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ITSSD raises debate about the "Precautionary Principle"

'Precautionary Preference: How Europe's New Regulatory Protectionism Imperils American Free Enterprise'

The ITSSD posted an important white paper on its website. The Full Version is accessible [here](#). The Executive Summary is accessible [here](#).

The white paper documents how Europe is attempting to inject the **precautionary principle** within the U.S. for the purpose of changing U.S. law and business practices. The white paper also discusses how this effort threatens the American legal and free enterprise systems that serve as the cornerstone of the U.S. national economy and America's comparative advantage in international trade. It focuses on a number of regulated areas, including biotechnology.

The study furthermore identifies the role of the EU Commission, the UN and the social and environmental movements they support in employing reputation destroying campaigns against U.S. multinationals. The goal is also to indirectly control the activities of these companies' U.S. small business suppliers. This is presently occurring at a rapid rate in all industry sectors.

... [In comment to this white paper](#) Mark Cantley, Adviser, Biotechnology, Agriculture and Food Research Directorate-General European Commission referred to the the European Commission's communication on the precautionary principle, reference COM(2000)1.

"This engaged the efforts of over 20 staff from many services of the Commission during more than a year, and it was not by accident that it received the first

reference number of the new millennium - we saw it as a communication of outstanding importance...