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[A NEW CHEMICALS POLICY IN EUROPE - NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDUSTRY: A RESPONSE TO THE CLAIMS MADE REGARDING THE BUSINESS IMPACT OF A NEW CHEMICALS POLICY THAT IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH.](#) WWF European Toxics Programme and the European Environmental Bureau, January 2003. .

[EUROPE'S ENVIRONMENT: THE THIRD ASSESSMENT.](#) Environmental assessment report No 10, May 2003. This is the third pan-European state of the environment report produced by the EEA. It was prepared for the 'Environment for Europe' Ministerial Conference being held under the auspices of the UN Economic Commission for Europe in Kiev, Ukraine on 21-23 May 2003. In contrast to previous reports issued in 1995 and 1998, it covers for the first time the entire Russian Federation and the 11 other Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian (EECCA) states. The report also analyses how the main economic driving forces put pressure on the European environment and identifies key areas where further action is needed.

[DYNAMICS OF AGRICULTURE COMPETITIVENESS: POLICY LESSONS FROM ABROAD.](#) By USDA's Economic Research Service, April 2003. The competitiveness of a nation's products in international markets is rooted in the relative abundance (and quality) of resources available to that nation. Recent experience in South America, the Former Soviet Union, and China also highlight the importance of policies, institutions, and even cultural values.

[LOOKING BEHIND THE CURTAIN: THE GROWTH OF TRADE BARRIERS THAT IGNORE SOUND SCIENCE.](#) By the US National Foreign Trade Council, May 2003. The paper details the growing application of national standards and technical regulations that could post barriers to international trade. Impacted products include, inter alia, beef and poultry; fresh and processed fruits and nuts; wines; Foods derived through the application of biotechnology; and chemicals and downstream users including textiles, plastics, and finished consumer goods.

[KEEPING SCIENCE OPEN: THE EFFECTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY ON THE CONDUCT OF SCIENCE.](#) By the UK Royal Society, April 2003. This report considers whether the progress of science has been affected by the interpretation and use of IP policies, and makes recommendations for improvement.