

# Global Trade and Customs Abbreviations

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AB	Appellate Body (WTO) (/R = Panel Reports; /AB/R = Appellate Body Reports)
ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
AD	Anti-Dumping Measures
AEO	Authorized Economic Operator (EU)
AER	The American Economic Review (Journal)
AES	Automated Export System (EU)
AFDI	Annuaire Français de Droit International (Journal)
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area
AJICL	Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law (Journal)
AJIL	The American Journal of International Law (Journal)
AMS	Aggregate measure of support (WTO)
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum
API	Advance Passenger Information (WCO)
Art.	Article
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
ATC	Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (WTO, <i>expired</i> on 1/1/2005)
ATLAS	Automatisiertes Tarif- und Lokales Zoll-Abwicklungssystem (Germany, IT-System)
AUILR	American University International Law Review (Journal)
AWB	Air-Way-Bill
AW-Prax	Außenwirtschaftliche Praxis (Zeitschrift für Außenwirtschaft in Recht und Praxis, Journal)
B2B	Business-to-Business
B2C	Business-to-Customer
BISD	Basic Instruments and Selected Documents (WTO)
BIT	bilateral investment treaties
BL	Bill of Lading
BOP	Balance of Payments
BPM5	Balance of Payments Manual, fifth edition
BTA	Border Tax Adjustment
CACM	Central American Common Market
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CARICOM	Caribbean Common Market
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CBLR	Columbia Business Law Review (Journal)
CCC	Community Customs Code (EU)
CCC	Customs Co-operation Council ( <i>now</i> WCO)
CCE	Commissioners of Customs and Excise
CCIP	Customs Code Implementary Provisions (EU)
CCN	Communication Network
CEMA	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979
CEMAC	Economic and Monetary Community of Central African States
CHIEF	Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (UK, IT-System)
CIF	cost insurance freight
CIF	cost, insurance and freight
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States

CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CMLR	Common Market Law Review (Journal)
CN	Combined Nomenclature
COM	European Commission
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CSGR	Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation
CSI	Common System Interface
CSP	Community Service Providers
CTD	Committee on Trade and Development (WTO)
CTE	Committee on Trade and Environment (WTO)
CTG	Council for Trade in Goods (WTO)
CTHT	Commonwealth Trade Hot Topics (Journal)
CU	Customs Union
DDA	Doha Development Agenda (WTO)
DDP	delivery, duty, paid
DDS	Tariff Data Dissemination System
DDU	delivery, duty, unpaid
DLJ	Duke Law Journal
DO	Development Outreach (Journal)
DSB	Dispute Settlement Body
DSU	Dispute Settlement Understanding
EBTI	European Binding Tariff Information
EC	European Communities
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECICS	European customs inventory of chemical substances
ECJILTP	The Estey Centre Journal of International Law and Trade Policy
ECL	European Community Law (Journal)
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ECS	Export Control System
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EDIFACT	Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport
EEC	European Economic Community
EEP	Export Enhancement Programme (US)
EFA	European Forum for External Trade, Excise and Customs
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
e-Government	electronic Government
EJ	The Economic Journal
EJIL	European Journal of International Law
EJPE	European Journal of Political Economy
ELJ	European Law Journal
EORI	Economic Operator Registration Number (EU)
EPIL	Encyclopedia of Public International Law
EST	Environmentally-sound technology
EU	European Union
EUROATOM	European Atomenergetic Community
Europol	European Police Authority
EUROSTAT	Statistical Office of the European Communities
EuZW	Europäische Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsrecht (Journal)
EXW	ex works
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FOB	free on board

G7	Global 7 (Seven leading Industrial Countries)
G8	Global 8 (G7 plus Russia)
G 20	Global 20
G 77	Global 77 (Developing Countries)
GA	General Assembly
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GCC	Gulf Co-operation Council
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNP	Gross National Product
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences (EU)
GTCJ	Global Trade and Customs Journal
GYIL	German Yearbook of International Law
HDI	Human Development Index
HILJ	Harvard International Law Journal
HLM	High-Level Meeting for least-developed countries (WTO)
HLR	Harvard Law Review (Journal)
HM	Her Majesty's
HOD	Heads of Delegation (WTO)
HS	Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System
IAEA	International Atom Energy Agency
IATA	International Air Transport Association
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICLQ	International and Comparative Law Quarterly (Journal)
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IEA	International Energy Agency
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IF	Integrated Framework (WTO, Worldbank, IMF, ITC, UNDP, UNCTAD)
IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development
ILW	International Law Workshop (University of California, Berkeley)
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INCUI	International Network of Customs Universities
IP	Internationale Politik (Journal)
IPRs	Intellectual property rights
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IT	Information Technology
ITA	Information Technology Agreement (WTO)
ITC	International Trade Centre (WTO / UN)
ITLR	International Trade Law & Regulation (Journal)
ITTA	International Tropical Timber Agreement
JIE	Journal of International Economics
JIEL	Journal of International Economic Law
JSEBL	The Journal of Small and Emerging Business Law
JWT	Journal of World Trade ( <i>since 1988</i> )
JWTL	Journal of World Trade Law ( <i>until 1987</i> )
LCA	Life cycle analysis
LDCs	Least-developed countries
LIEI	Legal Issues of Economic Integration (Journal)
lit	littera
LMG	Like-Minded-Group
Ltd	Limited company
MCC	Modernized Customs Code (EU)

