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# Book Review 'Trade Agreements and Aspects Related to Foreign Trade' (Spanish Version)



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Written by Carlos F Aguirre Cárdenas, the current globalization of the economy, with the consequent development of foreign trade, is not at all a reality foreign to Colombia. On the contrary, as recognized by the same jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court and, as in many scenarios, and for centuries it has become clear, commerce, innate activity in man, collaborates with the development of peoples, since not only is the vehicle to achieve everything what is required, but it is one of the best engines at the time of establishing sources of work and the production of wealth. According to the Constitutional Court, trying to live with its back turned to international trade would condemn the country to ostracism and poverty. The development of this vision, which in Colombia already has more than two decades, has given place in an economic policy in which foreign trade is important and, within this, trade promotion agreements or free trade agreements with other countries and other treaties related to the former, such as those that regulate foreign investment in the country and the agreements to avoid double taxation. The latter become a necessity as more companies are established in Colombia, or trade operations are developed externally, and, of course, it is essential to recognize the tax function that trade and commercial relations, in their different manifestations, generate.

With the present collective work, which is available to everyone and, especially, to academics, professionals and students, we intend to highlight aspects related to trade agreements and related issues, such as those that have to do with economic integration and, the main contractual mechanism for carrying out import and export operations of merchandise,

such as the international merchandise sales contract. Thus, with the judicious work of several authors, they want to highlight different topics related to the previously mentioned aspects. Another important feature is highlighted in this work that is presented, and that, within the academic scope of the Universidad del Rosario, the contribution of authors who demonstrate what they understand or conglomerate university knowledge has been sought and achieved, so that has the collaboration and participation of outstanding national and international professors and students. The convenor interest focuses on academic work related to foreign trade. This collective work is the result of an effort of the extended academic community, because it supposes the participation not only of great professors, but also of graduates and students, including the interdisciplinarity of the professions, with which an interesting vision of related topics is achieved with trade agreements, economic integration and other related aspects.

The book begins in its part I with an article which studies the constitutional aspects of trade agreements that the country has concluded, making its analysis especially from the perspective of the jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court. Also, the rules of the Constitution that directly or indirectly apply to treaties, the guiding principles of the execution of international treaties, the bases of trade agreements made by Colombia, in which the Vienna Convention on the Law of the Treaties; the competences of the different branches of public power for the celebration and validity of the agreements, the aspects related to the hierarchy of the agreements with respect to national standards; and, finally, how they should be interpreted.



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