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The Protection of Geographical Indications

Conclusion of negotiations between the EU and Georgia on the protection of Geographical Indications

The European Union and Georgia concluded negotiations on a bilateral agreement for the protection of their respective "Geographical Indications". The text of the agreement was initialled on the 29th July. This agreement will promote and foster trade in agricultural products and foodstuffs originating in the territories of both Georgia and the European Union.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/1015&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Fisheries

The EC pays € 64 million as part of the annual contribution of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Mauritania

On 4 August 2010, the European Commission paid € 64 million as part of the annual financial contribution of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) with Mauritania. This contribution includes a first component to pay for the cost of access of EU vessels to Mauritanian waters (€ 55 million) and a second component to support the partner country's fisheries sector (€ 9 million).

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/news_and_events/press_releases/090810/index_en.htm

Commission expresses concern on unilateral mackerel quota declared by Faroe Islands

The European Commission expressed its grave concern at the unilateral mackerel quota of 85,000 tonnes set by Faeroe Islands for 2010. It pointed out that this level amounted to three times the level of traditional quota entitlement the for Faroe Islands under multilateral management arrangements between the EU, Norway and Faroe Islands in force from 1999 to 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/news_and_events/press_releases/090810a/index_en.htm