NORTH AMERICAN EXPORT GRAIN ASSOCIATION, INC.
FREE ON BOARD EXPORT CONTRACT U.S.A./CANADA

Revised as of May 1, 2000

Contract No. _______________________
New York, N.Y. 20

1. Sold by

2. Purchased by

3. Broker/Agent

4. Quantity
in bulk, including dockage, 5% more or less at buyer’s option, and at market price (per Clause 14) as follows: If the first delivery under this contract is for a quantity between contract minimum and contract maximum (both inclusive), no further deliveries shall be made. If this contract is to be executed by more than one vessel, the loading tolerance of 5% more or less shall apply on the difference between the mean contract quantity and the quantity that has been delivered on all prior vessels. Any delivery which falls within this difference, plus or minus 5%, shall complete the contract.

5. Weight
Quantity to be final at port of loading in accordance with customary weight certificates. 1,016 kilos shall be equal to 2,240 lbs.

6. Commodity
in accordance with the official grain standards of the United States or Canada, whichever applicable, in effect on the date of this contract.

7. Quality
Quality and condition to be final at port of loading in accordance with official inspection certificates.
In case of delivery at St. Lawrence ports, quality and condition to be final in accordance with Lake and/or loading ports official inspection certificates; Lake inspection certificates to be properly identified at ports of shipment.
Each party hereby authorizes the other party to request in both parties’ names an appeal inspection under the U.S. Grain Standards Act at any time prior to or during the loading of the vessel, and whether or not such request was filed before commencement of loading. The cost of such appeal inspection, unless otherwise stipulated in this contract, shall be borne by the party requesting it.
Delivery of higher grades or qualities of the same type and description is permissible. The commodity is not warranted free from defect, rendering same unmerchantable, which would not be apparent on reasonable examination, any statute or rule of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

8. Delivery
Delivery shall be made between [ ] and [ ], both inclusive (the “delivery period”), at discharge end of loading spout, to buyer’s tonnage in readiness to load, in accordance with custom of the port and subject to the elevator tariff to the extent that it does not conflict with the terms of this contract. Incorporation of a loading rate guaranty in this contract shall not entitle seller to delay delivery.
Buyer shall give vessel nominations (“preadvance”) in accordance with Clause 15, in time for seller to receive minimum [ ] days notice of probable readiness of tonnage and quantities required (the "preadvance period"). Buyer to keep seller informed of changes in expected date of vessel readiness.

Time for the preadvance shall be deemed to commence to count at 1200 noon, local time at place of receipt, on the business day of receipt by seller and shall be counted in consecutive periods of 24 hours.
Seller shall, if applicable, declare port and berth of loading within a reasonable time (but not later than [ ] days) after receipt by seller of the preadvance, except that seller shall not be obligated to make such declaration earlier than (a) the 8th day prior to commencement of the delivery period for port declaration and (b) the 5th day prior to commencement of the delivery period for berth declaration.
The vessel shall not be prevented from filing and from taking its place in the vessel line-up at the designated port/berth during the preadvance period or before commencement of the delivery period, notwithstanding which, seller shall not be obligated to effect delivery to the vessel before the expiration of the preadvance period or before commencement of the delivery period. For the purposes of this contract a vessel shall be considered filed when it (a) has tendered valid notice of readiness to load to the charterer or its agent, at the port of loading, (b) has given written advice of such tender to the loading elevator, complete with all customarily required documents, such advice having been presented between the hours of 0900 and 1600 local time on a business day or between the hours of 0900 and 1200 noon on Saturday (provided not a holiday) and (c) is ready to receive grain in the compartments required for loading under this contract.
Buyer shall be allowed to make one substitution of a vessel, provided the substituting vessel is of the same type and approximately the same size and position.
If the original or the substituting vessel is unable to lift the commodity by reason of the vessel having sunk or having suffered incapacitating physical damage, an additional substitution shall be made of a vessel of the same type and approximately the same size, and with a position agreeable to buyer and seller. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld. The nomination of the substituting vessel shall be subject to the preadvance requirements of this clause, regardless of any preadvance previously given, unless the estimated time of arrival of the substituting vessel is the same as the estimated time of arrival of the original vessel when nominated. No substitution of vessels other than as provided in this clause shall be made. If this is a “named vessel” contract, no substitution other than after a casualty as described above shall be permitted.

9. Days
In any month containing an odd number of days, the middle day shall be reckoned as belonging to both halves of the month.
If this contract is for a flat price, any variance in quantity from the mean contract quantity shall be settled basis the FOB market value (as defined in paragraph (a) and (b) below).

