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Abstract

Trade and Environment: A New Direction for Green Trade

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The United States has integrated environmental policy goals into trade policy for the past 20 years, but policy priorities have evolved over the years. Initial priorities were focused on hypothetical environmental effects of trade liberalization, whereas recent priorities are focused on tangible environmental concerns that are unrelated to trade liberalization but that justify urgent action. This shift in environmental policy priorities has merit but raises several important policy, political, and practical issues for future trade policy that have not yet been fully examined, and this article seeks to fill this gap.

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