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NAEGA issued the following Notice to the Trade
on Monday, January 24, 2005

NOTE: Following several meetings with our Japanese Counterpart organizations during 2004, a final agreement on recommended language to accommodate the new guidelines from MAFF for animal protein cross contamination was reached.

We very much appreciate the cooperation of the Japan Feed Trade Association (JFTA) and the Japan Oil and Fat Importers and Exporters Association (JOFIEA) on this and other projects.

**North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA)
NOTICE TO THE TRADE**

In response to the September 16, 2003 Japan Ministry of Food and Fisheries (MAFF) “Guidelines for Prevention of Contamination of Animal Origin Proteins in Ruminant Feeds”, NAEGA recommends the following two clauses and action be included in contractual arrangements for shipments of corn for animal feed, other feed grains and soybeans from the United States to Japan. Please note the MAFF guidelines are effective for shipments arriving in Japan on or after April 1, 2005.

- 1) For FOB Contract(s): “Seller does not knowingly handle animal protein commodities (as defined by MAFF guidelines) at a facility where contracted cargo will be loaded in consideration of the Guidelines for Prevention of Contamination of Animal Origin Proteins in Ruminant Feeds dated 16th September, 2003 effective from April 1, 2005 (New Guidelines) as amended revised or replaced. In the case animal proteins that are prohibited under MAFF guidelines are handled at facilities preceding to handling or loading of the contracted cargo, Seller shall wash down the relative part(s) where cleaning by washing is technically applicable and appropriate. Seller shall clean the remaining relative part(s) by using U.S. FDA recognized cleanout methods, provided however that the materials used for flushing or sequencing shall not contain any animal proteins as defined by the Clause II-3 of the New Guidelines.”

- 2) For C&F Contract(s), the following clauses should be added to the above clause for FOB contracts and seller should advise name of last cargo. “Vessels last cargo is not to be any animal protein prohibited under MAFF guidelines. If those cargoes loaded or might be loaded as last cargo, owners to wash down vessel’s holds to remove cargo residue of those and dry up prior to loading at the their risk and expense.”