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Subject: WTO-SPS Committee – Geneva, 1-2 March 2018, Flash report

Summary

[REDACTED] Led by
Argentina and the US, a total of 21 countries denounced the EU measures on **endocrine disruptors**. [REDACTED]

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Specific Trade Concerns (STCs)

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EU defensive interests:

Endocrine Disruptors (raised by Argentina, China, India and the US, supported by other 17 Members). Members argued that a hazard-based approach was inconsistent with the SPS Agreement and would lead to the banning of many safe substances for which favourable risk assessments exist. Several Members insisted that import tolerances should be granted on the basis of full risk assessment.

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