If the contract price is to be established on an exchange of futures, futures shall be exchanged prior to delivery of the commodity or at least 5 calendar days prior to the last trading day of the applicable futures month, whichever is earlier, to the nearest 5,000 bushels of the mean contract quantity. If delivery under this contract result in a variance from the mean contract quantity, there shall be another exchange of futures as soon as possible after the last date of loading to bring the resulting amount of futures exchanged to the nearest 5,000 bushels of the quantity delivered. All exchanges of futures shall be made within the range of prices prevailing on the futures market on the date of the exchange. The variance from the mean contract quantity shall be settled basis the market value of the premium (as defined in paragraph (a) and (b) below).

(a) The FOB (Flat price) market value, or the market value of the premium, as the case may be, shall be that prevailing on the close of the appropriate market in the country of origin of the commodity on the last date of loading, if such be a business day, otherwise on the close of such market on the previous business day.

(b) In the event the parties do not agree on the market value by the time the shipping documents are ready to be transmitted to buyer, seller shall invoice the entire shipment provisionally at contract price. Thereafter, final invoice for the difference between contract price and market value shall be presented as soon as possible and payment shall be made immediately.

11. Payment

(a) Net cash by irrevocable divisible letters of credit issued or confirmed by a prime U.S. bank in New York (or available by mutual agreement), available by sight drafts accompanied by shipping documents per Clause 12 of warehouse receipts if option (c) of Clause 18 is exercised. Such letters of credit, in a form acceptable to seller, shall be established not later than 5 days prior to the beginning of the delivery period, and shall be valid at least until the 30th day after expiration of the delivery period. Should delivery be delayed beyond the delivery period, buyer, if requested by seller, shall amend letters of credit accordingly and buyer shall increase the amount of the letter of credit to provide for carrying charges, if applicable. All bank charges shall be for buyer's account.

(b) Net cash in U.S. Dollars, by telegraphic transfer to the bank designated by seller, against presentation of and in exchange for shipping documents per Clause 12 of warehouse receipts if option (c) of Clause 18 is exercised. Such presentation shall be made in the city of ________.

All bank charges in connection with payment shall be for buyer's account.

12. Shipping Documents

Payment to be made against bills of lading or mate's receipts (at seller's option), and weight and inspection certificates. However, if practicable, seller shall follow instructions of buyer in establishing bills of lading containing such clauses as buyer's vessel's agent or owners usually endorse or attach. Buyer shall accept such bills of lading but seller assumes no responsibility for their correctness.

13. Notice of Delivery

Notice of delivery stating vessel's name, date of bills of lading, quantities and qualities loaded (including percentage of docage if applicable) shall be given or passed on by seller to buyer without undue delay. Notices of delivery shall be subject to correction of any errors.

14. Insurance

Marine and war risk (plus strikes, riots, civil commotions and mine risk) insurance, covering seller's interests as they may appear, to be covered by buyer with first-class approved companies, and/or underwriters and to be confirmed by such companies and/or underwriters to seller at least 5 days prior to the expected readiness of the vessel. If this confirmation is not received by seller by such time, seller may place such insurance for buyer's account and at buyer's risk and expense.

15. Communications

All notices under this contract shall be given by letter, if delivered by hand on the day of writing, or by cable, telex or other method of rapid written communication. Any notice received after 1600 hours (local time at place of receipt) on a business day shall be deemed to have been received on the following business day, except that for notices given and received by parties which are both located in the Continental United States and/or Canada, the reference herein to 1600 hours shall signify 1600 hours New York City time (E.S.T. or E.D.T., as in effect on date of receipt of the notice).

16. Circles

(a) For the purposes of this clause, a circle shall consist of a series of contracts in which each party is also a buyer or a commodity owner, the same description and quality, for delivery at the same point and with compatible delivery periods.

(b) If this contract forms part of a circle, each party may agree with the other parties in the circle to forgo actual delivery and to participate in a clearing agreement for the settlement of contract price differences. Monies due and owed to parties in the circle shall be payable on the middle day of the contract delivery period.

(c) If a circle is shown to exist but no clearing agreement has been reached by the 10th calendar day following the last day of the delivery period, actual delivery shall not be made and payment shall be made by each buyer to its seller of the excess of seller's invoice amount over the lowest invoice amount in the circle. Such payments shall be made promptly after the 10th calendar day following the last day of the delivery period.

