

The current schedule of events is below. Times are Eastern:

Sunday, March 13

12:30pm: [Joint NAEGA Grades & Inspections/NGFA Grain Grades and Weights Committee](#) –

3:15pm: Joint NAEGA Production Technology/NGFA Crop Technology Committee

Monday, March 14

7:00am: [Contracts Committee – Breakfast Provided.](#)

12:00pm: [Annual Membership Appreciation Luncheon and Membership Meeting](#), followed by meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors.

All NAEGA events are being planned to place alongside the [2022 NGFA Convention](#) on March 13-15, also at the Charleston Place Hotel. Thank you to NGFA for making meeting space available to us at the hotel.

If you'd like to attend the NGFA Convention, please go to <https://imis.ngfa.org/convention>.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars

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. A private virtual laytime calculation seminar was held recently and 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.

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

NAEGA members are encouraged to provide us with information on registration requirements for export to China.

The General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) enacted 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 and other changes are anticipated as GACC makes "system improvements" to the Single Window website. FAS has [made the list available here](#).

USDA FAS also reports that China has launched a [“Decree 248 Single Window Searchable Database and January 1 Shipment Information”](#). The report contains details on a searchable website GACC has created for users to check their registration status.

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. Exporters of grain from the U.S. who have yet registered with FGIS for 2022 are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. The registration list as of February 11, 2022 [is posted here](#). 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](#).

U.N. Food Systems Summit Library

NAEGA's U.N. Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) Library is constantly being updated. Recent entries include several new documents and resources related to carbon pricing. French President Emmanuel Macron's Speech at the European Parliament on carbon neutrality is among the latest entries.

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

EU Production Standards on Imported Products

The European Commission opened a public consultation period in preparation for its report on applying EU health and environment standards to imports of food and agricultural products. The report, expected in June 2022, is intended to assess the feasibility of applying EU standards to the processes and production methods used in exporting countries and may also identify which areas would conform to World Trade Organization rules. The 'Call for Evidence' document from the Commission, [found here](#), provides more background.

The consultation period is open through March 16, 2022, and comments [can be submitted here](#). NAEGA is considering a response. Your input or comments are welcome.

USDA/APHIS Changes to Phytosanitary Certificates

As of October 1, 2022, APHIS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will accept only original phytosanitary certificates and forms for plant commodities. USDA/APHIS and CBP will continue to accept digital exchange of electronic phytosanitary certificates through the ePhyto system.

Acceptable phytosanitary certificates include:

- Certificates created through a participating country's ePhyto system, or signed paper forms.
- Acceptable foreign site certificates of inspection and/or treatment include signed paper forms, signed copies of the master PPQ Form 203, and digitally signed electronic PPQ Form 203s.

For questions about plant or plant product exports, contact ppqexportservices@usda.gov.

Late in 2021, APHIS began to make changes to its phytosanitary certificates (PCs) issuing practices consistent with the movement to a digital environment. On January 1, 2022 APHIS instituted a "plain paper" system. The Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance and Tracking System (PCIT) instructs users to print one original PC and verified copies on plain white paper. Both the original and copies include a "shippers original" label. Prior to this change, users printing PCs from PCIT would use special security paper, which included color, seals and watermarks, among

other methods to provide for version control for the printing of the original PC. APHIS explained this transition to plain paper [in this November, 2021 notification to the WTO](#).

As is often the case with transitions, especially with respect to digitization of documents, NAEGA members have experienced some lack of understanding by counterparts. We were notified of at a least one major bank and some foreign governments refusing to recognize plain paper PCs. Some wet signature PCs, signed in blue ink, have faced issues due to the lack of security paper.

We are working with APHIS and continue to support their initiative.

We are focusing on communication and mitigation. Please let us know if you have a concern or experiencing a disruption of trade. Detailed information, including the specifics of who and where the concern originated from, is appreciated.

Recent Actions:

Consultation with FAS Buenos Aires

NAEGA staff met virtually with USDA Foreign Agricultural Service personnel posted to Buenos Aires City to discuss Argentina's approach to gene editing, phytosanitary measures and the IPPC e-Phyto solution. NAEGA staff demonstrated the U.N. Food Systems Summit Library and Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange and discussed potential travel to Argentina in 2022. We plan additional consultation with FAS across the world. NAEGA members are encouraged to advise us as soon as possible with concerns related to countries or regions so we may seek advice from FAS personnel in country.

News:

South Africa to Begin Accepting e-Phytos

The South African government [notified the WTO](#) that the country's eCertification system has developed a module that allows for the receipt of ePhytos sent via the [International Plant Protection Convention's e-Phyto hub](#). Beginning April, 1st 2022, trading partners will be able to send ePhytos to the National Plant Protection Organization of South Africa (NPPOZA) digitally using the IPPC solution.

USTR Releases President's Trade Policy Agenda

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) released the [2022 President's Trade Policy Agenda and 2021 Annual Report](#). The documents detail USTR's work to implement the Biden Administration's trade priorities.

The report highlighted what U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai called a "new approach to trade policy that empowers workers, defends their rights, and encourages a race to the top." The report also suggested that "new tools" for trade with China are warranted, including "further tariff exclusions," along with collaboration with allies "who also suffer harm from China's unfair trade and economic practices". The report discusses the Biden Administration's proposed Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) as part of that new approach and promised details on the IPEF later

in the year. Other priorities include bolstering supply chains and improving sustainability through trade.

Calendar & Member Notices:

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

2022

March

13-15 – NGFA Annual Convention – Charleston, SC

13-14 – NAEGA Annual Meetings –Virtual and in person in Charleston, SC

23 –WTO Thematic Session on Trade Facilitative Approaches to MRLs

23-24 - 8th Meeting of the Global Low-Level Presence Initiative – Virtual

23-24 – Private NAEGA Contracts & Best Practices Seminar

April

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

10 – Part 2 – Kunming, China

May

3-4 – Private NAEGA Contracts & Best Practices Seminar

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

June

6 – 9 – IGTC Meetings (Virtual and In-person) and IGC Annual Conference in London, UK

September

TBD – NAEGA Board of Directors and Committee Meetings – Washington, DC/Arlington, VA

21-23 – Inaugural International Plant Health Conference – London, UK

November

TBD – IGTC General Assembly

December

TBD – COP 16 – CBD – Turkey

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