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Abbreviations

€	Euros
ACTI	Alfred C. Toepfer International
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
BSP	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
CBOT	Chicago Board of Trade
CEE	Central and Eastern Europe countries
CIF	Costs, Insurance and Freight
EU	European Union
FOB	Free on Board
GATT	General Agreement on Tariff and Trade
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism
GSP	Generalised System of Tariff Preferences
IGC	International Grains Council
IP	Identity Preservation
LMO	Living Modified Organisms
MFN	Most Favourite Nations
Mill.	Million
ROW	Rest of the World
SAGPyA	Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Alimentos
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary
SSG	Special Safeguards
TRQ	Tariff Rate Quota
Thd.	Thousand
URAA	Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
US\$	United States Dollar
VAT	Value Added Tax
WASDE	World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimations
WTO	World Trade Organization