



### Issue No. 1 of 10 January 2014

- Trade-restrictive measures imposed by the EU against South African citrus fruits may be incompatible with WTO rules
- A new round of EU duty suspensions and tariff quotas came into effect
- Country of origin labelling for cocoa in chocolate?
- Potential trade frictions between the EU and Brazil concerning bovine trade in 2014

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- EU requests WTO consultations with Brazil concerning certain taxes and charges
- New EU rules on public procurement discussed at the EU Parliament
- German Court prohibits the publication of a test report on the use of the term '*natural flavouring*' by a German chocolate manufacturer
- Argentina filed a request for WTO consultations with the EU concerning anti-dumping duties on biodiesel

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- The EU and Russia seek to agree on measures to address African Swine Flu outbreak
- Investor-to-state dispute settlement provisions in investment agreements
- The EU Parliament adopts a resolution on food fraud

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- The US requests WTO consultations with India concerning measures relating to solar cells and solar modules
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- What the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement may reveal regarding future investment protection provisions in international trade agreements

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- The EU Parliament rejects the EU Commission's proposed definition of '*engineered nanomaterials*' added to foodstuffs
- The revised WTO Agreement on Government Procurement will come into force on 6 April 2014

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- Specific trade concern raised before the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade regarding the US Environmental Protection Agency's Renewable Fuel Standard
- The panel reports on the WTO disputes *China – Rare Earths* have been published
- Stricter health warnings on caffeine content in energy drinks

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- The EU requests WTO consultations with Russia over measures linked to the African Swine Fever outbreak
- New developments regarding the regulation of foods intended for sportspeople in the EU
- India raises concerns on the EU's measures affecting the importation of five fruits and vegetables

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- WTO SPS Committee Members fail again to advance their work relating to private standards
- '*Gluten-free*' labelling on foodstuffs in the EU and related dietary issues of '*free-from*' labels
- Discrepancies among EU Member States remain in relation to mandatory country of origin indication

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- Declaration of the specific vegetable oil used in food will soon be mandatory in the EU
- Russia requests WTO consultations with the EU concerning the EU's Third Energy Package
- Privacy and electronic commerce issues addressed in the most recent Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations
- The EU adopted a framework to better enforce its rights under international trade agreements

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- The WTO Appellate Body issues its report in the *EC – Seal Products* disputes
- Recent developments surrounding the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the EU and the US
- Reducing food loss and food waste by amending labelling legislation on minimum durability of food?

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- The EU Commission reportedly revises its draft implementing measures under the EU's Fuel Quality Directive
- Health warning and '*plain packaging*' regulations may soon target soda drinks and other sugary products in some countries
- How the new EU Directive establishing that pollen is a natural constituent and not an ingredient of honey may have consequences for '*GM-free*' claims

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- German court repeals the withdrawal of marketing authorisation of kava-containing medicinal products
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- In parallel to the general EU food labelling rules established in the FIR, new labelling rules for fishery and aquaculture products enter into effect on 13 December 2014

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- Italian EU presidency prioritises fight against food fraud
- Recently released WTO panel report addresses Argentina's restrictive import measures
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- TiSA participants welcome its 8<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations in Geneva
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- WTO Members adopt a mediation procedure for the resolution of disagreements on sanitary and phytosanitary matters
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- Questions on the classification and labelling of '*colouring foods*' and food additives in the EU

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- The EU requests the establishment of a WTO panel in its dispute against various tax advantages in Brazil
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- Uncertainties in relation to the labelling of fish and seafood in the EU

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- Mandatory declaration of specific vegetable oils in food as of 13 December 2014

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