



**European Union**  
Delegation of the European Commission  
in South Africa

**... this week  
in review**

*This publication seeks to provide information on EU activities of interest to SA readers.*



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### Headline News:

#### **EU funds R17 million for SA Police Service (SAPS) Driver Training Programme (05/08/2003)**

In support of the need for more driver trained police officers in South Africa, the European Union announced that it would fund R17 million for the SAPS K-53 driver training programme. Under this funding the SAPS will benefit from the 19 new training vehicles and the appointment of 19 additional external trainers. EU funding will also cover the running costs of the vehicles, K-53 licensing fees and accommodation at the College for learners. Speaking at the launch of the SAPS National Driver Training Programme, EU Ambassador Michael Lake said: "There can be little disagreement that the role of the SAPS is central to President Mbeki's vision of a better life for all. This too is our vision, as we join you here today in celebrating the launch of SAPS national K-53 driver training programme." See: [The Citizen, 06/08/2003, page 5](http://www.citizen.co.za/news/06/08/2003/page5)

#### **EU-ACP: Working together on the Road to Cancun (01/08/2003)**

EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy and Trade Ministers from Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries (ACPs) met on 31 July in Brussels to prepare the upcoming WTO Ministerial meeting which will take place in Cancun (Mexico) in September as well as to discuss the ongoing negotiations for EU-ACP Economic Partnership Agreements. With less than a month to go before Cancun, both parties agreed to work together to ensure the right balance between market opening and rules, taking into account the particular circumstances of ACP countries, especially the poorest countries and landlocked and island countries. Pascal Lamy said: "Both the EU and ACP countries consider the development dimension as the key element of the Doha Agenda. Whether on agriculture, on industrial tariffs or on access to medicines we must ensure that we respond to the concerns and expectations of developing countries".

See: [http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p\\_action.gettxt=qt&doc=IP/03/11450|RAPID&lg=EN&display=](http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p_action.gettxt=qt&doc=IP/03/11450|RAPID&lg=EN&display=)

### Other News:

#### **Commission gives Microsoft last opportunity to comment before concluding antitrust probe (06/08/2003)**

The European Commission has given Microsoft a final opportunity to comment before it concludes its antitrust probe. The Commission has gathered additional evidence from a wide variety of consumers, suppliers and competitors. This evidence confirms and in many respects bolsters the Commission's earlier finding that Microsoft is leveraging its dominant position from the PC into low-end servers and that Microsoft's tying of Windows Media Player to the Windows PC operating system weakens competition on the merits, stifles product innovation, and ultimately reduces consumer choice. The Commission also invites Microsoft to submit its comments on a series of remedies it intends to impose in order to bring the antitrust infringements it has identified to an end.

See: [http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p\\_action.gettxt=qt&doc=IP/03/11500|RAPID&lg=EN&display=](http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p_action.gettxt=qt&doc=IP/03/11500|RAPID&lg=EN&display=)

#### **EU Tobacco Control Policy – Speech by David Byrne, Health and Consumer Protection (03/08/2003)**

On the occasion of the 12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health in Helsinki, European Commissioner David Byrne said: "The theme of 'Global Action for a tobacco-free future' strikes exactly the right note. Because it is vital that we focus on the global character of the tobacco pandemic. Particularly as the tobacco industry is shifting its sights towards potential victims in developing countries. Today, tobacco kills almost 5 million people every year world-wide."

See: [http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p\\_action.gettxt=qt&doc=SPEECH/03/3750|RAPID&lg=EN&display=](http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p_action.gettxt=qt&doc=SPEECH/03/3750|RAPID&lg=EN&display=)

### Ahead:

- **Signing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> EU-SA development cooperation programme, 2003-2006, 14/08/2003**

On 14 August 2003 the South African Government and the European Commission will sign their 3<sup>rd</sup> development cooperation programme. This Multi-annual Indicative Programme (MIP) makes around €15 million available during the period of the Agreement, 2003 to 2006. It will build on the experience and successes of nearly a decade of support to the South African Government's efforts to fight poverty and inequalities. Venue: National Treasury

- **Handing over EU funded all-terrain vehicle fleet to the South African Police Service in Eastern Cape, 25/08/2003**  
SA Police facility, Bisho
- **Plenary session of the European Parliament, 1-4/09/2003**  
See: [http://www.europarl.eu.int/plenary/default\\_en.htm](http://www.europarl.eu.int/plenary/default_en.htm)
- **5<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference, Cancún, Mexico, 10-14/09/2003**  
See: [http://www.wto.org/english/thewto\\_e/minist\\_e/min03\\_e/min03\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/minist_e/min03_e/min03_e.htm)

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### **In Good Spirit ...**

The French Trade Commission in Cape Town received in good spirit a group of 'picketers' from the Fairview Wine Estate who were protesting against the Rules regarding Geographical Indications applied to commodities from around the globe. The group voiced its displeasure about the Rules of Geographical Indications preventing Fairview from marketing in America their products such as the wine 'Goats do Roam' that parodies French 'Cote du Rhone" wines. See: [Saturday Star, 02/08/2003, page 2](#)

See also: **Why do Geographical Indications (GIs) matter to us? (30/07/2003)**  
[http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p\\_action.gettxt=qt&doc=MEMO/03/160|0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=](http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p_action.gettxt=qt&doc=MEMO/03/160|0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=)