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National Day of Climate Action

3 Priorities for Addressing Conflicts between Trade Treaty Rules and Climate Change Initiatives

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The Maine Fair Trade Campaign is concerned that binding rules contained in bilateral, regional and global trade treaties can conflict with many types of initiatives that would be effective in reducing global warming and could preclude the implementation of these essential initiatives.

On the National Day of Climate Action (November 3, 2007), the Maine Fair Trade Campaign calls on our representatives to address these trade treaty/climate initiative conflicts by pursuing the following key priorities:

1. Conduct a rigorous public assessment of the impact of trade treaty rules on climate initiatives in accordance with Article 4f of the Climate Change Convention.
2. Ensure that no new trade treaty contains private enforcement rules, similar to NAFTA's investment-to-state enforcement provisions, apply to climate change initiatives. (Private enforcement allows investors and corporations to directly challenge many climate change initiatives under binding trade treaty rules -- short circuiting established legislative and judicial processes.)
3. Secure a clear, permanent exemption in all existing and new trade treaties for climate change initiatives, or ensure that in the event of conflicts between trade treaty rules and climate change initiatives, climate change initiatives take precedence.