(d) Should any party in a circle fail to make payment on the due date as required under paragraph (b) or (c) above for reasons cited in Clause 23 or for any other reason, payment shall be made between each buyer and its seller of the difference between the seller's invoice amount at contract price and the market value of the commodity on date of insolvency or default, as the case may be. Such payment shall be made latest on the 2nd business day after the due date under paragraph (b) or (c) above.

(e) All circle settlements shall be based on the mean contract quantity.

(f) If a circle under paragraph (b), (c) or (d) above exists, Clause 21 shall not apply and Clauses 18 and 20 shall not be invoked. Payments due on a non-business day shall be made not later than the following business day.

All payments made after the delivery period shall include carrying charges from the day following the last day of the delivery period, to the date of payment, at the rates stipulated in this contract. These carrying charges shall be settled individually between each buyer and its seller.

The parties agree that any dispute arising out of the voluntary clearing agreement entered into in accordance with paragraph (b) above shall be subject to arbitration as to any party thereunto. Such arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Clause 30.
17. U.S./Canadian Government Rules and Regulations

Buyer and seller agree to comply with the U.S. and Canadian regulatory prerequisites applicable to this contract, including, but not limited to, those governing any export subsidy, destination controls, government financing of agricultural commodities and the monitoring of export purchases and sales. Any losses, fines, penalties, expenses, costs or damages incurred as a result of failure to perform in accordance with this provision shall be borne by the party responsible for such failure.

18. Failure to Take Delivery

If vessel fails to file before the end of the delivery period, buyer shall be in breach of contract and seller shall carry the grain for buyer's account and risk as provided in Clause 19. In the event that buyer has not given vessel nominations conforming to the applicable provisions of Clause 8 by the 15th calendar day following the last day of the delivery period, or if the vessels have been nominated within such time, fail to file by the 35th calendar day following the last day of the delivery period, seller may, in its discretion: (a) continue to carry the commodity for buyer's account and risk, (b) declare buyer in default, or (c) tender to buyer proper warehouse receipts in a quantity equal to the mean quantity open under this contract, in exchange for which buyer shall pay at contract price plus accrued carrying charges, less out-elevation and outbound weighing and inspection charges. Such tender of warehouse receipts shall be deemed due performance of the contract by seller.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS PROVIDING FOR DELIVERY AT ST. LAWRENCE, GREAT LAKES OR HUDSON BAY PORTS:

(1) Seller shall be barred from declaring option (b) above while the navigation in the designated delivery area is officially closed for the ice season, and for 20 days thereafter.

(2) However, if options (a), (b) and (c) above become available to seller only while the navigation is officially closed, the seller may declare option (b) during the first 10 days it becomes available to him; thereafter, he shall be barred from declaring it until the 21st day after the official opening of navigation.

(3) If seller carries the grain into the new season for buyer's account, buyer shall have the right to nominate vessels per Clause 8, regardless of whether vessels were already nominated during the delivery period.

19. Carrying Charges

If the commodity is being carried for buyer's account and risk as provided in Clause 18, it is mutually agreed that carrying charges, consisting of storage, insurance and interest, shall accrue as follows:

(a) Storage and insurance from the day following the last day of the delivery period up to and including the dates of delivery (or if seller exercises option (a) or (c) of Clause 18, the date applicable thereon), both dates inclusive, at the following rates:

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(b) Interest from the day following the last day of the delivery period up to and including the last day of delivery (or if seller exercises option (a) or (c) of Clause 18, the date applicable thereon), both dates inclusive, at the following rates:

20. Strikes or Other Causes of Delay in Delivery

(a) This clause shall apply if delivery by seller of the commodity, or any part thereof, is prevented or delayed at the port(s) of delivery and/or elevator(s) of delivery or elsewhere, or if the forwarding of the commodity to such port(s) and/or elevator(s) is prevented, by reason of the causes enumerated in paragraph (b) below: PROVIDED that seller shall have sent notice to buyer not later than 2 business days after the date of commencement of the causes, or not later than 2 business days after the 1st day of the delivery period, whichever occurs later (except that subsequent sellers shall not be bound by these deadlines, provided they pass along the notice to their buyer, without delay); and PROVIDED further that seller shall, at buyer's request, furnish a certificate of the North American Export Grain Association, Inc., certifying the existence and the duration of the causes. Such certificate shall be final.

