

Editorial note

The first five articles in this issue are revised versions of papers presented at the Dartmouth–Tuck Forum on International Trade and Business *Managing Global Trade: The WTO – Trade Remedies and Dispute Settlement*, held in Washington, DC on 16–17 May 2003. The Forum was organized by Joseph Massey, Director of the Center for International Business at the Tuck School of Business, and Douglas Irwin, Professor of Economics at Dartmouth College. Funding for the Forum was provided by the Center for International Business at Dartmouth’s Tuck School (www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/cib). All of the articles went through the *World Trade Review*’s standard refereeing process.

Trade Agreements Database and Archive

This is a convenient place to mention another activity of the Center for International Business (CIB) of interest to the trade community.

The CIB at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth has created a new information resource available without charge for those interested in international trade agreements: the most comprehensive collection of texts of free trade and customs union agreements available in a single site on the web and the only text-searchable database of such agreements, both available at <http://cib.tuck.dartmouth.edu/cibresearch>.

The CIB Trade Agreements Database currently contains the full texts of all FTA’s and customs union agreements notified to the GATT/WTO and in force as of 5 May 2003, along with numerous agreements that have not yet or never been notified. The texts of these agreements have been entered into the database in a format that is a greatly expanded version of the ‘standard format’ for notification to the WTO. The user may search the text of any agreement, subset, or the entire database of agreements using any of more than 70 indexed provisions such as:

Duties and charges on imports	Quantitative restrictions on imports
Rules of origin	Sanitary and phytosanitary measures
Agriculture	Investment
Services	Dispute settlement procedures

The user may also search the agreements by *any* word or phrase and, if desired, download the full texts of agreements in PDF format from the CIB Archive. The

database will be regularly and frequently updated so that all free trade and other bilateral and regional agreements under negotiation are included and available, in full text-searchable form, as soon as agreements are signed and the texts become available to CIB. Another batch of recently signed agreements, including the China–Hong Kong FTA, will be entered by December 2003.

If anyone is aware of bilateral or regional trade agreements that are not included in the archive or database, please let CIB know about them. They also welcome suggestions on how the CIB Archive and Database might be improved. For more information contact Professor Joseph A. Massey at <Joseph.A.Massey@Dartmouth.edu>.