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[U.S. Should Not Import European Laws](#)

As globalization fosters economic growth around the world, Americans should be vigilant of an unintended consequence: the imposition on U.S. businesses and consumers of the non-science-based, environmentalist-promoted, European Union-embraced standard known as the "precautionary principle." The precautionary principle is the subject of a new Washington Legal Foundation report entitled "**Exporting Precaution: How Europe's Risk-Free Regulatory Agenda Threatens American Free Enterprise.**" Authored by Lawrence Kogan of the **Institute for Trade Standards and Sustainable Development**, the report describes how "international bureaucrats and influential activist groups use the precautionary principle as a vehicle to diminish America's competitive position in the global economy and advance special interest agendas hostile to free enterprise and technology." Kogan aptly calls the precautionary principle "regulation without representation." The precautionary principle is a scheme for establishing environmental, health and safety regulations that are based on irrational fears rather than empirical science....

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