

## **Abstract**

The entry into force of the World Trade Organization on 1st January 1995 meant a continuation and an expansion of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The new world trading system took over the basic rules of the GATT and extended their scope beyond trade in goods to include trade in services and the protection of intellectual property rights. The aim of this book is to sketch how the individual agreements came about, their scope and how they function institutionally.

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