

Chapter 6: Trade Worksheet

6.1 Case Study: The European Union Saves (Some) Seals

- In your own words, briefly summarize important facts about the case. Include important actors and events.
- What are the important legal and political questions raised by this case?

6.2 Promoting International Trade

Concepts

- What are the key concepts that apply to this area of international law?
- Provide 2—3 examples that illustrate each of these concepts.

Evolution

- What are the key events and documents in the evolution of this area of international law?
- What institutions oversee this area of international law?

6.3 Major Obligations

Market Access

- What is a tariff? How is it regulated under the GATT/WTO?
- Define and provide examples of the major nontariff barriers to trade. How are these barriers regulated under the GATT/WTO?

Treatment Standards

- What treatment standards are required by the GATT/WTO?
- Be able to define each standard and provide examples of trade policies that violate each standard.

6.4 Major Exceptions

Preventing Unfair Trade

- What practices are considered “unfair” (albeit not illegal) under the GATT/WTO?
- How can states respond if their trading partners are using these practices?

Safeguarding Economies from Unexpected Shocks

- When can states protect their economies from unexpected shocks?
- Provide 2—3 examples in which states have tried to impose safeguards.

Protecting Competing Values

- What competing values are protected under the GATT/WTO?
- What prevents a state from using these values opportunistically to restrict trade?
- Provide 2—3 examples of trade restrictions that involve each competing value.

Preserving National Security

- When can states restrict trade for the sake of their national security?
- What prevents a state from invoking national security opportunistically to restrict trade?

6.5 Case Study Revisited: Can the EU Ban Seal Products?

- How do the topics discussed in this chapter help you to understand this case?
- How would *you* answer the legal and political questions that are raised by this case?¹

¹ Note: Some of these questions may require that you express an opinion or make a value judgment. There is no inherently correct or incorrect opinion/value, but you should be able to support your answer (and argue against alternative opinions/values) using basic facts and logic.