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PREFACE

This publication contains the text of the 1994 Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO Agreement) and its Annexes. It replaces and updates The Legal Texts: The Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, published and reprinted since 1994, in some important respects. It reflects all amendments and rectifications to the WTO Agreement and its Annexes effected or adopted up to September 2017, such as the amendment of the TRIPS Agreement, the insertion of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA), and the amendment of the Trade Policy Review Mechanism adopted in July 2017. Closely following the structure of the GATT 1994, the provisions of the GATT 1947 appear as the first text incorporated into the GATT 1994. Due to its continued relevance, this publication also reproduces, as one of the "other decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES" included in the GATT 1994, the 1979 "Enabling Clause". Further, two Plurilateral Trade Agreements applicable among WTO Members that are party to them are reproduced under Annex 4 of the WTO Agreement, namely the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft and the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA).

This publication does not include the texts of three terminated agreements that were originally annexed to the WTO Agreement: the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, and the plurilateral International Dairy and International Bovine Agreements. Due to their length, Member-specific portions of the WTO Agreement, such as goods, services and GPA schedules, TFA commitments, and Accession Protocols, are also not included. This publication also does not include the relevant text of the intellectual property conventions referenced by the TRIPS Agreement. Finally, this publication does not reproduce results of the Uruguay Round that were not formally integrated into the WTO Agreement, such as the Final Act embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round, the Ministerial Decisions and Declarations, and the Understanding on Commitments in Financial Services annexed to the Final Act. All of these
documents have been published separately and are available on the WTO website (www.wto.org).

The above editorial choices are without prejudice to the legal value of texts not included in this publication. Editorial notes are not part of the text of the WTO Agreement and its Annexes.