A CENTENNIAL OF ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Symposium

March 12, 2004 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

A century has now passed since the Government of Canada adopted the first recorded anti-dumping law in 1904.¹ The Canadian legislation was soon followed by similar legislation in most of the major trading nations in the industrialized world prior to and after World War I. Anti-dumping provisions were later incorporated into the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) following World War II. Nowadays, virtually all of the industrialized and developing countries in the world economy have adopted anti-dumping legislation.

While anti-dumping actions were implemented in a number of countries prior to World War II, these actions have since come to be increasingly used in the GATT/WTO system by industrialized and developing countries alike. Indeed, it appears that anti-dumping has become the trade policy of choice to provide administered protection to domestic firms to offset the injury that results from the alleged dumping practices of foreign exporters.

In view of the long and increasingly widespread use of anti-dumping measures, we have made arrangements to mark the centennial of the 1904 Canadian anti-dumping legislation in a symposium to be held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on Friday, March 12, 2004. This symposium will feature commissioned papers dealing with anti-dumping measures in an historical context, theoretical and empirical analyses of the causes and consequences of anti-dumping, reviews of the anti-dumping experiences of selected major trading nations/regions, and assessment of anti-dumping and safeguards provisions in the GATT/WTO

The agenda for the Symposium is indicated below.

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¹ An Act to Amend the Customs Tariff 1897, 4 Edw VIII, 1 Canada Statutes 111 (1904).

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Friday, March 12, 2004

8:30-9:00 A.M.	Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:00 A.M.	Douglas Irwin, Dartmouth College, "Explaining the Rise in U.S. Antidumping Activity"
10:00-11:00 A.M.	Tom Prusa, Rutgers University, "The Globalization of AD"
11:00-11:15 A.M.	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15 P.M.	Claude Barfield, American Enterprise Institute, "Antidumping: Time to: (1) Go Back to Basics; and (2) Politicize the Final Outcome; or (3) Substitute Safeguards for Antidumping Actions"
12:15-1:30 P.M.	Lunch (Executive Residence Dining Room)
1:30-2:30 P.M.	Jean-Marie Viaene, Erasmus University and University of Michigan, "Dumping in Developing and Transition Economies"
2:30-3:45 P.M.	Dan Ciuriak, Senior Economic Advisor, Trade and Economic Policy Analysis, and Trade Litigation, Government of Canada, "A Canadian Perspective on Anti-Dumping and Safeguards"
	Simon Evenett, Oxford University, and Edwin Vermulst, Partner, Vermulst, Waer & Verhaeghe, Attorneys-at-law, Brussels, "The Falling Number of EU Anti-Dumping Actions: Temporary Downturn or Long-Term Trend?"
3:45-4:00 P.M.	Coffee Break
4:00-5:30 P.M.	Robert Staiger, University of Wisconsin, "Institutionalizing Reciprocity in WTO Anti -Dumping Rules"
	Robert E. Baldwin, University of Wisconsin, "Reforming the Anti-Dumping Laws"
6:00-7:00 P.M.	Reception (Executive Residence Lobby)
7:00-8:30 P.M.	Dinner (Executive Residence Dining Room)

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