



Outreach August 17, 2022

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Media of the Week: Status of U.S.-China Trade Relations – August 2022

Status of US-China relations



- US-China relations deteriorated under the Trump administration
- The Biden administration has kept Trump-era tariffs in place, contemplated removing tariffs to combat inflation, and has shown reluctance to enforce compliance with the 2020 Phase One agreement
- In a May 26, 2022, speech, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken outlined the Biden administration's new approach to the US-China trade relationship going forward

Overview of President Biden's policy on China

<h5>“Investing in our strength”</h5> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is the administrations intent to expand US investment in its own research, development, and advanced manufacturing capabilities• Leading in new age technology will allow the US to determine the ways these innovations are used around the globe	<h5>“Aligning with our allies and partners”</h5> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening ties with countries across the Atlantic and the Indo-Pacific region like South Korea, Japan, India, and Australia; using initiatives to help facilitate economic growth• Aligning the value in human rights especially against the crimes being committed in the Xinjiang region	<h5>“Competition need not lead to conflict”</h5> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Push back on Chinese market manipulating policies and boost supply chain security through the sourcing of resources from different countries• Enable US workers and companies to compete successfully on a level playing field with China• Still ensure US military stays ahead of China
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Member Notices & Opportunities:

Featured Event: NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – September 15, 2022

The NAEGA Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 9:00am-2:30pm Eastern Time** in the main conference room of the American Intellectual Property Lawyers Association at 1400 Crystal Drive, Suite 600, Arlington, VA and Via Microsoft Teams. Your suggestions for agenda items are welcome!

Board meetings are open to NAEGA Member Representatives to attend. If you would like to attend a portion or the entirety of the September 15 meeting, please contact Gary or Patrick.

NAEGA-NGFA Pacific Northwest Regional Industry Workshop – October 19, 2022

NAEGA and the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) invite you to save the date of Wednesday, October 19, 2022 for an in-person and virtual Pacific Northwest Regional Industry Workshop at the [Portland Merchants Exchange in Portland, Oregon](#). An agenda as well as a formal invitation including registration information, will be available soon. Invitations to attend and present are being sent to the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, U.S. Coast Guard, USDA’s Federal Grain Inspection Service and Washington State Department of Agriculture. If you have any suggestions for guest speakers or topics to cover, please let us know.

Opportunities for sponsorship of the workshop are available. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Patrick at phayden@naega.org for details.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Portland in October!

USDA/FAS New Export Sales Reporting System

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service’s (FAS) is completing efforts to sign up U.S. exporters in the upgraded Export Sales Reporting and Maintenance System (ESRMS 2.0). ESRMS 2.0 is scheduled for release on Thursday, August 18, 2022. After that the legacy ESRMS (1.0) will no longer be available for the mandatory weekly reporting of U.S. export sales. FAS requested all U.S.

exporters confirm to the USDA Export Sales Reporting Team they have access to ESRMS 2.0 this past Friday, July 29, 2022. The inability to access ESRMS 2.0 and submit weekly reporting of foreign sales and exports could have a negative impact on the integrity of the report. If your company has not yet registered for ESRMS 2.0, email the Export Reporting Team as soon as possible at ESRTechHelp@usda.gov.

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.

The U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) issued a fact sheet entitled "Preserving Agricultural Trade, Access to Communication, and Other Support to Those Impacted by Russia's War Against Ukraine". OFAC states that U.S. sanctions issued in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine "do not stand in the way of, agricultural and medical exports, nongovernmental organization (NGO) activities, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) relief, the free flow of information, humanitarian assistance, and other support to people impacted by Russia's war". The document, [found here](#), offers guidance to the Trade on navigating OFAC sanctions and General Licenses.

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. Additional U.S. sanctions information from the OFAC can be [found through this link](#). Canadian sanction information [can be found here](#).

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars

Our seminars are much valued NAEGA member service. They provide intensive and informative reviews of commercial and official practices and include interaction with participants. NAEGA seminars can be conducted in-person and / or virtually. A private in-person 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 Members only section of www.naega.org includes video of the public seminar on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. 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.

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!

Trade and Global Food Security Library

Several new entries related to China, sustainability and rising food prices were posted this week to the [NAEGA Trade and Global Food Security Library](#).

The Library is constantly being updated with reports on initiatives related to food systems, trade and global food security as well as outcomes from the UNFSS. The recent entries include several new documents on the use of glyphosate in Mexico and actions updated on Ukrainian grain exports

NAEGA members can access the Library through [the Trade and Global Food Security](#) 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.

Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE)

There are currently 2574 transgenic products from approximately 391 unique transgenic events 474 gene edited products in the [NAEGA 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. 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.S.-Canada Grain Trade Website

Your comments and advice are welcome in response to the U.S.-Canada Grain Trade Resources website: <https://uscanadagraintrade.org/>. The public website is intended to facilitate trade between Canada and the U.S. and inform future NAEGA actions. The site contains question and answer modules for [American](#) and [Canadian](#) grain producers, as well as the [commercial grain trade](#), and will be updated regularly. Users are encouraged to review the modules and submit additional questions, which may be included in future updates.

Recent Actions:

International Agricultural Biotechnology Industry Roundtable

NAEGA took part in a Biotech Industry Roundtable with a group of 32 high-level international participants from 13 countries in Africa and Asia organized by Michigan State University and hosted by USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service. The group was in Washington as part of [MSU's International Short Course in Agricultural Biotechnology, Biosafety and Technology Transfer](#). This training program focuses on biotechnology research, policies and regulations, management, and public outreach components as well as biotechnology related trade issues. Attendees were invited to become users of the [NAEGA Trade and Global Food Security Library](#) and informed on [NAEGA Production Technology Policy](#).

Current & Ongoing Actions

U.S. ITC Request for Comments Impact of Section 232 and 301 Tariffs

The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) [is conducting a fact-finding investigation](#) on U.S. trade, production, and prices in the industries directly and most affected by the Section 232 and Section 301 tariffs that were in effect as of March 15, 2022. A public hearing in connection with this investigation was held on Thursday July 21, 2022, and written comments are due on August 24, 2022.

NAEGA is considering a response and your advice is welcome.

U.S.-Kenya Strategic Trade & Investment Partnership

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) [is seeking public comments on](#) matters relevant to specified trade areas, including Agriculture, in order to develop objectives and positions for enhanced engagement and subsequent negotiation of a U.S.- Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership (STIP). Under the STIP, the two governments will pursue high-level engagement leading to commitments in a wide range of areas, including measures to facilitate agricultural trade and enhance transparency and understanding of the application of science- and risk-based sanitary and phytosanitary measures. Comments are due to USTR on September 16, 2022

NAEGA is considering a response and your advice is welcome.

News:

U.S. FDA “Feed Your Mind” Education Materials on Agricultural GMOs

The [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) released “Feed Your Mind”](#) educational materials to provide science-based information on genetically modified organisms (GMOs) to consumers, health educators, dietitians, and other health care professionals. “Feed Your Mind” is an [education initiative launched in 2020](#) to help increase consumer understanding of GMOs and was developed in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The new materials include videos and infographics on the development of GMOs and on food safety.

U.S. to Provide UN Funding to Export Ukrainian Grain

The U.S. Agency of International Development (USAID) [will provide over \\$68 million in additional funding to the UN World Food Program](#) (WFP) to purchase, move, and store up to 150,000mt of Ukrainian wheat, 23,000mt of which will be used by the WFP in the Horn of Africa. Since August 1st, a dozen shipments of grain for use as animal feed and biofuels have departed Ukrainian ports under the [Black Sea Grain Initiative](#) humanitarian maritime corridor, facilitated by the U.N. [On August 14, the first shipment of wheat intended for human food use](#) departed Ukraine for Ethiopia.

USDA Urges Public to Check for Asian Longhorned Beetle

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has declared August as “Tree Check Month” for the Asian Longhorned beetle (ALB) and is asking the American public to check their trees for this

invasive insect and the damage it causes. August is the most important time of year to look for the beetle because it is when adult beetles are most likely to be seen.

The ALB is an invasive wood-boring beetle that attacks 12 types of hardwood trees in North America, such as maples, elms, buckeyes, birches, and willows. Infested trees do not recover and eventually die. Infested trees also become safety hazards since branches can drop and trees can fall over, especially during storms. In its larval stage, the insect feeds inside tree trunks and branches, creating tunnels as it feeds, then adults chew their way out in the warmer months, leaving about 3/4-inch round exit holes. Details on the ALB program and what to do if you suspect a tree is infested [can be found here](#).

Calendar & Member Notices:

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

2022

September

- 8** – NAEGA Grades & Inspections Committee Meeting - Virtual
- 13** – Taiwan Agricultural Goodwill Mission Reception – Washington, DC
- 15**– NAEGA Board of Directors and Committee Meetings – Washington, DC/Arlington, VA
- 21-23** – Inaugural International Plant Health Conference – London, UK

October

- 15-19** – SIAL Paris – Paris, France
- 19** – NAEGA/NGFA Pacific Northwest Regional Industry Workshop – Portland, OR/Virtual

November

- 17-18** – U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council Annual Workshop – Baltimore, MD
- 30**– IGTC General Assembly – Brussels, Belgium/Virtual

December

- TBD** – COP 16 – CBD – Turkey

2023

March

- 21-21** – NGFA 2023 Convention - La Quinta, California

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