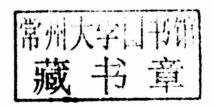
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## List of Abbreviations

AB Appellate Body

AJDA Actualité Juridique de Droit Administratif

AoA Agreement on Agriculture (WTO)

Art. Article

BISD Basic Instruments and Selected Documents (GATT)

CFI Court of First Instance\*
CJ Court of Justice \*

CJEU Court of Justice of the European Union\*

COREPER Committee of Permanent Representatives (EU)

DISC Domestic International Sales Corporation

DSB Dispute Settlement Body

DSU Dispute Settlement Understanding e.g. exempli gratia (for example)

EC European Communities

EC Treaty Treaty establishing the European Community

ECJ European Court of Justice \*

ECLR European Competition Law Review

ECOFIN Economic and Financial Affairs Council (EU)

ECSC European Coal and Steel Community

ed., eds. editor, editors

EEA European Economic Area

<sup>\*</sup> The designations of the European jurisdictions were modified after the Lisbon Treaty entered into force on the 1 December 2009. Therefore, in the present book, the ECJ (European Court of Justice) and the CFI (Court of First Instance) are referred respectively to the CJ (Court of Justice) and the GC (General Court) as from 1 December 2009.

#### List of Abbreviations

EEC European Economic Community

ELI European Law Journal ELR European Law Review

EStAL European State Aid law Quarterly
ETI Act Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act

EU European Union

Euratom Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community

EuZW Europäische Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsrecht EWS Europäisches Wirtschafts- & Steuerrecht

FSC cases Foreign Sales Corporations cases

GATS General Agreement on Trade in Services

GATT 1947 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1947 GATT 1994 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994

GC General Court \*
HC Havana Charter

Ibid. Ibidem

IBFD International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation

i.e. id est (that is)

ICJ International Court of Justice
IRC Internal Revenue Code (US)
ITO International Trade Organization
JIEL Journal of International Economic Law

JOBS Act American Jobs Creation Act

JOURNAL OF WORLD Trade

LGDJ Librairie Générale de Droit et de Jurisprudence

M&A Mergers and Acquisitions

MFN Most-favoured-nation (clause or principle)
MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

OEEC Organisation of European Economic Organization

OJ Official Journal of the European Union

p., pp. page, pages

PGE Permanent Group of Experts
R&D Research and Development

RTDE Revue Trimestrielle de Droit Européen

SCM Agreement Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement

SEA Single European Act

SGEI Services of General Economic Interest

SMEs Small and Medium Enterprises
TBR Trade Barriers Regulation (EU)

TBT Agreement Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO)

TEU Treaty on European Union

TFEU Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TRIMs Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures

Agreement

UK United Kingdom

UN United Nations Organization

UNCTAD UN Conference on Trade and Development

US United States of America

v., vs. versus

VAT Value Added Taxes

vol. volume

WTO World Trade Organization
YEL Yearbook of European Law

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