(b) The causes of delay and/or prevention ("causes") referred to in paragraph (a) above shall be:

(1) Riots, strikes, lockouts, interruptions in or stoppages of the normal course of labor,
(2) Embargoes or exceptional impediments to transportation,
(3) Action by Federal, State or local government or authority.

(c) The obligation of seller to make delivery shall be suspended while the causes are in effect, until the termination of the causes and/or the resumption of work after the termination of the causes, whichever is later. Seller shall not be responsible for further delays after resumption of work (whether such termination or resumption of work occurs prior to, during or after the delivery period) except that, if a vessel nominated under this contract is not loaded in the proper port or is bypassed by vessels (other than liners) which had filed after the vessel nominated under this contract, seller shall pay to buyer damages equal to the actual working time lost (weather working days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded) to buyer's vessel during the loading of the bypassing vessels, at the demurrage rate in the Charter Party for the vessel nominated under this contract. If the Charter Party of the vessel under this contract does not indicate a demurrage rate, the damages are to be calculated at a reasonable demurrage rate predicated on the then current market, to be agreed upon amicably or to be determined by arbitration.

(d) (1) If the causes commence before or during the delivery period and terminate during or after delivery period, then the delivery period shall be deemed to be extended by a number of days equivalent to the period starting with the commencement of the causes or the commencement of the delivery period, whichever is later, and ending with the termination of the causes, and/or the resumption of work after the termination of the causes, whichever is later.

(2) If the causes commence during the additional time afforded to buyer under Clause 18 with respect to vessel nominations and fillings, then the right of seller to exercise option (b) or (c) under Clause 18 shall be deemed to be delayed by a number of days equivalent to the period starting with the commencement of the causes and ending with the termination of the causes and/or the resumption of work after the termination of the causes, whichever is later.

(c) Carrying charges, if due under Clauses 18/19, shall begin to accrue on the day following the last day of the delivery period, as extended by paragraph (d)(1) above; however, if this clause becomes operative while carrying charges are already accruing, then such charges shall continue to accrue as they would had they been in the absence of the causes.
21. Prohibition
In case of prohibition of export, blockade or hostilities or in case of any executive or legislative act done by or on behalf of the government of the country of origin or of the territory where the ports of shipment named herein are situated, restricting export, whether partially or otherwise, any such restriction shall be deemed by both parties to apply to this contract and to the extent of such total or partial restriction to prevent fulfillment and to that extent this contract or any unfulfilled portion thereof shall be cancelled without prejudice to seller's entitlement to carrying charges. Seller shall advise buyer without delay of the reasons therefor, and if required by buyer, seller shall provide certification of the North American Export Grain Association, Inc., as sufficient evidence for cancellation under this clause.

22. Default
In case of default by either party, the other party shall be at liberty, after giving notice, to resell or repurchase, as the case may be, without undue delay and the defaulting party shall make good the loss, if any, to the other party but the defaulting party shall not be entitled to any profit. If the non-defaulting party has not repurchased or resold the commodity by the 10th calendar day after the giving of notice of default, the market value on the said 10th day shall be used for settlement purposes. If such 10th day falls on a non-business day, the market value on the previous business day shall govern. In the event of a default by buyer, the sale price under this contract shall automatically be increased by the value of carrying charges calculated up to the date of resale, or the 10th calendar day after the giving of notice of default, whichever is applicable.

23. Insolvency
Either party shall, at any time after sending notice, have the right to terminate this contract and to recover the loss (if any) in the event that:
(a) the other party suspends payment or commits an act of bankruptcy;
(b) reasonable grounds for insolvency having arisen with respect to the financial capacity of the other party to perform under this contract, and a writen demand for adequate assurance of due performance having been made, such assurance is not received within a period of time not exceeding 5 days.

24. Construction
For the purposes of this contract, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, plural terms include the singular.

25. Passage of Title
Anything in this contract to the contrary notwithstanding, seller shall retain title to the commodity until such time as buyer has paid in full (per Clause 11), it being understood that risk of loss shall pass to buyer on delivery at discharge end of loading spout (per Clause 8).

26. Limitation of Liability
The liability of the seller under the contract, except as expressly stated herein, shall be limited to its actions in delivering the commodity at discharge end of loading spout and to presentation of the contractually required documentation. Any claims, losses, costs, damages, etc., arising from events or actions thereafter shall be the responsibility of the buyer, who shall indemnify seller for all costs (including attorney fees) and damages thereby incurred.

27. International Conventions
The following shall not apply to this contract:
(b) the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods of 1980; and

28. Governing Law
The parties agree that this contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, notwithstanding any choice of law provision to the contrary.

