

Cardozo School of Law
INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW
Spring 2005/ # 33274

Overview, basic information, syllabus, and
assignments for first two weeks of class

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BASIC INFORMATION

- Class room:** Room 423
- Class hours:** Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:50pm
- Office hours:** Tuesdays and Thursday, 10:00am – noon. I am generally available to talk most days when I'm at school and am always happy to schedule an appointment in advance, preferably by email.
- Course Materials:** JACKSON, DAVEY, AND SYKES, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, CASES, MATERIALS, AND TEXT (4th edition, 2002) and additional supplemental distribution packets, as provided by instructor.
- Evaluation Format:** Grading in the course will be based on a final take home examination. In addition, class participation will be used to adjust grades upward or downward.

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SYLLABUS

version 1.0 – January 12, 2005

- I. PRELUDE --- ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE**
Casebook pages 1 – 39 [inclusive], 45-48
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- II. BASICS IN PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW**
Casebook pages 170 – 184 [up to “(D)”]
189 – 199 [starting with “(E)”]
- III. THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE**
Casebook pages 56 – 94 [up to U.S. State Department Circular]
- IV. THE EUROPEAN UNION FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE**
Casebook pages 140 – 164 [up to Notes and Questions]
- V. THE LEGAL STRUCTURE OF THE WTO/GATT**
Casebook pages 208 – 231 [up to section 6.6]
236 - 245
256 – 267 [Section 7.2 to Notes and Questions]
- VI. CUSTOMS LAW AND TARIFFS**
Casebook pages 343 – 357 [GATT tariff Commitments §]
357 – 381 [Customs Law §]
- VII. THE NATIONAL TREATMENT CLAUSE**
Casebook pages 479 – 506 [to Notes and Questions]
Panel assignment pages 506 – 524 [cases in Discriminatory Regulation §]
- VIII. THE MOST-FAVORED-NATION CLAUSE**
Casebook pages 415 – 443
Panel assignment pages 441 - 442 [most favored nation problems]

IX. FREE TRADE AREAS AND CUSTOMS UNIONS

Casebook pages 447 – 478

X. THE “GENERAL EXCEPTIONS” TO WTO/GATT

Casebook pages 532 - 552

Panel assignment pages 552 – 574 The Article XX “Chapeau”/Shrimp decisions

XI. DUMPING AND SUBSIDIES

Casebook pages 676 - 722 [to Notes and Questions]
[subsidies and countervailing duties pages to be decided]

XII. ESCAPE CLAUSES AND ADJUSTMENT POLICIES

Casebook pages 604 – 629
642 – 665 [to Notes and Questions]

Possible panel assignment

XIII. INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Casebook pages 853 - 863
885 – 912

XIV. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Casebook pages 921 – 927
960 - 992 [Section 20.3 to Notes and Questions]

Panel assignment U.S. v. EU [geographical indications]
*This is a decision which **should** issue in March, so it will be hot off the WTO presses when we discuss it.*

XV. “LINKAGES” – THE ENVIRONMENT, LABOR STANDARDS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

[pages to be decided]

XVI. MORE ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION

[pages to be decided]

End of syllabus, version 1.0

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THIS IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE ANGEL SYSTEM

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Generally speaking, we will aim to cover 40+pages a week, but the first assignment is meant for general background and you should review it only; students will not be tested on Part I. So, in page count, our first couple weeks will be a little heavier.

ASSIGNMENT FOR JANUARY 20 AND 27

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