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Providing extensive coverage of international trade law from an economic development perspective, this second edition of Reclaiming Development in the World Trading System offers discussion of key principles of international trade law, trade measures, trade and development issues, and regulatory reform. Including such topics as the most-favored-nation principle, national treatment, and tariff binding, Yong-Shik Lee also offers insightful analysis into new areas pertaining to agriculture and textile, trade-related investment, intellectual property rights, and trade in services. Looking at trade and development issues in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, as well as microtrade, an innovative international trade system designed to relieve the absolute poverty of least-developed countries, this book is essential reading that gives context to development interests and advances specific regulatory and institutional reform proposals. Lee lends insight into these topics with case analysis exemplifying how our trading systems have been adopted by the developing world in order to foster their own economic development.

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PREFACE

This new edition is written for those who wish to study international trade law from the perspective of economic development. The first edition of this book, *Reclaiming Development in the World Trading System* (Cambridge University Press, 2006, 2009), presented arguments in support of reforming the world trading system to serve the development interest while maintaining the essential stability of the current system. Over the years, a need has arisen for a treatise which accounts for the development aspects of the world trading system to accommodate the current interest on trade and development issues and provides a more comprehensive coverage of international trade law for students, academics, lawyers, policy makers, and others broadly interested in the subject.

This new edition attempts to meet this need by expanding the coverage of pertinent international law rules with case analysis, particularly with respect to the core principles of international trade law such as the most-favored-nation principle, national treatment, tariffs and subsidies, and trade remedies. The new edition also introduces additional topics, including rules of origin, government procurement, technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and the WTO dispute settlement mechanism. The second part, which is added to the new edition, covers regional trade and development issues in major regions, including Asia, Latin America, and Africa, as examples to show how the international trading system has been adopted by developing countries in these areas to foster economic development.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACWL Advisory Centre on WTO Law

AD Anti-dumping

ADF Agreement on Development Facilitation

ADP Agreement The Anti-Dumping Practices Agreement (Agreement on

Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade 1994)

AfDB African Development Bank

AFTA ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Free Trade

Area

AMS Aggregate Measurement of Support (in Agreement on

Agriculture)

AMSI African Mineral Skills Initiative
ANRC African Natural Resources Centre
APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ATC Agreement on Textiles and Clothing
ATF Agreement on Trade Facilitation
ATPC African Trade Policy Centre

AU African Union

BISD Basic Instruments and Selected Documents (published by

GATT)

BIT Bilateral Investment Treaty
BOP Balance-of-Payment

CACM Central American Common Market

CARICOM Caribbean Community and Common Market

CFTA Continental Free Trade Area

COMESA Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa

CTD Committee on Trade and Development
CTE Committee on Trade and Environment

CVD Countervailing Duty
DDA Doha Development Agenda
DFQF Duty-Free, Quota-Free

DFS Development-Facilitation Subsidy

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DFT Development-Facilitation Tariff
DSB Dispute Settlement Body

DSU Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the

Settlement of Disputes

EAC East African Community

EBA Initiative "Everything But Arms" Initiative (an initiative of the European

Union providing preferential treatment to the trade of

least-developed countries)

EC European Communities

ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States

EFZ Export Free Zone
EIF Export Insurance Fund
EPZ Export Processing Zone
ESG Emergency Safeguard Measure

EU European Union

EUR Euro

FTA Free Trade Agreement

FTAA Free Trade Area of the Americas

FTZ Free Trade Zone

FDI Foreign Direct Investment

GATS General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GDP Gross Domestic Product
GNI Gross National Income
GNP Gross National Product

GPA Government Procurement Agreement
GSP Generalized System of Preferences

GVC Global Value Chain

HCI Heavy and Chemical Industries

HS Harmonized System

IGO Inter-Governmental Organization International Investment Agreement IIA ILO International Labour Organization **IMF** International Monetary Fund Intellectual Property Right **IPR** ITO International Trade Organization KCGF Korea Credit Guarantee Fund **KEIC** Korea Export Insurance Corporation **KIBO** Korea Technology Finance Corporation

LCP Local Content Policy
LDC Least-Developed Country

LI Light Industry

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LPP Locally Produced Product

MAI Multilateral Agreement on Investment
MDG Millennium Development Goal

Member State of the World Trade Organization

MERCOSUR Mercado Comun der Sur (the Southern Common Market in

Latin America)

MFA Multifiber Arrangement

MFN Treatment Most-Favored-Nation Treatment
NAFTA North America Free Trade Agreement
NAMA Non-Agricultural Market Access
NDE New Development Economics

NEPAD New Partnership for Africa's Development

NGO Non-Governmental Organization NIC Newly Industrializing Country

NTB Non-tariff Barrier

ODA Official Development Assistance
ODCs All Other Duties or Charges

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

OMA Orderly Marketing Arrangement

PPP Purchasing Power Parity

RCEP Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

R&D Research and Development
REC Regional Economic Community
RTA Regional Trade Agreement
SA Agreement on Safeguards
SACU South African Customs Union

SADC Southern African Development Community

S&D treatment Special and Differential Treatment SEM Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise

SOE State-Owned Enterprises

SPS Measure Sanitary or Phytosanitary Measure
SSG Special Safeguard Measures
TBT Technical Barriers to Trade

TDAR Trade-Related Development Assistance Report

TPP Trans-Pacific Partnership

TRIMs Trade-Related Investment Measures

TRIPS Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights

TRQ Tariff-Rate Quota

T-TIP Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

UBOP Understanding on the Balance-of-Payments Provisions of the

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994



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UN United Nations

UNCTAD United Nations Committee on Trade and Development

UNDP United Nations Development Programme
UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization

UR Uruguay Round
UR agreement See WTO agreement
US or U.S. United States
USD US Dollar

USTR United States Trade Representative
VER Voluntary Export Restraint
VRA Voluntary Restraint Agreement

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization

World Bank International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

WTO World Trade Organization

WTO Agreement Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade

Organization

WTO agreement An agreement included in the Annexes of the WTO Agreement

or UR agreement