MEA	Multilateral Environmental Agreements
MERCOSUR	Southern Common Market
MFA	Multifibre Arrangement (GATT, 1974-94)
MFN	Most-Favored-Nation
MIG	Message Implementation Guidelines (IT)
MJIL	Melbourne Journal of International Law
MJIL	Michigan Journal on International Law
MRN	Movement Reference Number
MTN	Multilateral Trade Negotiations
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
n.i.e.	not included elsewhere
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NCTS	New Computerized Transit System
NES	New Export System
NGO	Non-Governmental-Organization
NT	National Treatment
NTMs	Non-tariff measures
NTR	Normal Trade Relations
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OJ	Official Journal of the EU
OLAF	Office européen de lutte antifraude, EU Anti-fraud authority
OMA	orderly marketing arrangement
para.	Paragraph
PICARD	Partnerships in Customs Academic Research and Development (WCO)
PGE	Permanent Group of Experts (WTO)
PPM	Process and Production Method
PSE	Producer Subsidy Equivalents
PSI	Preshipment inspection
PTA	Preferential Trade Agreement
QRs	Quantitative restrictions
R	Report
Reg.	Regulation
Rev.	Revision
RIW	Recht der internationalen Wirtschaft (Journal)
RTA	Regional Trade Agreement
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation
SAD	Single Administration Document (EU)
SADC	South African Development Community
SAPTA	South Asian Preferential Trade Arrangement
SCM	Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (WTO)
SDR	Special Drawing Rights (IMF)
SDT	Special and Differential Treatment
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
SELA	Latin American Economic System
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO)
SSG	Special Safeguard (WTO)
ST	Special Treatment (WTO)
STE	State Trading Enterprises
STO	Specific Trade Obligation
TARIC	Tarif Intégré des Communautés Européennes, Integrated Customs Tariff of the EC
TAXUD	Taxation and Customs Union, EC Commission Directorate
TBT	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO)
TK	Traditional Knowledge
TL	Tariff Line

TMB	Textiles Monitoring Body (ATC, <i>expired</i> )
TNC	Trade Negotiations Comité (WTO)
TPR	Trade Policy Review (WTO)
TPRB	Trade Policy Review Body (WTO)
TPRM	Trade Policy Review Mechanism (WTO)
TQ	Tariff-Quota (WTO)
TRIMs	Trade-related investment measures
TRIPS	Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (WTO)
TRQ	Tariff-Rate Quota (WTO)
UChiLRev	The University of Chicago Law Review (Journal)
UCR	Unique Consignment Reference (WCO)
UK	United Kingdom
UMRs	Usual Market Requirements
UN	United Nations
UNCITRAL	United Nations Centre for International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNECLAC	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
UNFCCC	United Nations Convention on Climate Change
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNO	United Nations Organization
UNSD	United Nations Statistics Division
UNU	United Nations University
UPOV	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
UPU	Universal Postal Union
URL	Universal Resource Locator (Internet)
USTR	US Trade Representative
VAT	value added tax
VER	Voluntary Export Restraints
VJIL	Virginia Journal of International Law
VRA	Voluntary restraint arrangement
vs.	versus
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
WCJ	World Customs Journal
WCO	World Customs Organization
WComp.	World Competition (Journal)
WE	The World Economy (Journal)
WIDER	World Institute for Development Economics Research
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WT/DS WTO	World Trade Organization, Dispute settlement documents
WT/MIN/DEC	Ministerial Declaration (WTO)
WT/TPR	Trade Policy Review (WTO)
WTO	World Trade Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
www.	world wide web
YBILC	Yearbook of the International Law Commission
ZfZ	Zeitschrift für Zölle und Verbrauchsteuern (Journal)

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