Your assignment is to write a paper analyzing a current or recent trade policy case. Cases may include antidumping or countervailing duty petitions filed with the United States Commerce Department and International Trade Commission, or similar AD/CVD cases filed in other countries. You may also decide to analyze a current or recent case before the World Trade Organization Dispute Settlement Body.

Whatever case you choose to analyze, your paper should include the following elements:

- A clear description of the legal issue, including the elements of trade law at issue.
- An economic analysis of the dispute, including potential winners and losers as well as the overall welfare implications of the case.
- A description of the parties to the case, including detailed information on the firms, unions, and governments involved.
- An empirical analysis of data relevant to the case. At a minimum this should include data on product-level trade flows, but it should also include information on firm- and/or sector-level data such as revenues, profits, and employment.

Timeline for completion

- November 6: select your topic, and get it approved by Professor Harrigan. No two students may work on the same topic, so be early if you want to be sure that you get your first choice.
- November 25: hand in first draft for feedback (OPTIONAL). If you choose to hand in a first draft, you will get detailed feedback no later than December 2.
- December 9: paper due, between noon and 2pm in Monroe 215. Please hand in a paper copy as well as e-mailing a PDF copy. No late papers will be accepted for any reason. If your paper is not handed in by 2pm on December 9, it will get a grade of zero. You are welcome to hand in your paper early.

Guidelines

- Your paper should be long enough to include all of the elements above, but no longer than necessary. This will probably amount to between 8 and 15 pages, including references and data displays.
- Focus on economic issues, using economic reasoning and data analysis. Discussion of political and (especially) legal issues should take a back seat to economics.
- Professional standards of composition and presentation are expected. This means that your paper should be well organized, clear, free of typos, and written in good English. It should not include excessive illustrations, pictures, or color graphics, and need not have a fancy cover page (these elements are seen as high school-ish and are frowned upon in professional settings). It should include a brief (less than one page) “executive summary” that summarizes your analysis.
• Data descriptions (charts, tables, etc) should be well-labelled and include information on data sources.

• All sources (websites, journalism, journals, books, other published information) should be carefully cited, and collected in a list of references at the end of the paper. If you quote from a source, you must cite it – otherwise you are committing plagiarism, which is an Honor Offense.

Resources
Here are some potentially useful links:

- Commerce Department Office of Trade Agreements Negotiations and Compliance
- USITC AD and CVD investigations
- USITC Electronic Document Information System
- US Trade data
- WTO Dispute Settlement
- Antidumping cases at the WTO
- Antidumping in the European Union
- UVa library resources for economics research
- Commerce Department Enforcement and Compliance Antidumping Manual
- World Bank Temporary Trade Barrier Database

Barbara Selby, a research librarian in Alderman, will be available to help you find resources. Her e-mail address is bms8z@virginia.edu.
for US cases


choose a case, don’t just look at “preliminary investigations”. Can do sunset review if you like.

who are the complainants (company, union, etc)?

who are the respondents (foreign companies, governments)?

what are the trends in trade flows, domestic production, profits/stock market value of domestic firm, other data?

what is the nature of the alleged violation (what law is being invoked, what did exporter allegedly do?).