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Enlightened Environmentalism or Disguised Protectionism? Assessing the Impact of EU Precaution-Based Standards on Developing Countries

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The purpose behind this third NFTC study is to identify and explain how the EU strategy for employing the Precautionary Principle adversely affects developing country prospects for economic growth, poverty alleviation, social advancement and environmental protection. It is generally agreed that developing country government institutions and industries generally lack the experience and financial resources necessary to comply with overly stringent health and safety and environmental regulations and standards that serve as de facto barriers to trade.

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