



## Issue No. 1 of 11 January 2013

- A WTO panel has found the local content requirement of Ontario's feed-in-tariff scheme to be discriminatory
- Potential consequences of EFSA's scientific opinion concluding that maize MON810 pollen is safe for the labelling of honey
- The EU Commission has adopted its proposal for the enforcement of EU rights under the international trading system
- EU-Singapore FTA specially designed to promote green growth

## Issue No. 2 of 25 January 2013

- Brazil may initiate a WTO dispute concerning import restrictions imposed on beef products
- Advocate General Kokott agrees with the EU General Court decision that an action taken by the Inuit to annul the EU '*seals regime*' was inadmissible
- The EU amends the list concerning reinforced border controls of '*high-risk*' non-animal products and further escalates import controls on certain products
- Investment protection issues at stake in the EU-Canada free trade negotiations

## Issue No. 3 of 8 February 2013

- The WTO Dispute Settlement Body has granted Antigua authorisation to retaliate against the US within the US – Gambling dispute
- The EU Commission publishes a guidance document on the Food Information Regulation
- US export restraints on Liquefied Natural Gas may violate WTO rules
- The WTO Dispute Settlement Body establishes a panel to examine certain measures imposed by Argentina on the importation of goods

## Issue No. 4 of 22 February 2013

- Increasing WTO litigation concerning governmental support to green energies: the US challenges India's programme and all parties appeal Canada's scheme
- The EU Commission seeks a mandate to join plurilateral negotiations on services
- The EU and the US may initiate formal negotiations on a comprehensive transatlantic trade and investment partnership

## Issue No. 5 of 8 March 2013

- The EU imposes anti-dumping measures on bioethanol imported from the US
- The horsemeat scandal in the EU: Calls for country of origin labelling of meat ingredients in ready meals, DNA testing and severe sanctions for intentional violations of food chain rules
- The EU Timber Regulation comes into force outlawing illegal timber and timber products from the EU market

## Issue No. 6 of 22 March 2013

- The EU fails to approve a ban on neonicotinoid insecticides although EFSA's risk assessment concluded that their use implies risks for bees
- The EU plans to introduce a mandatory country of origin labelling requirement
- US compliance measure in the Country of Origin Labelling WTO case: is it the end of the story?

## Issue No. 7 of 5 April 2013

- The EU Commission adopts a package of proposals on trademark protection
- EU Parliament vetoes EU definition of the absinth spirit drink (also known as the '*green fairy*')
- A Renewable Progress Report by the EU Commission finds no direct link between biofuel production and increase of local food prices

## Issue No. 8 of 19 April 2013

- The EU Single Market for Green Products and the proliferation of environmental claims
- The EU Commission proposes to modernise EU Trade Defence Instruments
- Would GI protection under EU law defend Belgian Chocolate from misuse of the name '*Belgian Chocolate*'?

## Issue No. 9 of 3 May 2013

- An expanded product list under the WTO Information Technology Agreement is reportedly expected within the next months
- CJEU rules that public administrations can '*name and shame*' food business operators when food placed on the market does not entail a health risk, but is unfit for human consumption
- Turkey's 0% tolerance threshold for imports of food with traces of GMOs continues to raise concerns within the business community
- Issues at stake concerning the EU-Japan trade negotiations

## Issue No. 10 of 17 May 2013

- The WTO Appellate Body issued its report in the disputes concerning Canada's renewable energy schemes
- The EU's Fuel Quality Directive remains a divisive issue in EU-Canada relations
- The EU may apply provisional anti-dumping duties on solar panels imported from China
- EU Commission adopts a package of proposals to establish a new regulatory framework on official controls, animal health, plant health and seeds

## Issue No. 11 of 31 May 2013

- Argentina challenges the EU's renewable energy framework: will the sustainability requirements for biofuels be considered WTO consistent?
- The EU Commission may initiate *ex-officio* anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations on telecom products from China
- The EU Commission withdraws a planned ban of un-labelled and refillable olive oil jugs in food serving outlets
- Opportunities for businesses within the framework of trade negotiations in the upcoming EU-Japan FTA

## Issue No. 12 of 14 June 2013

- Implications for EU wine companies following the initiation of trade defence investigations in China
- The US might have to face '*retaliatory*' measures from Canada in the framework of the COOL dispute
- German Court rules that certain *stevia* advertisements are misleading - possible impact for the marketing of '*natural*' *stevia* products

