## OVERVIEW OF TRADE REMEDIES



## **REVIEW OF WTO LAW**

- WTO formed in 1994 out of the Uruguay Round of the GATT
- Intent of GATT/WTO is to liberalize trade with 4 basic principles:
  - Reduce tariffs (Tariff Binding) schedules of concessions (See GATT Art. II)
  - Move all trade restrictions into tariffs (no Non-Tariff Barriers, *e.g.* quantitative restrictions) (See GATT Art. XI)
  - Prevent trade discrimination
    - **Most Favored Nation** (no favoring certain trade partners) (See GATT Art. I:1)
    - National Treatment (no favoring domestic over imports) (See GATT Arts. III, XIII, Ad Art. III)

### EXCEPTIONS TO TRADE LIBERALIZATION

- Preferential Trade Agreements: Free Trade Areas & Customs Unions
- GATT Art.XX Defenses
  - Necessary to protect public morals
  - Necessary to protect human, animal, or plant life or health
  - Necessary to secure compliance with laws or regulations . . .
  - Relating to the conservation of exhaustible natural resources . . .
  - Involving restrictions on exports of domestic materials . . .
- Trade Remedies

### **TRADE REMEDIES**

### Antidumping Duties

 (See GATT Art. IV & Agreement On Implementation Of Article VI Of The General Agreement On Tariffs And Trade 1994 ("Antidumping Agreement" or "ADA"))

#### Countervailing Duties

- (See GATT Art. & Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures)
- Safeguards
  - (See GATT Art. XIX & Agreement on Safeguards

# **ANTIDUMPING & SUBSIDIES**

- Injury, Dumping, and Prohibited Subsidies
- · Injury
  - Material injury or threat of material injury
  - Factors (volume effects, price effects, impact analysis)
    - Actual and potential decline in sales, profits, output, market share, productivity, return on investments, or utilization capacity
    - Factors affecting domestic prices
    - Magnitude of dumping margin/subsidization
    - Actual and potential negative effects on cash flow, inventories, employment, wages, growth, and ability to raise capital or investments
  - Causal link between imports and injury

## ANTIDUMPING

- $\cdot$  NV EP = Dumping
- Normal Value (price/constructed price in home market)
- Export Price (price at which goods are sold to the foreign market)
- Fair Comparison
- Ordinary Course of Trade

### **SUBSIDIES**

Financial Contribution
Benefit
Specificity

## SAFEGUARDS

- Unforeseen Developments
- Relative or absolute increase in imports
- Serious injury
- Causeal relationship