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- The ILUC Proposal has proceeded to the second reading of the legislative procedure
- EPA peer-review report confirms that palm oil-based biofuel is not '*renewable*'
- Recent WTO jurisprudence has added to the understanding of the market benchmark analysis under the SCM Agreement
- The new allergen labelling rules under the FIR and '*precautionary*' allergen labelling in the EU

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- Can the '*right to regulate*' and '*investor protection*' co-exist in international investment agreements?
- The EU finally agrees on new rules for the authorisation of GMOs cultivation
- The WTO Appellate Body upheld the panel's findings that Argentina's import measures violate WTO rules
- EFSA's draft opinion on the safety of caffeine and its possible impact on caffeine health claims and energy drinks

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- The US Environmental Protection Agency approved the use of an alternative renewable biomass tracking programme for soybean biodiesel from Argentina
- The EU Commission is called to propose rules on mandatory country of origin labelling for meat used as an ingredient
- Edible insects in the EU: safety assessments, legal loopholes and business opportunities

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- Clean labels and '*self-evident*' and '*flagrantly misleading*' '*palm oil-free*' claims
- The EU Commission triggers formal State aid investigation proceedings against Denmark for its saturated fat tax

- The US files a request for WTO consultations with China regarding alleged export-contingent subsidies

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- Animal cloning and animal welfare: will EU draft rules make their way to the WTO?
- The scope of geographical indications under international law and their proper recognition under international trade agreements
- ‘Simplified’ nutrition labelling scheme proposed in France

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- New Zealand and the US file a request for the establishment of a WTO panel in *Indonesia – Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products*
- The EU continues its work under the biocidal products framework
- German ‘probiotic’ baby food court battle over trademarks as ‘health claims’ and transitional use of existing trademarks

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- The Environmental Goods Agreement negotiations continue to progress despite the lack of participation by key countries
- Trade facilitation developments to take place at the multilateral and regional levels by the end of 2015
- WHO Interim Report on Ending Childhood Obesity calls for taxes and marketing restrictions to tackle child obesity

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- Ecuador’s controversial safeguard measures may threaten its ability to benefit from the EU’s GSP+ preferences
- The EU Parliament’s ENVI Committee votes in favour of a compromise text to amend the EU’s biofuels framework
- European Parliament’s ENVI Committee calls for better labelling of alcoholic beverages as part of a new Alcohol Strategy

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- The EU Commission proposes that EU Member States be able to '*opt-out*' from GM food and feed authorisations
- China requests WTO consultations with the EU due to the latter's measures affecting imports of certain poultry products

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- The scope of '*patent linkage*' in the US-South Korea Free Trade Agreement and the potential effects on international trade agreements
- The China-Australia FTA is set to include a most-favoured nation provision on services and investment
- Calls for measures on trans fats in the EU

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- The EU calls for enhanced cooperation with ASEAN on sustainable production of key commodities
- The WTO Appellate Body in large part upholds the findings and conclusions of a compliance panel that the US country of origin labelling requirements for meat products are inconsistent with WTO law
- Discussions on EU novel foods regulation – a new failure would have an impact on insect-based food

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- Ukraine takes steps to address poor nutrition and health in the country in light of WHO and EU initiatives
- The WTO Appellate Body issued its report on India's import measures affecting agricultural products
- How '*misleading*' can food labelling and packaging be?

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- China's measures affecting natural rubber create concerns among its trading partners
- Russia requests the establishment of a WTO panel in EU – Certain Measures Relating to the Energy Sector

- EU Parliament's JURI committee rejects amending the NHCR on nutrient profiles

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- Japan requests WTO consultations with Brazil on certain measures concerning taxation and charges
- Import restrictions in the US affecting fresh lemons from Argentina may be settled at the WTO
- EU General Court upholds list of '*function health claims*' – Fate of '*botanical health claims*' still uncertain

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- WTO Members discuss Ecuador's controversial safeguard measures
- The EU amends its list of imported goods benefiting from duty suspensions and tariff quotas
- '*GMO-free*' claims on the rise in EU Member States

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- Chile adopts warning statements in the form of a black STOP sign for '*HFSS foods*' (*i.e.*, foods high in fat, salt or sugar)
- Recent actions at the international and domestic levels to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing practices
- The EU Commission issued its report on the public consultation for the definition of the criteria to identify endocrine disruptors

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- Italy's plan to introduce mandatory labelling of place of production or packaging on food: consumer protection or protectionist tool?
- The EU Commission adopts its proposal for an '*Investment Court System*' in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
- Request for a preliminary ruling on where mandatory labelling particulars must appear in the case of a '*multipack*' consisting of individual portions of honey

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- Ninth round of negotiations concluded on the Environmental Goods Agreement
- South Africa suspends exports of citrus to the EU

- A revised EU Novel Foods Regulation and its impact on edible insects and insect-based food

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- Indonesia and Malaysia establish the Council of Palm Oil Producer Countries
- The CJEU invalidates the EU-US Safe Harbour Agreement on the protection of personal data
- MEPs support mandatory origin labelling for milk, minor meats, unprocessed foods, single ingredient products and ingredients that represent more than 50% of a food

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- The EU's Product Environmental Footprint initiative and the potential impacts on international trade
- The WTO Dispute Settlement Body establishes a panel in *Korea – Radionuclides*
- Collective redress or 'Class actions' for misleading labelling and advertising of food in the US and in the EU

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- The WTO Appellate Body circulates its compliance Report in *US – Tuna II (Mexico)*
- Are additional nutrition labelling schemes voluntary food information?
- The text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement is released

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- The WTO circulated the panel report in *Colombia – Measures Relating to the Importation of Textiles, Apparel and Footwear*
- The EU will soon begin free trade agreement negotiations with Australia and the Philippines
- The EU Commission proposes guidelines for 'free-from' claims on cosmetic products

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- WTO Members conclude the Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference
- The US files a request for WTO consultations in *China – Tax Measures Concerning Certain Domestically Produced Aircraft*

- An EU Commission report suggests setting legal limits on trans fats

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