

## Preface to the third edition

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Since the second edition of *Safeguard Measures in World Trade*, there have been substantial developments in the legal disciplines of safeguard measures. New cases have emerged, and rapidly increasing regional trade agreements adopt separate rules on safeguards, creating potential overlaps and conflicts with WTO disciplines. The transitional product-specific safeguard regime, which has raised significant concern as it is applicable only to imports from China, has led to a dispute at the WTO dispute settlement body. A body of new literature on safeguards has also been published. The third edition has been prepared to account for these developments, including a new chapter on regional trade agreements and safeguard measures. The new edition also includes essential updates on relevant statistics on safeguard measures.

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