



*“Working Together to Make Trade Work”*

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your work and that of your constituents to continue to prevent those seeds with pesticides designed to reduce, control or repel disease organisms, insects, or other pests that attack seed or seedlings from being present in commodity grains and oilseeds. We are again seeking your cooperation in the effort to continue the successful history of preventing any presence of treated seeds in US exports.

Seeds for planting that are often treated with one or more pesticides include corn, sorghum, wheat, and soybeans. Maintaining the stellar US reputation for appropriately managing all pesticides is one key element of providing for customer satisfaction and official acceptance for exports of these crops. Few concerns can be as damaging to supplier reputation for quality and safety of agricultural products as one over the presence of seed treatment compounds in commodities intended for use in food and feed.

As spring planting season moves toward completion, it is important that we draw attention to compliance with US law prohibiting the intentional addition of treated seeds to commodities and continuing the US system-wide diligence that prevents treated seeds in commodity grain and oilseed shipments. Please join us again in an industry wide effort to communicate the need to maintain our past success, comply with U.S. law and prevent treated seeds from entering the commodity supply.

Your communication with the public and constituents is needed as part of the ongoing industry wide effort to prevent treated seeds from inclusion in our grain and oilseed supply. We think it important to encourage through your communication in the next two or three weeks the need to prevent seeds that have been treated with pesticides from entering commodity supplies.

Once that is done, Please send us a copy of your communication or press reports related to the prevention of treated seeds in commodity grains and oilseeds. We often find such documentation useful to demonstrate the system wide efforts to prevent treated seeds from entering export channels.

Sincerely,

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