

THE IMPACT OF FREE TRADE IN CANADIAN LAW

ABSTRACT

Free trade has had a significant effect on Canadian law since this country entered the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in 1948. Canada has celebrated different international commercial agreements that have required the change of specific areas of Canadian law. Recently, Canada became a party to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) with the subsequent adoption of this organizations agreements. The authors of this paper use these agreements to show how free trade has influenced domestic Canadian law and to set forth some interesting questions regarding the instrumentation of Canada's obligations under international commercial agreements.