

WTO CASE REVIEW INTRODUCTION

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This 2010 edition of the WTO Case Review is the tenth annual review in a series by Professors David Gantz and Raj Bhala. Over the past decade, these two prominent international trade scholars have worked with the staff of the *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law* to bring each year to the legal community—and WTO practitioners in particular—the most significant cases of the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body. The James E. Rogers College of Law and the *Journal* highly value this relationship, and, on this decennial anniversary, wish to express their appreciation to Professors Gantz and Bhala, as well as their hope and expectation that this relationship will continue for many years to come.

The WTO's Dispute Settlement Body has become the international community's most effective dispute settlement mechanism. With its detailed treaty law, mandatory jurisdiction over international trade disputes, and enforcement of decisions through trade sanctions, the Dispute Settlement Body is recognized as the final determinant of whether one Member's actions are consistent with WTO Agreements. The Appellate Body's decisions are also increasingly recognized as one of the most important sources of international trade law, and provide a framework for evaluating future Member-government measures.

The importance of this growing collection of Appellate Body decisional law—more than 110 to date—and the fact that earlier decisions now serve as carefully followed, albeit informal, precedents for later rulings, creates a significant need among the WTO Member nation officials, trade practitioners, and academics for thorough and well-written summaries of these Appellate Body decisions as an aid to understanding WTO jurisprudence.

The collaboration over these past ten years between Professors Gantz and Bhala and the *Journal's* editors has produced annual summaries of Appellate Body decisions that address that need. Indeed, year-in-and-year-out, these articles are among the most widely read and discussed of those published by the *Journal*. As an institution, the College of Law celebrates the success and impact of these articles, and we look keenly forward to the continuation in future years of this meaningful and important work. I close by adding my personal congratulations and thanks to the authors and the *Journal* for their invaluable contributions to the field.



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