

An Introduction to International Trade Law

First Semester 2005-2006
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In addition to the official readings assigned below, I will also provide in class an alternative set of readings using an English text.

Sunday October 30: Introduction to the Class, the GATT and WTO

Dr. Arie Reich, *The World Trade Organization: From GATT to the WTO* in THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND ISRAEL: LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (Arie Reich, ed.) (Bar Ilan University Press, forthcoming) (Page proofs available at the library) (*in Hebrew*).

Review the WTO Agreements, paying particular attention to the GATT 1947, available at:

http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm#goods (*in English*).

Sunday November 6: International Trade Dispute Settlement

Professor Joseph H.H. Weiler, *The Rule of Lawyers and the Ethos of Diplomats: Reflections on the Internal and External Legitimacy of WTO Dispute Settlement* in THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND ISRAEL: LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (Arie Reich, ed.) (Bar Ilan University Press, forthcoming) (Page proofs available at the library) (*in Hebrew*).

Review WTO's Dispute Settlement Understanding at:

http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm#goods

Sunday November 13: MFN, Tariffs, and National Treatment

Review WTO's GATT 1947's Article I, II and III, and the Agreement on Valuations at:

http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

Sunday November 20: Safeguards, Escape Clauses, & Adjustment Assistance

Gil Nadel, *Safeguard Measures for the Protection of Local Industry: Israel's Failure to Implement the WTO Agreement on Safeguards*, in THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND ISRAEL: LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (Arie Reich, ed.) (Bar Ilan University Press, forthcoming) (Page proofs available at the library) (*in Hebrew*).

Review The WTO's Safeguards Agreement at:
http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

Sunday November 27: Dumping and Anti-Dumping

Arie Reich, *Reform of the Anti-Dumping and Subsidy Agreements – Lessons from the Israeli Experience*, in THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND ISRAEL: LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (Arie Reich, ed.) (Bar Ilan University Press, forthcoming) (Page proofs available at the library) (*in Hebrew*).

Review WTO's Agreement on Antidumping and the Valuations Agreement at:
http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

Sunday December 4: Subsidies and Countervailing duties

Avi Nov, *Tax Incentives Contrary to the World Trade Organization's Agreements: The FSC Case and its Implications for the Law in Israel*, in THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND ISRAEL: LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (Arie Reich, ed.) (Bar Ilan University Press, forthcoming) (Page proofs available at the library) (*in Hebrew*).

Review WTO's Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement at:
http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

Sunday December 11: Trade In Services

Dr. Rachel Frid, *Liberalization and Juridification of Trade in Services within GATS: The Accountancy Sector*, in THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND ISRAEL: LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (Arie Reich, ed.) (Bar Ilan University Press, forthcoming) (Page proofs available at the library) (*in Hebrew*).

Review WTO's General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) at:
http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

Sunday December 18: The WTO Agreement on Agriculture

Dr. Moshe Hirsch, *Trade in Agricultural Products, Political Economy, and Israel's Trade Policy*, in THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND ISRAEL: LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (Arie Reich, ed.) (Bar Ilan University Press, forthcoming) (Page proofs available at the library) (*in Hebrew*).

Review WTO's Agreement on Agriculture at:
http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

Sunday December 25: GATT Art. XXIV: RTAs – The NAFTA, US-Israel, etc

Review:

THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT/THE WORLD BANK, GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROSPECTS: TRADE REGIONALISM, & DEVELOPMENT (Nov. 2004), available at <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTGEP2005/Resources/gep2005.pdf>

Article XXIV of the GATT 1947 with the Agreement on the Understanding of Article XXIV in the GATT 1994 at: http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

The NAFTA, available at: <http://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/DefaultSite/index.html>

Israel Free Trade Agreement (Aug. 19, 1985) available at: http://www.mac.doc.gov/tcc/data/commerce_html/TCC_Documents/IsraelFreeTrade.html

Sunday January 1: No Class

Sunday January 8: GATT Art. XXI & Art. XX

Review:

WTO Case: *United States - Measures Affecting the Cross-Border Supply of Gambling and Betting Services - AB-2005-1 - Report of the Appellate Body*, at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds285_e.htm

Articles XX and XXI of the GATT 1947 at: http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

Sunday January 15: Non-Trade Issues: Environ't, Labor, & Human Rights

Dr. Oren Perez, *Free Trade and the Environment: Critique and Possible Lessons for the WTO and the Mediterranean Free Trade Zone*, in THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND ISRAEL: LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (Arie Reich, ed.) (Bar Ilan University Press, forthcoming) (Page proofs available at the library) (*in Hebrew*).

Review NAFTA Side Agreements (Environment and Labor) at http://www.mac.doc.gov/nafta/nafta_side.html

Sunday January 22: Developing Countries and International Trade

Marcia Don Harpaz, *Israeli Policy vis-a-vis the Doha Round: An Insider's View*, in THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND ISRAEL: LAW, ECONOMICS AND

POLITICS (Arie Reich, ed.) (Bar Ilan University Press, forthcoming) (Page proofs available at the library) (*in Hebrew*).

Review Part IV of the GATT 1947, at:
http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

**Sunday January 29: Israel and the WTO, OECD and other International
Economic Organizations**

Arie Reich, *The History of Israel's participation in the GATT and the WTO*, in
THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND ISRAEL: LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS
(Arie Reich, ed.) (Bar Ilan University Press, forthcoming) (Page proofs available
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