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Books (links to West study aids)

- [International Trade Law Including the WTO, Technology Transfers, and Import/Export/Customs Law](#)
- [International Trade Law Including Trump and Trade in a Nutshell](#)
- [International Business Transactions in a Nutshell](#)
- [Principles of International Business Transactions](#)
- [Foreign Investment Law including Investor-State Arbitrations in a Nutshell](#)
- [Free Trade Agreements, from GATT 1947 to NAFTA Re-Negotiated 2018](#)
- [International Investment Arbitration in a Nutshell](#)
- [The USMCA, NAFTA Re-Negotiated and Its Business Implications in a Nutshell](#)

Intro to International Trade and the WTO

World Trade Organization

- **World Trade Organization** <http://www.wto.org/>
Trade Topics http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tratop_e.htm

- **WTO Documents**

WTO Documents Online:

http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/res_e.htm

WTO Analytical Index

http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/analytic_index_e/analytic_index_e.htm

- **GATT Documents**

GATT Documents Online

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

Stanford GATT Digital Library <http://gatt.stanford.edu/page/home>

WTO Dispute Settlement

- **WTO Dispute Settlement page**
Includes panel reports, appellate body reports, and adopted panel reports.
http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/dispu_e.htm
- **WorldTradeLaw.net**
Provides detailed summaries and commentaries on WTO Panel and Appellate Body Reports. Some content requires a subscription.
<http://www.worldtradelaw.net/>
- **GATT & WTO Decisions**
[Westlaw](#) (1948-present)
[Lexis](#) (1948-present)

United States Trade and Tariff Law

- Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
 - Provides information about (and full-text of) any trade agreements the U.S. is involved, both regional and bilateral.
<https://ustr.gov/trade-agreements>
- International Trade Administration
 - <http://www.trade.gov/>
 - Trade Compliance Center <http://tcc.export.gov/>
 - Trade Agreements
http://tcc.export.gov/Trade_Agreements/index.asp
 - ITA documents on [Westlaw](#) and [Lexis](#)

- International Trade Commission
 - <http://www.usitc.gov/>
 - ITC documents on [Westlaw](#) and [Lexis](#)
- U.S. Court of International Trade
 - <http://www.cit.uscourts.gov/>
 - Opinions on [Westlaw](#) (1938-present)
 - Opinions on [Lexis](#) (1980-present)

Customs



- Westlaw

- [Customs Law and Administration – Commentary](#)
- [Customs Law and Administration – Statutes](#)
- [Customs Law and Administration – Treaties](#)
- [Corporate Counsel's Guide to Importing Under the U.S. Customs Laws](#)
- [Customs Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights](#)

- Lexis

- [US Customs and International Trade Guide](#)
- [Getting the Deal Through – Trade & Customs](#) – individual country material

- WTO

- [Trade Topics Gateway: Customs Valuation](#)

Antidumping & Countervailing Duties



- Westlaw

- [Antidumping & Countervailing Duty Laws](#)
- [EU Anti-Dumping and Other Trade Defence Instruments](#)

- Lexis

- [Doing Business in Series](#) for individual countries

- WTO

- [Trade Topics Gateway: Subsidies and Countervailing Duties](#)
- [Trade Topics Gateway: Antidumping](#)

Trade Safeguards

- International Trade Commission
 - <http://www.usitc.gov/>
 - ITC documents on [Westlaw](#) and [Lexis](#)
- Westlaw
 - [Trade Remedies: Law of Dumping, Subsidies & Safeguards in China](#)
- WTO
 - [Trade Topics Gateway: Safeguards](#)

Counterfeit, IP Infringing and Gray Market Trading



- Westlaw

- Law and Practice of United States Regulation of International Trade – chapters 4 & 5
- Customs Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights

- Lexis

- Gilson on Trademarks – chapter 5 on counterfeiting and gray market goods

U.S. Export Controls and Boycotts



- Westlaw

- Corporate Counsel's Guide to Export Controls
- International Boycotts
- Law and Practice of United States Regulation of International Trade – chapters 10, 11, and 20

- Lexis

- United States Export Controls – also addresses anti-boycott restrictions

Foreign Corrupt Practices



- Westlaw

- [Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Reporter](#)
- [Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Opinion & Review Procedure Releases](#)
- [Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Dockets](#)
- [Foreign Corrupt Practices Act-News](#)

- Lexis

- [The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: Compliance, Investigations and Enforcement](#)

Section 301 Unilateral Proceedings

- Westlaw
 - Law and Practice of United States Regulation of International Trade – chapter 6
 - Customs Law Administration and Commentary – chapter 10
- Lexis
 - US Customs and International Trade Guide – section 21

Foreign Investment

Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs)

- **Investment Instruments Online via UNCTAD**
Searchable database of more than 2,500 BITs
<http://investmentpolicyhub.unctad.org/IIA>
- **OAS Foreign Trade Information System (SICE)**
This OAS foreign trade database also has a page specifically dedicated to bilateral investment treaties
http://www.sice.oas.org/Investment/main_e.asp
- **U.S. Bilateral Investment Treaties**
[Department of State](#)
[U.S. Trade Representative](#)

Investor-State Arbitration

- [Italaw.com](http://italaw.com)
Comprehensive and free database on investment treaties, international investment law and investor-state arbitration.
- [Kluwer Arbitration](http://klowerarbitration.com)
Kluwer Arbitration's subscription database includes the full texts of bilateral investment treaties, as well as arbitral decisions and awards issued in investor-state disputes. It also provides access to secondary sources, including over 200 e-books.
- [ICSID](http://icsid.worldbank.org)
This World Bank website offers resources for conciliation and arbitration of international investment disputes, including copies of awards and decisions.

Laws of Foreign Countries - Investment

- **Investment Laws of the World (Oceana Publications) (1977-)**
This ten-volume loose-leaf is a good source for many foreign investment laws, especially for countries whose legal system is difficult to research.
LRC Reading Room K1112.A48 I7
- **OAS Foreign Trade Information System (SICE)**
This foreign trade database also has a page specifically dedicated to national investment laws
http://www.sice.oas.org/Investment/natlegis_e.asp

Laws of Foreign Countries - General

- **Foreign Law Guide**

An excellent starting point for locating the statutes of another country. For each foreign country there is a section listing online resources and sources of law by subject.

Available through the [LRC databases page](#)

- **LRC Libguide: Foreign Laws**

The LRC has compiled a country-by-country guide of online free and subscription-based foreign law research materials.

<https://lawlibguides.sandiego.edu/foreign-law>

- **Westlaw and Lexis**

Both LexisNexis and Westlaw contain legal databases for a variety of countries. Coverage varies widely between the two databases.

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