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## TRADE NEWS

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### GO-SLOW ON TRADE PACT WITH ASEAN

*Commerce minister Kamal Nath is unlikely to have with him the papers for signing the free trade agreement when he meets ASEAN leaders in Thailand this weekend.....[Read More](#)*

### INDIA'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS LOOKING UP

*Global financial firm Goldman Sachs today said it expects India's basic balance of payments (BBOP) to turn positive in the fiscal 2009-10 on anticipations of narrowing of current account deficit and higher inflows. ....[Read More](#)*

### G8 WARNS OF HUNGER THREAT TO STABILITY

*The world faces a permanent food crisis and global instability unless countries act now to feed a surging population by doubling agricultural output, a report drafted for ministers of the Group of Eight nations has warned.....[Read More](#)*

### LAMY REPORTS RISE IN TRADE PROTECTIONISM

*There has been an increase in tariffs, new non-tariff measures, and more resort to trade defence measures such as anti-dumping actions by WTO Members since the start of this year, WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy said on Thursday.....[Read More](#)*

### WTO PRAISES EU'S STANCE ON MULTILATERAL TRADE AND SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

*In its 9th review of the European Union's trade policy, the World Trade Organization has praised the EU for its instrumental role in strengthening the multilateral trading system and its leadership in the Doha Round of world trade talks. The WTO report highlights the EU's efforts to help integrate developing countries into the international trading system. The report recognizes the progress made over the last two years in consolidating EU's Internal Market, and notes the benefits of EU's reformed Common Agricultural Policy.....[Read More](#)*



## INDUSTRIAL PRODUCER PRICES DOWN BY 0.5% IN EURO AREA

*In February 2009 compared with January 2009, the industrial producer price index<sup>1</sup> fell by 0.5% in the euro area<sup>2</sup> (EA16) and by 0.3% in the EU27<sup>2</sup>. In January<sup>3</sup>, prices decreased by 1.1% and 0.7% respectively.....[Read More](#)*

## CHINA TAKES SMALL STEP AWAY FROM THE DOLLAR

*Now it is China's turn to show it's no pushover. In the G-20 run-up, Zhou Xiaochuan, China's central bank governor, published a paper suggesting that alternative global currencies, like Special Drawing Rights — a unit of exchange used by the International Monetary Fund — be considered to replace the U.S. dollar as the world's de facto reserve currency. While some Washington officials rejected the proposal as impractical.....[Read More](#)*

## OBAMA SQUANDERED G-20 OPPORTUNITY; FAILED TO OBTAIN CRITICAL GLOBAL TRADE POLICY CHANGES

*The 1,900-member U.S. Business and Industry Council today criticized President Obama for wasting an historic opportunity at the G-20 summit to promote lasting global economic recovery by pushing to rebalance dangerously lopsided trade and financial flows. ....[Read More](#)*

## USTR PROMISES ACTION ON FOREIGN TRADE BARRIERS

*The U.S. government will develop a list of the most significant barriers to U.S. exports and then prosecute those cases through the World Trade Organization or the appropriate bilateral forum, the U.S. Trade Representative's office said on Tuesday.....[Read more](#)*

## WTO CALLS FOR FURTHER LIBERALIZATION IN EUROPE FOR RECOVERY

*Geneva - The European Communities should further liberalize its services and agricultural sector to achieve a robust recovery from the downturn leading to sustained economic growth, the World Trade Organization said in a report Monday.....[Read More](#)*

## LAOS PLEDGES LAW IMPROVEMENT FOR WTO ACCESSION

*Laos would make effort to ensure improving laws and regulations to match the regional standards to gain the World Trade Organization membership in the near future....[Read More](#)*

# TRADE EVENTS

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## HELPING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE CRISIS: PLAN

**Date:** 08.Apr.2009

**Where:** Brussels

**Action:** Non Legislative



A week after the G20 meeting and in the light of the most recent economic and financial developments, the European Commission decided to introduce special arrangements to help developing countries cope with the crisis. By acting together at European level we will be able to maximize the positive impact of this plan, which will benefit not only developing countries but also the world economy as a whole, since investment in development is an important part of the response to the current economic and financial crisis.....[Read More](#)

## TRADE ANALYSIS

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### INDIA OUTSOURCING --- AN UPDATE

Global recession, credit crunch, Mumbai terror attacks and Satyam scandal- all has raised questions on India's outsourcing competence. After expanding by 35% in 2007, it slowed to about 15% growth in 2008 and growth to taper off further, to 6% or 7% in 2009, according to research firm Technology Partners International. However, industry body Nasscom has a different story to tell. Indian IT and BPO exports are likely to touch US\$60-62 billion by FY 2011 from US\$31.4 billion in FY07, according to Nasscom. [Read More](#)

### DOES TOUGHER IMPORT COMPETITION FOSTER PRODUCT QUALITY UPGRADING?

**Summary:** Over the past two decades, globalization, and more specifically the increased exposure to competition from low-price producers in China and India, has created a new economic environment for other emerging economies. The most advantageous way for manufacturing firms in those economies to position themselves in domestic and international markets is to offer upgraded and differentiated rather than "mundane" labor-intensive products. This paper investigates whether increased competitive pressure from imports forces firms to improve the quality of their products. ....[Read More](#)

### IMPLICATIONS OF WTO DISCIPLINES FOR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

**Summary:** Many developing countries operate geographically delineated economic areas in the form of export processing zones, special industrial zones, or free trade zones. This paper provides an overview of the application of World Trade Organization disciplines to incentive programs typically employed by developing countries in connection with such special economic zone programs. ....[Read More](#)

### SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE NEEDED TO ADDRESS MULTIPLE CRISES

A new paper published by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) and the Heinrich Boll Foundation concludes that the multiple crises - climate, food and water – facing the world today requires a global shift from the dominant industrial model of agriculture toward more sustainable practices.....[Read More](#)