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Trade, the Environment, and Public Health: Allies or Adversaries?

A CSIS Trade Policy Seminar
May 24, 2001
CSIS Conference Center, Room B1
1800 K Street, NW

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8:30-9:00 **Registration and coffee**
9:00 **Welcoming Remarks: Sherman Katz,**
 William M. Scholl Chair in International Business, CSIS
9:05-10:15

Panel 1 - Trade and the Environment: Production Methods and MEAs
National efforts to discriminate against imports on the grounds that their mode of production may be environmentally harmful have been at the center of several of the multilateral trading system's most controversial disputes. This panel will look at the clash between environmental regulations and global trade rules. The panelists will also address two related issues: the continued viability of Article 20 of the GATT and potential conflicts between WTO rules and the requirements of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).

- **John J. Audley** - Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (former Trade Policy Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)
- **Jake Caldwell** - Program Director for Trade and the Environment, National Wildlife Federation
- **Thomas R. Jacob** - Senior Advisor, Global Affairs, DuPont
[\[PowerPoint presentation\]](#)

10:15-10:30
10:30-12:15

Break

**Panel 2 - Trade and Food Safety:
GMOs and Multilateral Trade Rules**

This panel will look at the impact of the Uruguay Round's SPS, TBT, and other agreements on national efforts to regulate trade in genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and foods. Among other issues, the panelists will address the debate over the proper application of "sound science" and the "precautionary principle."

- **Robbin Johnson** - Senior Vice President and Director, Corporate Affairs, Cargill, Inc.
- **Karil L. Kochenderfer** - Director, Environmental Affairs and New

- Technologies, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc.
- **Peter L. Scher** - Partner, Mayer, Brown & Platt (former U.S. Special Trade Negotiator for Agriculture and former Chief of Staff, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative)
 - **Mark Silbergeld** - Co-Director, Washington, D.C. Office, Consumers Union
 - **David G. Victor** - Robert W. Johnson, Jr. Senior Fellow and Director, Science and Technology Program, Council on Foreign Relations

12:30-2:00

Luncheon Address: "The Case For a Global Environmental Organization (GEO)," C. Ford Runge, Distinguished McKnight University Professor, University of Minnesota.