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TRADE NEWS

EU RESPONDS TO DEMANDS WITH MORE DEMANDS

The demands which stood as obstacles to signing an EU-GCC FTA are non-commercial demands, although GCC countries made a great leap in updating and modernizing economic and commercial laws in the past years, thinking this would meet EU requirements in this respect.....[Read More](#)

EURO CHAMBRES FAVOURS EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

Speaking at the EU-Central America Private Sector Forum, in Brussels on 28 January, Euro-chambers Secretary-General Arnaldo Abruzzini urged political leaders not to miss the favorable momentum to conclude an association agreement (AA) between the EU and Central America, to the benefit of businesses in both regions....[Read more](#)

RAMMING THE MATTER HOME: PERU-US FTA RUSHED

Two weeks ago, as the Peruvian Congress buoyantly rushed to amend labor, health, and environmental requirements in order to implement the long pending bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US, former President George W. Bush and Peruvian President Alan Garcia could not afford any further delays. As Barack Obama moved into the White House, it was clear that the Bush and García Administrations' priority was to declare the FTA in effect regardless of what had been previously negotiated and amended in the halls of the Peruvian Congress....[Read More](#)

CHINA AND SWITZERLAND: INVESTMENT PROTECTION SIGNED, FREE TRADE UNDER STUDY

Switzerland is the first country whose investors will receive a "higher level" of protection in China, under the terms of a bilateral agreement signed during a working visit by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao...[Read More](#)



INDIA MAY MAKE WTO COMPLAINT OVER EU'S PATENT-VIOLATION CLAIMS

India may drag the European Union to the World Trade Organization for trying to prevent its companies from selling generic copies of drugs, citing infringement of patents.....[Read More](#)

CHINA SLAMS EU ANTI-DUMPING MOVE, THREATENS WTO ACTION

China Wednesday blasted an EU decision to slap hefty anti-dumping duties on Chinese-made screws and bolts and said it may take the issue to the World Trade Organization....[Read More](#)

AUSTRALIA AND ALLIES UPSET OVER EU EXPORT SUBSIDIES

Australia and its farm trade allies called on Brussels on Wednesday to repeal its decision to offer subsidies for dairy products leaving the European Union.....[Read More](#)

US HOUSE SET TO APPROVE BUY AMERICA STEEL MEASURE

The U.S. House of Representatives was set on Wednesday to pass a controversial "Buy America" steel provision as part of \$825 billion package to help pull the U.S. economy out of recession....[Read More](#)

WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD GRAPPLES WITH IP ISSUES

Intellectual property was one of the contentious issues debated at the recent World Health Organization Executive Board meeting, which concluded on Tuesday after just over a week of talks....[Read More](#)

RULING IN US-CHINA PIRACY DISPUTE RAISES CONTROVERSY

A highly anticipated ruling by a WTO dispute settlement panel brought by the US against China has been issued this week, concluding that some of Beijing's copyright and trademark policies contravene multilateral trade-related rules protecting intellectual property....[Read More](#)

EU DAIRY EXPORT SUBSIDIES DRAW FIRE FROM CAIRNS GROUP

Citing a decline in prices for farm goods, the EU has re-introduced export subsidies for some dairy products after two years of suspending the payments. The Cairns Group of agriculture exporters at the WTO responded vocally, decrying the subsidies as "not the leadership we require from key economies at this point in time.".....[Read More](#)

US TAKES AIM AT EU POULTRY BAN

The United States announced last week that it was filing a WTO complaint against a long-running European Union ban on imports of chemically treated poultry....[Read More](#)



CANADIAN DELEGATION IN BRUSSELS TO STOP PROPOSED SEAL BAN

Canadian officials were in Brussels last week in an attempt to persuade the European Union to abandon its proposed plan to ban imports of seal products. If passed, the proposal would ban seal products from countries whose hunting practices involve 'unnecessary pain'....[Read More](#)



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FIRST FORUM FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE OPENS IN ATHENS

The first forum for international trade cooperation opens in Greece on Wednesday, Greek informational newscast Greek News Agenda informs.... [Read More](#)

EXPO HOLGUIN INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR UNDERWAY

The 10th International Trade Fair opened Tuesday in Holguin with the presence of more than 150 foreign and domestic firms distributed in 68 stands. Guest's countries such as Germany, Italy, Mexico and Spain are attending the event.... [Read More](#)



TRADE ANALYSIS

DAVOS DEBATES GLOBAL BANKING REGULATION

Britain's top financial regulator said Wednesday current international institutions such as the International Monetary Fund must tackle the financial crisis, but that global rule - and perhaps even an international regulatory body - may someday be needed.....[Read More](#)



WHY THE U.S. LOST ITS WTO IP COMPLAINT AGAINST CHINA

The World Trade Organization yesterday released its much-anticipated decision involving a U.S. complaint against China over its protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights...[Read More](#)

TELECOMS CAN BE A STAR GROWTH SECTOR FOR ASEAN

THE CURRENT global financial crisis has turned out to be one of the biggest problems of our times. Its effects on ASEAN economies are becoming more apparent as trade and investment has started to slow down, leading to soaring unemployment as businesses that cannot cope with the unfavorable business environment are forced to close down or downsize. As for the telecommunications industry, the effects of this crisis have not been as great due to the nature of the industry...[Read More](#)