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NAFTA, the First Year Lanham [Md.] : University Press of America  
This study of the environmental potential and performance of the institutions created by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) represents a contribution to a project that will design a framework to permit the ongoing monitoring of the environmental changes occurring throughout North America in the wake of NAFTA and the side agreements negotiated in conjunction with it. The study examines the way NAFTA's economic institutions have moved to fulfil their responsibilities and potential for environmental enhancement specified in the NAFTA text and have acted synergistically with NAFTA's environmental institutions. Specifically, it identifies and assesses their achievements during their first three years and evaluates how they might be built upon in the future. Institutions examined

include the Free Trade Commission, the Transportation Consultative Group, the Health Group, and the Commission for Environmental Cooperation. Appendices include a list of NAFTA's intergovernmental bodies and working groups.

*Shaping Concensus* San Francisco : Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy

International agreements and environmental regulations are important constraints in today's business context. By analyzing development and case studies within NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), the authors demonstrate how firms can develop strategies which utilize international trade and environment regimes to open up international markets.

*NAFTA Revisited* Section of International Law

This book is a collection of papers presented at the First Forum of the Americas, a congress whose main objective is to evaluate the NAFTA each year. Here, the first year of NAFTA is analyzed by distinguished scholars, public officials, and business persons from the three member countries.

**North American Free Trade Agreement** Stanford University Press

QUOTEWe live in an increasingly interconnected world. Trade flows worldwide are growing rapidly and global production patterns are shifting as countries follow their comparative advantage in production via trade. At the same time, however, there is growing concern about potential adverse environmental impacts from increasing trade.QUOTE--John A. Dixon, Lead Economist, The Environment Department, World BankInterest in the trade and environment debate has intensified as a result of international trade agreements and because many proposed solutions to the climate change problem have potential implications for the global trading system. Clearly more empirical work is needed to inform the debate, guide policymakers toward solutions, and help set priorities.This volume is an attempt to further our understanding of the empirical links between trade and the environment. Thirteen chapters, which were presented as papers at a World Bank conference in April 1998, focus on three main themes:1. Effects of trade liberalization and growth on the environment2. The QUOTEpollution havenQUOTE hypothesis3. Economic instruments for resolving global environmental problemsThe papers address a number of different issues within each of the themes, offering new data or new questions and approaches. They are devoted to deepening our understanding and empirical knowledge of the various effects of trade liberalization. Only through a firm understanding of the linkages involved can well-founded policy advice be formulated.

**NAFTA and the Environment** Peterson Institute

Will NAFTA harm the earth? NAFTA's environmental impact,

explored in detailed.

NAFTA's Institutions SCERP and IRSC publications

In this first book to systematically compare how each of the world's major international trade organizations have handled environmental issues, leading specialists provide a balanced analysis of the development of trade and the environment rules in the World Trade Organization, the European Union, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Free Trade Area of the Americas, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, the International Organization for Standardization, and other key organizations. Deftly combining policy and theory, the authors offer a range of heuristics and normative orientations in an effort to understand one of the globe's most contentious and timely dilemmas. Visit our website for sample chapters!

*The Environmental Effects of Free Trade* University of Calgary Press

Agriculture, forestry, fisheries, endangered species, transport.

*Building a Framework for Assessing NAFTA Environmental Effects* World Bank Publications

This title was first published in 2002: Focusing on the central issues of the contemporary trade-environment-social cohesion debate, this compelling book analyzes the social and environmental impacts of existing trade liberalization through the World Trade Organization (WTO), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and other key regimes. It also explores new strategies for regulation and risk assessment, environmental information, standard setting, voluntary activities, sustainability assessments of trade agreements, and participation by civil society. Features include: -suggests ways in which the NAFTA

model might be improved -explores the NAFTA regime with regards to its environmental and social impacts -evaluates the experience and improvement of NAFTA and how it might assist the broader international community Characterized by its meticulous scholarship and fluid style, this authoritative work is an indispensable guide for all those concerned with trade liberalization, environmental enhancement and social cohesion.

