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PSA Message to Members

We hope you are all doing well during these unprecedented times and want you to know that the Pacific Seed Association staff is here for you. COVID-19 has impacted everyone and every business, including the seed industry. We are proud to assist members who play such an essential role in agriculture and it has been heartwarming to see our members step up to help their communities. Send us any pictures and stories of the seed industry making a difference to share in our social media. We will continue to provide you with resources to help your staff navigate emerging issues that impact the seed industry. As a reminder, please watch your emails for news and updates from both the Pacific Seed Association and your management team, Ag Association Management Services Inc. (AAMSI). These emails contain valuable information and resources you may need at this time. As most of the staff are working remotely, please use email to communicate with us and send us any questions or concerns you may have as you navigate these times. Stay safe and healthy.

Renew Your 2020 Dues

Thank you to those members who have renewed their membership commitment to the Pacific Seed Association, we appreciate your continued support. We have mailed the 2nd notice to all those that have not yet had the time to send in your dues. We hope that you continue your involvement and we

want to remind you that PSA works on many important issues to represent the common interests of seed company members, seed support members and state seed associations in the Western U.S., Canada and Mexico. Together we educate and communicate legislative and regulatory issues affecting the seed industry and take action when required to protect the interests of the seed industry. We participate in numerous agricultural coalitions that are heavily involved in issues of interest and concern and in ensuring that programs important to agriculture are maintained and adequately funded.

In addition, all signs point to COVID-19 affecting the agriculture industry, and global and national economies, for months to come. AAMSI, PSA's management company, is keeping members informed of developments and providing your company with information and resources to help you weather the challenges that we will undoubtedly face for the foreseeable future.

To continue to work on your behalf, we need your support. Please return your membership dues at your earliest convenience. If you need another copy please email Donna at donna@agamsi.com. The renewal information for your PSA dues for 2020 is used for the directory and we need updated information to improve this year's directory. There are many advertising opportunities also available. Please review your dues invoice and verify that the information is accurate. PSA continues utilizing e-mail communications so please provide all e-mail addresses of contacts you wish to receive Association publications, alerts and mailings. We encourage multiple people from your company to get involved in our activities and committees - the more people involved, the stronger the association will continue to be.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you. If we can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Advertising in the Pacific Seed Association Membership Directory 2020

Each year the Pacific Seed Association publishes a membership directory.

The directory contains listings of member firms engaged in the western regional, non-profit organization of recognized individuals, firms, and corporations actively connected with the seed industry and its allied branches.

It is composed mainly of members located in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Mexico, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. **Please see the enclosed directory advertisement sheet and contract and send it back to the PSA office before the deadline of April 30, 2020.**

I encourage you to look over the enclosed informational brochure. We feel confident that your company will benefit by advertising in the PSA Directory. We sincerely appreciate your support of the Association and its activities and feel that the PSA Directory is a valuable tool for your company to utilize.

OSHA Updates

Recording of Occupational Illnesses

OSHA has issued a memorandum providing interim guidance to Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHOs) for enforcing the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1904 with respect to the recording of occupational illnesses, specifically cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). This memorandum will take effect immediately and remain in effect until further notice. This guidance is intended to be time-limited to the current public health crisis.

- <https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-10/enforcement-guidance-recording-cases-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

Guidance on the Use of Respiratory Protection Equipment

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued new [enforcement guidance on the use of respiratory protection equipment certified under international standards or other jurisdictions during the coronavirus disease pandemic](#). OSHA's memorandum provides additional interim guidance to compliance safety and health officers for enforcing the Respiratory Protection standard (29 CFR § 1910.134) and certain other health standards, with regard to supply shortages of disposable N95 filtering face-piece respirators (FFRs).

- <https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-03/enforcement-guidance-use-respiratory-protection-equipment-certified-under>

Please frequently check OSHA's webpage at www.osha.gov/coronavirus for updates.

CSMS #42429822 US-Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA) Interim Implementation Instructions

Cargo Systems Messaging Service

This message is to inform the trade community of the release of the USMCA Interim Implementing Instructions.

These Interim Implementing Instructions are informational and provide early guidance on the new requirements under the USMCA, including information on claiming USMCA preferential treatment for goods.

The Final Implementing Instructions will be released prior to the date the USMCA enters into force and will provide the Trade and Field with additional details on the USMCA entry, compliance, and other requirements.

To support the USMCA implementation, Title 19, Code of Federal Regulations 182 (19 CFR 182) is being developed to include the USMCA Uniform Regulations, USMCA Domestic Regulations, and Appendix. Further, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is to be amended to include General Note 11 with information on the USMCA rules of origin. As such, these Interim Implementing Instructions are subject to change pending the issuance of GN11 and 19 CFR 182 regulations.

Until the USMCA enters into force, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) requirements remain in effect.

These instructions are for advanced informational and advisory purposes only. They are not final and are subject to further revision. They are not intended to have legal or binding effect. Any decisions a reader makes based on this draft document are made with the understanding that the information in these instructions is advisory only and may change. The reader is responsible for monitoring the CBP website to ensure awareness of the status of any revisions to this document.

Questions regarding this guidance can be directed to Maya Kamar, Director, Textiles and Trade Agreements Division at (202) 945-7228 or email FTA@CBP.DHS.GOV.

- The USMCA Interim Implementing Instructions available [Here](#)
- The USMCA Implementation Act (Public Law No: 116-113) available [Here](#)
- The USMCA Agreement, Final Text available [Here](#)

Federal Legislative Report

The Federal Report this week includes SBA Funding Dries Up; Congress Will Not Return to Washington Until May 4, Americans Receive Stimulus Checks; Spend it Mostly on Food Purchases, President Trump Announces up to \$16 Billion in Farm Aid; \$2 Billion Towards Commodity Purchases and more.

[Read the Federal Report Here](#)

Pacific Seed Association Office Address

The association wants to remind members of its change of address and phone number when trying to contact the office staff. The association members can contact office staff by phone at 916-441-1064 or by emailing Director Donna Boggs, at donna@agamsi.com. The new office address is 1521 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Pacific Seed Association Signs Letter Urging Congress and the White House to Address Western Water Challenges

April 20, 2020

The Honorable

Donald Trump, President of the United States of America

The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the undersigned parties, we thank you for your unwavering

leadership and continued commitment to addressing the massive consequences caused by the recent COVID-19 outbreak by passing legislation to address and mitigate for this emergency. As you have stated, an important step in combating the long-term impacts of the pandemic is going to be a renewed effort to meet the systemic infrastructure demands of the nation. We strongly agree. In particular, we urge you to advance critically needed investments that address the shortcomings of our aging Western water infrastructure.

[Read the Full Letter Here](#)

Save the Date 2021 Annual Convention

February 14-17, 2021

Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa



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