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- New EC regulation on marketing standards for sardines
- New WTO consultations requested by the EC to terminate the US and Canadian trade sanctions on its products in the EC – Hormones dispute
- India and the EC accuse Indonesia of violating WTO rules
- Is there a need for clearer food labelling of ready meal ingredients and their origin?
- The EC gives 16 developing countries duty-free access under its GSP+scheme

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- WTO consultations with the EC requested by the US concerning restrictions on its poultry exports
- New EC rules requiring mandatory designation of origin labelling for extra virgin and virgin olive oils destined for sale to final consumers are to be adopted soon by the EC Commission
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- Canada suspends its WTO complaint over US meat labels requiring country of origin labelling
- Comments on the new WTO Rules texts
- European Parliament adopts pesticides package

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- The new EC Regulation on the classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals based on the UN GHS is in force

- The EC has re-introduced 'export refunds' for certain agricultural products
- New ruling on US – Zeroing

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- EC prompt intervention provides an example of how to effectively avoid third countries' SPS trade bans
- US modifies the list of the EC products subject to additional duties
- New clash on import policies between Argentina and Brazil

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- Australia and New Zealand recognise Vietnam as a 'market economy' country for the purposes of anti-dumping procedures
- The European Court of Justice (ECJ) rules that the right of public access to information applies to releases of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)
- Canada and the EC appear set to enhance their trade relations
- The European Commission decides to apply temporary duties on US biodiesel

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- Malaysian fishery products have met EC food safety requirements
- US import ban on Chinese poultry products may lead to a WTO dispute
- Diagonal cumulation of origin applies between the EC, Turkey and the Western Balkans
- EC Parliamentary Committee voted in favour of a trade ban on seal products
- The EC and Korea stand to conclude FTA negotiations soon

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- The EC takes steps to facilitate the use of a voluntary Eco-labelling system
- India has relaxed its import conditions for poultry and pig meat products
- EC terminated anti-dumping proceedings on imports of steel products originating from China
- Despite EC Member States' significant progress in developing GM coexistence legislation during the last years, cultivation of GM crops remains marginal
- The aftermath of the US-Gambling dispute: further action by the EC is anticipated

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- The EC amends the list of US products on whose imports additional customs duties will be imposed
- Germany imposes ban on the cultivation of Genetically Modified (GM) Maize
- Canada requests WTO consultations about measures affecting the importation of bovine meat and meat products into Korea
- GCC and EC resume discussions on signing an FTA

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- WTO Panel report finds Colombian measures on indicative prices and restrictions on ports of entry inconsistent with GATT obligations
- ACP Countries oppose the EC's intention to further modify its scheduled commitments in the aftermath of the Bananas dispute
- Food enzymes: EC list on approved food enzymes and labelling requirements
- Series of bans imposed on pork trade

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- The EC and the US reach a deal to end the EC - Hormones dispute
- Canada and Mexico request supplementary WTO consultations on US country-of-origin (COOL) measures
- EC Parliament votes in favour of a ban on imports of seal products

- Italy referred to the Court of Justice over its failure to notify implementing measures concerning the labelling of certain ingredients which are susceptible to cause allergenic reactions

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- EC Commission plans to support olive oil sector with storage aid
- EC Commission proposes to impose definitive countervailing and anti-dumping duties on US biodiesel
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- EC – Andean FTA is under the risk of failure over intellectual property rights

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- The WTO allows Ecuador seven more months of its import restrictions
- The result of the EC investigation into US Internet gambling laws appears to demonstrate violations of WTO rules
- EC signs interim EPA with three members of the Southern African Development Community

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- The EC-US deal to end the EC – Hormones dispute attracts the attention of major beef exporting countries
- The new EC feed regulation promises to strengthen food safety in the EC
- WTO Members discussed trade restrictive measures imposed in response to H1N1 flu
- The EC-West Africa Economic Partnership Agreement is due to be signed in October 2009

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- US House of Representatives passes a bill imposing taxes on products from countries failing to cap greenhouse gas emissions

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- India bans dairy products, cell phones and toys from China
- EC Member States clash over the use of GM crops

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- The EC is planning measures to stabilise its dairy market
- Brazil and Argentina clash over Argentinean import licensing scheme

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- The EC requests WTO consultations against Philippines' tax on imported liquor
- Japan – Switzerland FTA takes effect
- EC signs Interim EPAs with Papua New Guinea and four ESA countries
- EFSA publishes data requirements for food additive applications and, in a second opinion, specifies requirements for the safety assessment of GM plants

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- Diverging MRLs in different markets: trade barriers or normal regulatory hurdles?

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- The EC opens a tariff-rate quota on imports of high-quality beef to implement the deal to end the EC - Hormones dispute

- The WTO Dispute Settlement Body established a WTO panel on the application of the zeroing methodology by the US on Brazil's exports of orange juice to the US
- The EC Council agreed on the imposition of anti-dumping duties on imports of aluminium foil from Armenia, Brazil and China
- New trade opportunities under the Canada/Ukraine and Canada/EC FTA negotiations

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- Are the new EC rules on toy safety too burdensome for manufacturers and traders?
- The EC reaches a compromise with Uruguay in the whisky case, while it is still looking for a solution to its 'alcohol problem' with the Philippines
- The US requests the establishment of a panel on the EC poultry ban
- The EC and South Korea conclude negotiations for a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement

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- Are the measures taken by the EC to combat the dairy crisis WTO compatible?
- EC to decide upon on the possible extension of AD duties on Chinese and Vietnamese shoes
- Are information messages for food additives under EC law de facto trade barriers?
- Canada requests the establishment of a Panel in the US – COOL case

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- The changes to EC trade policy after the Lisbon Treaty enters into force

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- Imminent Commission Regulation establishing the new lists of vitamins and minerals and their forms which may be used in food supplements
- Conflicting interests between free trade and climate protection
- The US requested NAFTA consultations with Mexico regarding Mexico's failure to move the Tuna-Dolphin dispute from WTO to NAFTA

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- Argentina, Brazil and India are contemplating a WTO challenge of the EU's REACH Regulation
- French initiative towards a 'GMO-free' labelling of foodstuffs
- EU Commission proposes a 15 months extension for anti-dumping duties on Chinese and Vietnamese footwear
- The Byrd amendment still lingers around

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