29. Other Conditions

30. Arbitration
Buyer and seller expressly agree that any controversy or claim arising out of, in connection with or relating to this contract, or the interpretation, performance or breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in the City of New York before the American Arbitration Association (AAA), or its successors, in accordance with the International Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, as those Rules may be in effect at the time of such arbitration proceeding, which Rules are hereby deemed incorporated herein and made a part hereof, and under the laws of the State of New York. The number of arbitrators shall be three. Each party shall designate one arbitrator, and those two shall name a third, with the AAA making appointments if the tribunal is not formed by this procedure. The arbitrator named by the party-appointed arbitrators shall be from the list of grain arbitrators maintained by the AAA. Any arbitrator appointed by the AAA may be from the list of grain arbitrators maintained by the AAA or the AAA Commercial Arbitration Panel. The language of the arbitration shall be English. In disputes involving a "string" of contracts, two or more arbitrations may be consolidated before the same tribunal, at the written request of any party. The tribunal in consolidated arbitrations shall be mindful of differences in terms between the various contracts and in the action of the parties, and vary the award from contract to contract, if indicated. The arbitration award shall be final and binding on the parties and judgment upon such arbitration award may be entered in the Supreme Court of the State of New York or any other court having jurisdiction thereof. Buyer and seller hereby recognize and expressly consent to the jurisdiction over each of them of the American Arbitration Association or its successors, and all of the courts of the State of New York. The parties agree that arbitration awards may be released by the AAA and the North American Export Grain Association, Inc., for distribution to the interested public. Buyer and seller agree that this contract shall be deemed to have been made in New York State and be deemed to be performed there, any reference herein or elsewhere to the contrary notwithstanding.
This Addendum shall apply if the parties have agreed to be bound by a loading rate guaranty, and provided that lifting under this contract is by one self-trimming bulk carrier only.

1. Seller guarantees to deliver at an average rate of _______________ long tons per weather working day of 24 consecutive hours, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted, provided vessel can receive at such rate. Holidays shall be those listed as such in the BIMCO Holiday Calendar and/or in the elevator tariff.

2. For this purpose, laytime shall commence to count:
   (a) at 0700 hours on the business day following filing of the vessel in accordance with Clause 8 of North American Export Grain Association, Inc., FOB Contract No. 2 (“NAEGA 2”),
   (b) at 0700 hours on the business day following expiration of the pre-advise period stipulated in Clause 8 of NAEGA 2, unless an earlier date is agreed to by both parties,
   (c) at 0000 hours on the first business day of the contract delivery period, unless an earlier date is agreed to by both parties, whichever is the latest, whether vessel is in berth or not.

3. Any overtime work performed by the elevator and/or grain inspection and weighing services and/or stevedores shall be for seller’s account if ordered by the elevator or the Port Authority; otherwise, for account of the party ordering the overtime.

4. Should seller deliver at less than the stipulated rate, seller to pay buyer demurrage at $ ______________ per day for each additional day (or pro-rata for part of day) used. Should seller deliver faster than at the stipulated rate, buyer to pay seller dispatch money at half the demurrage rate, i.e., $ ______________ per day, for each day (or pro-rata for part of day) of laytime saved.

5. Any additional period of the vessel nominated under this contract is not loaded in proper rotation but is bypassed by vessels (other than lines) which have filed after the vessel nominated under this contract, seller shall pay to buyer damages equal to the actual working time lost (i.e., weather working days, but Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded) to buyer’s vessel during the loading of the bypassing vessels, at the demurrage rate stipulated in Clause 2 above. The provisions regarding payment of damages under paragraph (c) of Clause 20 of NAEGA 2 shall not apply to this Addendum.

Notwithstanding the above, if time has started to count under Clause 1 above within the delivery period, and demurrage is already accruing under this Addendum when the causes of prevention or delay commence under Clause 20 of NAEGA 2, demurrage shall continue to accrue as if those causes did not exist. In such case, the preceding paragraph shall be deemed to be deleted.

6. Buyer’s or seller’s claim under this Addendum shall be accompanied by the statement of facts at loading, signed on behalf of the owner and the charterer or on behalf of the owner and by the supplier, and such other papers as may be necessary to process the claim. If payment is not made within 40 days from date of mailing of properly documented claim, interest shall accrue, starting on the 41st day after such mailing, and shall be computed on the total amount due, at the rate of interest stipulated elsewhere in this contract, up to the date of payment of the claim.

