

Glossary and trade dispute cases

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AFFA	[Ministry of] Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – Australia
ALOP	Appropriate level of protection
ALR	Acceptable level of risk
ANZFA	Australian and New Zealand Food Authority
AQIS	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Mad Cow Disease)
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy (EU)
CFC	Chloro-fluoro carbon
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CTE	Committee on Trade and Environment (WTO)
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia)
DPIE	Department of Primary Industries and Energy (Australia)
DSB	Dispute Settlement Body (WTO)
DSU	Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (Annex 2 of the <i>Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization</i>)
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization (United Nations)
FCCC	UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
FDA	United States Food and Drug Authority
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (1947, revised 1994)
GM	Genetically modified
GMAC	Genetic Manipulation Advisory Committee (Australia)
GMO	Genetically modified organism
GTRAP	Gene Therapy Research Advisory Panel (Australia)
GTTAC	Gene Technology, Technical Advisory Committee
IBC	Institutional Biosafety Committee
IPCS	International Programme on Chemical Safety
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention (FAO)
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
ISO	International Standards Organization
MAI	Multilateral Agreement on Investment
MEA	Multilateral Environmental Agreement

MFN	Most favoured nation treatment
MNE	Multinational enterprise
NGO	Non-government organization
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OIE	International Office of Epizootics
PIC	Convention on Prior Informed Consent for the Importation of Hazardous Chemicals
PPMs	Production and processing methods
SPS	Sanitary and phytosanitary [quarantine]
TBT	Technical barriers to trade
TRIPs	Trade related aspects of intellectual property rights
UNCED	UN Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit)
UNCLOS	UN Convention on Law of the Sea
UNECE	UN Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
US EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	Worldwide Fund for Nature

OTHER TECHNICAL TERMS

Short Title	Full Details
Appellate Body	Recommendations from WTO dispute panels may be taken to appeal; an Appellate Body decision then goes to the Dispute Settlement Body for a consensus decision.
Basel Convention	Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, adopted 1989, came into force 1992 (UNEP).
Biodiversity Convention	United Nations Framework Convention on Biological Diversity, signed at the conclusion of Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, 1992.
Biosafety Protocol	A protocol to the Biodiversity Convention, covering trade and movements of GMOs (a.k.a. Cartagena Protocol).
Cairns Group	Comprises major agricultural export countries (excluding EU and US), led by Australia (Argentina, Chile, Thailand, Hungary, Canada, and so on); now 18 members.

Codex	FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission
Convention on Desertification	UN Convention to Combat Desertification, 1995.
Miami Group	Group of 'like-minded' countries who regard the Biosafety Protocol as an environmental treaty and seek to minimize its effects on trade (US, Canada, Australia, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay).
Millennium Round	Refers to new WTO negotiating round, intended to commence in 2000 after the Seattle ministerial meeting.
Tokyo Round	Seventh round of GATT trade negotiations (1973–79).
Uruguay Round	Eighth round of GATT trade negotiations which resulted in the Marrakesh Declaration, April 1994 and established the WTO.
Vienna Convention	UN Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, 1969, came into force 1980.

TRADE DISPUTE CASES

The following are the trade dispute cases most often cited in the text. These disputes (except for *tuna-dolphin*) have been handled by the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), its nominated panels and its Appellate Body. Details of the current status of these disputes can be found in the WTO's *Annual Report* or its website: <http://www.wto.org/dispute/dispute.htm>.

Australia – Measures affecting the importation of salmon. Complaint by Canada (WT/DS18). Hereinafter cited as *salmon*.

European Communities – Measures affecting meat and meat products (hormones). Complaint by the United States (WT/DS26) and Canada (WT/DS48). Hereinafter cited as *beef-hormones*.

European Communities – Regime for the importation, sale and distribution of bananas. Complaints by Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the United States (WT/DS27). Hereinafter cited as *bananas*.

Japan – Measures affecting agricultural products. Complaint by the United States (WT/DS76). Hereinafter cited as *agricultural products*.

United States – Import prohibition of certain shrimp and shrimp products. Complaint by India, Malaysia, Pakistan and Thailand (WT/DS58). Hereinafter cited as *shrimp-turtle*.

United States – Measures affecting imports of woven wool shirts and blouses from India (WT/DS33). Hereinafter cited as *United States – shirts and blouses*.

United States – Standards for reformulated and conventional gasoline. Complaints by Venezuela (WT/DS2) and Brazil (WT/DS4). Hereinafter cited as *gasoline*.

United States – Tuna-dolphin. Complaint by Mexico against US restrictions on imports of tuna, based on US environment regulations to protect dolphins from tuna fishing nets. This case was handled in the GATT. In February 1991, Mexico asked for a panel according to GATT article XXII (nullification and impairment). The report in September 1991 was never implemented because the US and Mexico agreed to labelling standards. This case has aggravated tensions between the WTO and environmental groups. Hereinafter cited as *tuna-dolphin*.

Six of these cases have quarantine or environmental dimensions; *bananas* is an unresolved issue over trade preferences and development assistance.

