

United States Regulation of International Business

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Syllabus

I. Overview

The impact of the economic power of the United States with globalization is that all Israeli lawyers that represent businesses must have some knowledge of U.S. regulation of international business. It is inconceivable that an Israeli lawyer would not encounter many instances where such knowledge would be required. Those instances may involve Israeli businesses selling into or working in the United States, or American businesses selling into or working in Israel. In each of those cases, failure to have a basic knowledge of the U.S. international regulatory environment may be fatal to the client's goals. Accordingly, this course provides an introduction to some of the more common U.S. regulations of and controls on international business with which an Israeli lawyer must have some familiarity.

The class would be for one credit, meeting seven times, for ninety minutes per class.

II. General Information

Class meets: Wednesdays at 16:30 to 18:15
Seven weeks of class
One Hour Credit

Office Hours: Wednesdays before and after class.

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III. Course Assessment

The Course is a One Credit Hour Course. Credit will be awarded upon successful participation in the class.

IV. Readings

Reading assignments will be handed out in class.

Readings will mostly come from official government Internet sources, so as to familiarize students with the materials and resources available on-line and to prepare students in navigating through the sources needed for the practice of law in this field. Consequently, readings will generally be in English.

V. Draft Course Outline

- Wednesday November 2: **Intro to the Class – Relevant U.S. Legal Landscape**
- Wednesday November 9: **Regulation of Imports of Goods and Services**
- Wednesday November 16: **Regulation of Exports of Goods and Services**
- Wednesday November 23: No Class
- Wednesday November 30: **Regulation of US Investment Outside the United States**
- Wednesday December 7: **Regulation of Foreign Investment into the United States**
- Wednesday December 14: **Specific U.S & Israeli Regulatory Issues**
- Wednesday December 21: **U.S. Lawyers, Businesses & Government.**

VI. Initial Reading Assignments – First Two Classes

Later reading assignments will be handed out in class.

Wednesday November 2: Intro to the Class – Relevant U.S. Legal Landscape

Review the U.S. Constitution. (<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/usconst.htm>)

Review the websites of the relevant US regulatory bodies:

<http://www.state.gov/>

<http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/>

<http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/>

<http://www.bxa.doc.gov/>

<http://www.ustr.gov/>

<http://www.ita.doc.gov/>

<http://www.usitc.gov/>

Wednesday November 9: Regulation of Imports of Goods and Services

Review the WTO agreements, but focus specifically on the GATT 1994, GATT 1947, as well as the GATS, available at:

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

Review how the HTS operates, see <http://www.usitc.gov/tata/index.htm>