## Issue No. 13 of 28 June 2013

- Argentina raises a specific trade concern at the WTO regarding the EU's '*high-quality beef*' quota
- Regulatory convergence in the EU-US TTIP negotiations
- The European Union's list of food additives comes into force
- Panama requests WTO consultations with Colombia over measures relating to the importation of textiles, apparel and footwear

## Issue No. 14 of 12 July 2013

- Negotiated alternatives to the EU's anti-dumping measure against Chinese solar panels: will they be WTO consistent?
- The long-standing dispute on rum trademark between the EU and the US in light of the bilateral trade negotiations
- EU adopts new rules for foods for vulnerable consumers, such as infants, young children, gluten intolerant and ill people, while the question of whether and how to regulate sportsmen food has been postponed

## Issue No. 15 of 26 July 2013

- The EU challenges Russia's '*recycling fee*' on motor vehicles before the WTO
- The EU Parliament's ENVI Committee votes on the EU Commission's proposal on biofuels
- Hungary intends limiting trans fats in foodstuffs, as done by other EU Member States

## Issue No. 16 of 6 September 2013

- The EU and the US agreed to extend Phase 2 of the deal concerning the importation of '*high-quality*' beef into the EU
- Latest procedural developments related to the WTO dispute *US – Clove Cigarettes*
- The EU Commission imposes trade sanctions on the Faroe Islands in response to unsustainable herring fishing practices
- The EU requests the establishment of a WTO panel on Chinese anti-dumping duties on steel tubes

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- WTO (in)consistency of biofuel '*grading*' systems: will it be war?

- The EU may remove the extraterritorial component of its ETS on aviation if a timetable for a multilateral emissions deal is reached at the ICAO Assembly
- In view of the mandatory labelling of nanomaterials in foodstuffs as of 13 December 2014, the EU proposes a new definition

## Issue No. 18 of 4 October 2013

- The EU and Singapore initial their FTA
- The US may expose itself to WTO complaints or retaliation depending on the outcome of its current farm bill legislation
- The EU discusses details of country of origin labelling for fresh meat of pig, poultry, sheep and goat
- Potential benefits arising from an FTA between the EU and New Zealand

## Issue No. 19 of 18 October 2013

- Local content requirements in the renewable energy sector: Ukraine's scheme and the relevant WTO rules
- The recent Japan-US organic equivalency arrangement may raise some WTO-related questions, but is still a positive step in global trade facilitation
- The ASEAN process of setting MRLs for pesticides in the light of Codex Alimentarius, the WTO and the EU

## Issue No. 20 of 31 October 2013

- The latest WTO developments related to Russia's '*recycling fee*' on motor vehicles
- The EU Council has approved negotiating mandates for EU investment agreements with China and ASEAN Member States
- A derogation for generic descriptors under the Nutrition and Health Claims Regulation enters into force on 11 October 2013
- The EU Commission terminates the anti-subsidy investigation against biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia

## Issue No. 21 of 15 November 2013

- On behalf of the Faroe Islands, Denmark filed a request for WTO consultations with the EU with respect to the latter's sanctions on certain fisheries products
- The long-time US export ban on crude oil likely violates international trade regulations

- The EU Commission considers the UK traffic light nutrition labelling scheme as voluntary nutritional information and not as a '*non-beneficial*' nutrition claim
- The EU's recent legislative developments raise interesting questions concerning vegetable oils

## Issue No. 22 of 29 November 2013

- WTO Panel report issued in the dispute *EC – Seal Products*
- The EU adopts definitive anti-dumping measures against biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia
- The US FDA is considering removing the GRAS status of partially hydrogenated oils, while individual EU Member States establish restrictions on trans fats
- Recent activity in the US Senate regarding currency manipulation regulations, a frequently discussed issue in the WTO, may negatively affect China's interest in the TPP

## Issue No. 23 of 13 December 2013

- The EU Commission decided on the third countries that are to be listed as non-cooperating under the EU's framework on IUU fishing
- The new WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation, adopted as part of the '*Bali Package*', has the potential to significantly increase worldwide trade in goods
- The EU adopts rules on the country of origin labelling for fresh, chilled and frozen meat of swine, sheep, goats and poultry
- The EU Commission takes steps to remove China, Ecuador, the Maldives and Thailand from the EU's GSP '*general arrangement*' scheme

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