

Objective

This conference will analyse from a practical perspective the latest developments in trade law at EU and WTO level for legal practitioners seeking a high-level debate on this complex field of law.

In its 5th edition, this event will focus on trade defence instruments (TDI), free-trade agreements (FTAs) and export controls.

Key topics

- Modernisation of TDI
- Recent cases on antidumping (AD) and antisubsidy (AS) at EU and WTO level
- Russia's accession to the WTO
- China's market economy status (MES)
- Last news on FTAs
- Impact of export controls on trade: dual-use and financial sanctions issues

Who should attend?

Lawyers in private practice, in-house counsel, civil servants and other practitioners dealing with trade law.

Speakers

Renato Antonini, Partner, Jones Day, Brussels

Jean-François Bellis, Partner, Van Bael & Bellis, Brussels

Georg Berrisch, Partner, Covington & Burling, Brussels

Francisco Pérez-Cañado, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Trade, European Commission

James Killick, Partner, White & Case, Brussels

Timothy Lyons QC, Gray's Inn Square, Gray's Inn, London

Nikolay Mizulin, Partner, Mayer Brown, Brussels

Michel Moreels, *Direction des Licences d'armes* for the Walloon Region, Namur*

Wolfgang Mueller, Head of Unit, DG Trade, European Commission

Bernard O'Connor, Partner, NCTM O'Connor, Brussels; lecturer at the World Trade Institute in Bern

Tibor Scharf, Legal Service, European Commission, Brussels

Paulette Vander Schueren, Partner, Mayer Brown, Brussels

Hubert van Vliet, Legal Service, European Commission, Brussels

Edwin Vermulst, Partner, Vermulst Verhaeghe, Brussels; Member of the Faculty of the World Trade Institute in Bern and of the IELPO program in Barcelona

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Thursday, 11 October 2012

- 13:15 Registration of participants
- 13:50 **Welcome words and introduction**
Pilar Núñez Ruiz
- I. TRADE DEFENCE (PART I)**
Chair: Wolfgang Mueller
- 14:00 **Relevant EU and WTO cases developments (e.g. imports restrictions; export taxes)**
Georg Berrish
- 14:40 **Some reflections on the accession of Russia to the WTO (e.g. cost-adjustments to normal value)**
Nikolay Mizulin
- 15:15 Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 **US-EU comparative analysis of TDI systems**
Edwin Vermulst
- 16:45 **Granting MES for China in 2016? Update actions on AS**
Bernard O'Connor
- 17:30 Discussion
- 17:45 End of the first conference day
- Networking reception

Friday, 12 October 2012

- II. TRADE DEFENCE (PART II)**
Chair: Jean-François Bellis
- 09:30 **Modernisation of TDI: European Commission's proposal amending the regulation on AD and AS. Main amendments and impact on businesses**
Tibor Scharf
Hubert van Vliet
- 10:40 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break
- III. FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (FTAs)**
Chair: James Killick
- 11:30 **Future Generalised System of Preferences scheme(GSP) . Effects of the EC proposal**
Francisco Pérez-Cañado
- 12:15 **Update on FTAs and their impact for businesses.**
Paulette Vander Schueren
- 13:00 Discussion
- 13:15 Lunch buffet
- IV. EXPORTS CONTROL**
*Chair: Michel Moreels**
- 14:30 **The EU approach to export controls**
Renato Antonini
- 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:45 **Dual-use items**
- 16:30 **Financial sanctions - the perspective from a UK lawyer**
Timothy Lyons
- 17:15 Discussion
- 17:30 End of the conference

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