
GATT Secretariat

The Geneva-based staff that services the GATT contracting parties in the administration of the GATT, its codes, disputes and negotiations.

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)

Special tariff treatment accorded by developed countries to encourage the expansion of manufactured and semi-manufactured exports from developing countries by making those goods more competitive in developed country markets through tariff preferences.

Government Procurement

Purchases of goods by official government agencies.

Government Procurement Code

A code of conduct negotiated under the auspices of the GATT during the Tokyo Round that established substantive qualification and procedural standards for tendering and awarding of government contracts for certain Code-covered federal government departments and agencies.

Graduation

Concept used to denote a country whose economic development has advanced to the stage where it can assume greater obligations under the GATT.

Grey-Area Measures

Actions to restrict imports taken outside the GATT framework, e.g.; voluntary restraint arrangements. (VRA's)