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- The EU may restrict access to its GSP scheme of tariff preferences

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- The EU has requested WTO consultations with Canada regarding Ontario's alleged renewable energy subsidies

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- The EU-list of permitted 'generic' (i.e., 'Article 13') health claims on food products will be established by the end of 2011

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- Danish tax on saturated fat in some food comes into effect, within a trend in EU Member States to impose taxes on certain food categories
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- EFSA completed its first opinions providing the scientific basis for the modernisation of meat inspection in the EU

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- China criticised at the WTO for failing to open its financial services market

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- EU ethanol producers have requested that the EU Commission investigate US fuel ethanol subsidies
- Peru ready to file a WTO complaint on Brazil's canned sardines technical regulation
- The EU Commission establishes lists of food additives which are permitted in the EU; however, new risk assessments are still to come
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- The EU Advocate General stated that programming language and computer program functionalities should not enjoy copyright protection
- Turkey's 0% tolerance threshold for imports of food and feed with traces of GMO content is raising concerns within the international business community

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- The EU may impose new restrictions on palm-oil based biofuels
- The US Congress is set to consider extending the 54 USD cent tariff on imports of ethanol
- The ECJ has clarified the conditions of the customs detention of goods from non-EU Member States allegedly infringing intellectual property rights
- The EU Commission Standing Committee agrees on general function health claims, including proposed prohibition of about 2,000 claims

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