



WTO Disciplines and Biofuels

Given the increased demand for renewable energy and the recent surge in biofuels production, it is timely to examine how international trade rules apply to the sector. Important questions that need to be addressed include: How should biofuels and their feedstocks be classified—are they agricultural, industrial or environmental goods? Which WTO rules apply to government mandates and support policies to promote the production of biofuels? Do biofuel sustainability standards present technical barriers to trade?

Please join us for the launch of the International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council's paper examining WTO options for biofuels by Professor **Robert Howse** of the University of Michigan, principal trade expert for the Renewable Energy and International Law Project. The launch will begin with opening remarks, followed by Professor Howse's discussion of the paper's main findings, and will conclude with discussants' perspectives. The paper will be available for download at IPC's website, www.agritrade.org.

Opening Remarks:

Robert Simon

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

With Discussants:

Weber Amaral

CEO, Brazilian Biofuels Programme and
Senior Scientist, International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI)

Carl Hausmann

CEO of Bunge, North America

Angelos Pangratis

Deputy Head of Delegation, European Commission

Eric Sievers,

Senior Associate, Baker & McKenzie, Biofuels Group, and
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at:

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Seating for this event is limited, please RSVP to Amy Testa at testa@agritrade.org

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