If vessel nominated under this contract also lifts additional commodities (grain and/or oilseeds), regardless of whether or not such commodities are covered by loading rate guaranties, the following shall apply:

(a) For commodities delivered to vessel at the same berth:
   The “time allowed” shall be arrived at by dividing the tonnage loaded under this contract by the daily rate stipulated in Clause 1 above. A calculation of “total time used” for all the commodities loaded at the berth shall be made, in which any such time in excess of the “time allowed” shall be computed as time on demurrage. The “total time used” shall then be pro-rated to the tonnage loaded under this contract. The “time allowed” shall be deducted from this pro-rated figure to arrive at the time on demurrage or time saved under this contract.

(b) If the commodities other than those under this contract are delivered at another berth(s) in the same port:
   The waiting time (“waiting time”) at the first berth shall be pro-rated among all the contracts for the commodities to be delivered to the vessel. The time spent getting to and used at the first berth (“berth time”) shall be pro-rated among the contracts loaded at the first berth. The waiting time at the second berth shall be pro-rated among all remaining contracts for the commodities yet to be delivered to the vessel. The berth time at the second berth shall be pro-rated among the contracts loaded at the second berth.
Waiting time and berth time for berths subsequent to the second berth shall be treated in a similar manner as for the second berth.
Waiting time shall cease and berth time begin when pilot is on board and vessel lifts anchor in order to proceed to the loading berth.
Berth time shall cease when loading is completed at that berth and waiting time shall begin when vessel drops anchor in waiting area after having sailed from berth.
If no waiting time is involved between berths, berth time at the next berth shall begin when vessel sails from the previous berth.
If, between the time that the vessel is ordered into a berth and the time of completion of loading at that berth, the vessel is ordered into one or more other berths, subsequently incurred waiting time at this (these) other berth(s) shall not count.
(c) If the commodities other than those under this contract are delivered at (an)other port(s):

The laytime statement shall be prepared as if the vessel had not called at another port. If the commodities under this contract are loaded at the second or a subsequent port, the words “lifting of the vessel in accordance with Clause 8 of the North American Export Grain Association, Inc., FOB Contract No. 2 ("NAEGA 2") in Clause 1(a) above shall be deemed to read “presentation of the vessel’s passes”. If, however, the first and second or subsequent ports have been nominated by the seller of the grain under this contract, laytime for the second and/or subsequent port(s) shall commence upon vessel’s arrival at that or the subsequent port(s); except that, if vessel fails inspection at such port(s), laytime shall cease to count until vessel passes.

7. If vessel fails reinspection at the loading berth, laytime shall cease to count until vessel passes.

8. Any trimming costs as well as overtime costs for performing trimming shall be for buyer’s account. Any time used for trimming shall not count as laytime and/or shall be exempt from demurrage, unless loading operations are being carried on simultaneously in other holds.

9. Other Conditions:

10. Buyer and seller expressly agree that any controversy or claim arising out of, in connection with or relating to this contract, or the interpretation, performance or breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in the City of New York before the American Arbitration Association (AAA), or its successors, in accordance with the International Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, as those Rules may be in effect at the time of such arbitration proceeding, which Rules are hereby deemed incorporated herein and made a part hereof, and under the laws of the State of New York. The number of arbitrators shall be three. Each party shall designate one arbitrator, and those two shall name a third, with the AAA making appointments if the tribunal is not formed by this procedure. The arbitrator named by the party-appointed arbitrators shall be from the list of grain arbitrators maintained by the AAA. Any arbitrator appointed by the AAA may be from the list of grain arbitrators maintained by the AAA or the AAA Commercial Arbitration Panel. The language of the arbitration shall be English. In disputes involving a “string” of contracts, two or more arbitrations may be consolidated before the same tribunal, at the written request of any party. The tribunal in consolidated arbitrations shall be mindful of differences in terms between the various contracts and in the action of the parties, and vary the award from contract to contract, if indicated. The arbitration award shall be final and binding on the parties and judgment upon such arbitration award may be entered in the Supreme Court of the State of New York or any other court having jurisdiction thereof. Buyer and seller hereby recognize and expressly consent to the jurisdiction over each of them of the American Arbitration Association or its successors, and all of the courts of the State of New York. The parties agree that arbitration awards may be released by the AAA to the North American Export Grain Association, Inc., for distribution to the interested public. Buyer and seller agree that this contract shall be deemed to have been made in New York State and be deemed to be performed there, any reference herein or elsewhere to the contrary notwithstanding.