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INTERNATIONAL LAW OF RELEVANCE TO PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES: A PRACTICAL REVIEW FOR SCIENTISTS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES. Issues In Genetic Resources, No. 10, edited by Susan Bragdon (International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, March 2004). To access the article visit http://www.ipgri.cgiar.org/publications/pubfile.asp?ID_PUB=937.

10 WAYS TO FIX AGRICULTURE TRADE. By the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (September 2004). This new IATP fact sheet outlines 10 proposals for lifting prices for farmers to sustainable levels and fixing the agricultural trading system. The fact sheet is available in English and Spanish at www.iatp.org.

FAO GLOSSAIRE DE LA BIOTECHNOLOGIE POUR L'ALIMENTATION ET L'AGRICULTURE. Compiled by M. Atallah (2004). Apart from a translation of the over 3,000 terms and definitions contained in the original English glossary, the 427- page publication also contains an additional English-French vocabulary of biotechnology-related terms. The publication is available both in PDF and as a searchable database at http://www.fao.org/biotech/index_glossary.asp?lang=fr.

ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND THE SHARING OF BENEFITS - PRIVATE RIGHTS OR SHARED USE FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION? In Environmental Law International Network Review, February 2004, pp. 26-33. By Corinna Heineke and Franziska Wolff (2004). Available at www.agrobiodiversitaet.net/download/Corinna_Heineke_Fraenzi_Wolff.pdf

FREE TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT: MEXICO, NAFTA, AND BEYOND. By Kevin P. Gallagher (Stanford University Press, 2004). This book examines the impact economic integration has on the environment, focusing on Mexico, which has transformed itself from one of the world's most closed economies to one of the most open. Mexico's experience offers a cautionary tale for governments and policy makers considering the hotly debated relationship between globalisation and the environment. For further information see: http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gdae/policy_research/FreeTradeEnvBook.htm.

EXPORTING EUROPE'S PROTECTIONISM. By Lawrence A. Kogan (The National Interest, Fall 2004). This article compares and contrasts the competing EU (precaution-based) and US (risk based) approaches; discusses the evolution of the formal precautionary principle in international law and the legal consequences of adopting a precaution-based model of risk regulation; assesses the EU's intentions to establish the precautionary principles as an absolute international framework standard to govern the use of science and technology by all countries; and explains the current relationship between the precautionary principles and WTO law. To access the article visit <http://www.keepmedia.com/pubs/NationalInterest/2004/09/01/586792?extID=10026>

WATER USES AND THE PROTECTION OF WATER BODIES, STEERING MECHANISMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY. By Peter Kessler (Ecologic, 2004). This chapter introduces environmental policy instruments for the protection of water bodies and reports on a practical case study regarding ground water management in Hessisches Ried. It also discusses the objectives of the German Working Group of the Federal States on water issues (LAWA) with regard to surface water and continues with a strategic approach as it was embodied in the water Framework Directive (WFD). To access the chapter visit <http://www.ecologic.de/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1205>.

ECONOMICS OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY. By Rainer Wichern (European Economy. Economic Papers, No. 211, August 2004). Abstract: This paper tries to highlight that the overall support level for the agricultural sector remains relatively high and that most of the farm support still stems from market price support. In systematically analysing the main CAP measures and using most recent figures, it is shown that price support -- together with quota restrictions and land set aside obligations -- is one of the least efficient CAP instrument currently in place. Thus, the success of the 2003 reform does not allow for a position of leaning back. On the contrary, the drive of previous reforms with respect to bringing EU prices down to competitive levels need to be kept and perhaps even be further accelerated. To access the report visit http://europa.eu.int/comm/economy_finance/publications/economic_papers/economicpapers211_en.htm.

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BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOSAFETY NEW SDRR WEBSITE. The Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO's) Research and Technology Development Service (SDRR) is involved in a number of biotechnology- and biosafety- related activities, including implementing projects to strengthen national capacities in biosafety and organizing workshops and training courses at the national and regional level. A recently launched SDRR website provides information about these activities. The website is available online at http://www.fao.org/sd/sdr/bio_en.asp.