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This book examines how national law is treated in WTO law – both in the WTO treaty and dispute settlement cases. The WTO treaty contains a set of far-reaching obligations establishing a systemic and constitutional framework of interaction between WTO law and national law. WTO dispute settlement operates as an international layer of judicial review of national laws and administrative, judicial or quasi-judicial measures. Consequently, many of the WTO dispute settlement decisions and rulings relate in different ways to Members' national laws. Yet, there is no systematic analysis of this vastly important subject. This book provides the first thorough map of an increasingly complex field. In doing so, it extends the enquiry beyond well-known formulas and combines practical analysis with principled discussion of how the treatment of national law in international law can – and indeed should – ensure effectiveness of international rules and promote good governance within nation-states.

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#### **Abbreviations**

AB (WTO) Appellate Body ADA (WTO) Agreement on

Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (commonly referred to as the "Anti-Dumping Agreement")

Agriculture Agreement (WTO) Agreement on Agriculture
AJIL American Journal of International Law
ARO (WTO) Agreement on Rules of Origin
ASCM (WTO) Agreement on Subsidies and

Countervailing Measures

ATC (WTO) Agreement on Textiles and

Clothing

Berne Convention Berne Convention for the Protection

of Literary and Artistic Works 1971 British Year Book of International Law

Customs Valuation Agreement (WTO) Agreement on

Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and

Trade 1994

DSB (WTO) Dispute Settlement Body
DSU (WTO) Understanding on Rules and

Procedures Governing the

Settlement of Disputes (commonly

referred to as the "Dispute Settlement Understanding")

EC European Communities

**BYIL** 

EC Treaty Treaty Establishing the European

Community, March 25, 1957;

consolidated version, November 10,

1997

ECHR European Court of Human Rights
ECI Court of Justice of the European

Communities

EHR Convention Convention for the Protection of

Human Rights and Fundamental

Freedoms 1950

EJIL European Journal of International Law

EU European Union

GATS (WTO) General Agreement on Trade

in Services

GATT 1947 General Agreement on Tariffs and

Trade 1947

GATT 1994 (WTO) General Agreement on Tariffs

and Trade 1994

GPA (WTO) Agreement on Government

Procurement

ICJ International Court of Justice
ILC International Law Commission
IPRs intellectual property rights

ITLOS International Tribunal for the Law

of the Sea

JIEL Journal of International Economic Law

JWT Journal of World Trade

Licensing Agreement (WTO) Agreement on Import

Licensing Procedures

MFN most-favored nation

NAFTA North American Free Trade

Agreement

PCIJ Permanent Court of International

Justice

PSI Agreement (WTO) Agreement on Preshipment

Inspection

Safeguards Agreement (WTO) Agreement on Safeguards

SPS Agreement (WTO) Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and

Phytosanitary Measures

TBT Agreement (WTO) Agreement on Technical

Barriers to Trade

TPRM (WTO) Trade Policy Review

Mechanism

TRIMS Agreement (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related

**Investment Measures** 

TRIPS Agreement (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related

Aspects of Intellectual Property

Rights

UNCLOS United Nations Convention on the

Law of the Sea

UR Uruguay Round of Multilateral

Trade Negotiations

VCLT Vienna Convention on the Law of

Treaties 1969

WTO Agreement Marrakesh Agreement Establishing

the World Trade Organization

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