

International Trade & Investment Law
Florida State University College of Law
Fall Term 2026
Prof. F. M. Abbott
Mon. & Tues.

Reading Assignments – Reference to Course Materials (to be posted on Canvas)

Week One

Aug. 24 (Monday)

The Fractured Global Trade Environment

IMF Staff, Geoeconomic Fragmentation and the Future of Multilateralism,
SDN/2023/001 (2023)

Recent Trends in US Trade Policy and the Judicial Response

F. M. Abbott, Reciprocal Tariffs: What are they? Nova Worldwide Think Tank Briefing
No. 2, Feb. 14, 2025

Aug. 25 (Tuesday)

Learning Resources, Inc v. Donald J. Trump, 607 U. S. ____ (2026)

Week Two

August 31 (Monday)

Fundamental Rules Governing International Trade

F.M. Abbott, *Reflection Paper on China in the World Trading System* (1998)

Associated legal texts: for reference during lecture

Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization:
https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/04-wto_e.htm

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/gatt47_01_e.htm

September 1 (Tuesday)

The WTO Dispute Settlement System, Legalization and US Section 301

United States - Sections 301-310 of the Trade Act of 1974 (1999) (excerpt), WTO Panel,
Annex for reference

Associated legal text: for reference during lecture:

Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes
https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/28-dsu_e.htm