

1. Complete Elimination  
of Safeguards Actions

Because the ultimate goal of an FTA is to eliminate all barriers to fair trade, it is arguable that safeguards actions should not be permitted at all after an initial transition period. Alternatively, the FTA could require the governments to consider elimination of safeguards actions after a specified period.

EXEMPT  
Sec. 15(D)

2. Proposals Relating to  
Injury Determinations

As described above, safeguards relief can be granted only if imports are "a substantial cause of serious injury" and the President decides that relief is appropriate. The degree of injury required in a safeguards action -- "serious injury" -- is more difficult to establish than that required in countervailing duty and antidumping actions -- "material injury." "Substantial cause" is defined as "a cause which is