**Environment and Development in Mexico** Washington, D.C. : Island Press ; Peterborough, Ont. : Broadview Press

This book presents various perspectives on the environmental aspects of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), including the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC). Among the issues discussed are the environmental regulations of the NAFTA nations and Chile, as well as the environmental implications of conducting cross-border business. These topics are addressed in an interdisciplinary manner, focusing on legal, economic, social, political and scientific issues, with contributions from American, Canadian, Mexican and Chilean authors. The book is invaluable as it provides a broad outlook on multifaceted environmental issues in a single volume. This book is the third volume in our NAFTA Law and Policy series, which offers high-quality studies on different aspects of NAFTA, including legal analysis and commentary on the Agreement. The numerous areas covered by the series include NAFTA topics as diverse as agriculture, dispute settlement, intellectual property rights, investment and labour.

Protecting the Environment in North American Free Trade Agreement Negotiations DIANE Publishing

This book provides an up-to-date critical analysis of the

integration of environmental policies into US free trade agreements. The work focuses on the evolution of the design of environmental policies and analyzes their effectiveness. Starting with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) leading to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the book examines the history of policy integration. In doing so, it provides an overview of the major trade-related environmental policies and presents empirical research on their effectiveness, a discussion of the continued demand for policy integration in light of the effectiveness, and recommendations for addressing shortcomings. The main objective of the book is to inform the ongoing policy debate over integration of environmental policies into trade agreements. The current renegotiation of NAFTA provides an opportune time for undertaking this critical review of trade-related environmental policies. As our understanding and knowledge of the environmental policies associated with US trade agreements, in particular for NAFTA, has grown significantly over the past twenty-five years, this book provides a timely and critical update for this policy debate. Students and scholars of environmental law, trade and economics, and specifically US trade, environmental policy and law will find this book of great interest.

*NAFTA* Routledge

Air and water pollution blighted northern Mexican cities long before the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was a glimmer on the political horizon. Not surprisingly, when NAFTA became a political reality, environmentalists argued that commercial competition would weaken environmental standards in Canada and the United States and industrial growth in Mexico

would further damage its weak environmental infrastructure. NAFTA's huge success in expanding free trade has concentrated population and environmental abuse at the US-Mexico border where it is most visible to Americans. Many environmental groups blame NAFTA and, drawing on its experience, now oppose new trade initiatives. Does the NAFTA record on the environment since 1994 justify its criticism? In this seven-year analysis, the authors review NAFTA's environmental provisions, including a side accord--the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC), the situation at the US-Mexican border, and the trends in North American environmental policy. They emphasize that the environmental problems of North America were not the result of NAFTA and the NAAEC was not devised to address all of them. The authors recommend ways to better NAFTA's environmental dimension in all three countries, and improve living conditions where economic growth is greatest--at the US-Mexican border. It makes more sense to tackle the shortcomings than to lament NAFTA and the economic growth it promotes.

### **Environmental Regulations and Corporate Strategy**

Rowman & Littlefield

A portrait of the CEC notes its establishment as the first international organization created to address "trade and the environment" issues, discussing such topics as the unprecedented resources and opportunities available within North America and what the agency can teach mainstream society about environmental protection and economic integration. (Politics & Government)

**The U.S.-Mexican Border Environment** MIT Press

Trade was once an esoteric economic issue with little domestic policy resonance. Activists did not prioritize it, and grassroots political mobilization seemed unlikely to free trade advocates. The passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement in the early 1990s was therefore expected to be a *fait accompli*. Yet, as *Trade Battles* shows, activists pushed back: they increased the public consciousness on trade, mobilized new constituencies against it, and demanded that the rules of the global economy protect the collective rights and common good of citizens. Activists also forged a sustained challenge to U.S. trade policies after NAFTA, setting the stage for future trade battles. Using data from extensive archival materials and over 215 interviews with Mexican, Canadian, and U.S. trade negotiators; labor and environmental activists; and government officials, Tamara Kay and R.L. Evans assess how activists politicized trade policy by leveraging broad divisions across state and non-state arenas. Further, they demonstrate how activists were not only able to politicize trade policy, but also to pressure negotiators to include labor and environmental protections in NAFTA's side agreements. A timely contribution, *Trade Battles* seeks to understand the role of civil society in shaping state policy.

[A Citizens' Guide to NAFTA's Environmental Commission](#) Peterson Institute

Pierre Marc Johnson and Andre Beaulieu consider the context in which those implications were brought to the negotiating table, the legal mechanism established to address them, and the original trilateral institution set up to maintain a continent-wide level of environmental cooperation.

*The Greening of Trade Law* CSIS

This volume provides a comprehensive analysis of the economic, social, cultural and political dimensions of the evolving trilateral relationship among the three countries of North America.

Contributors address such topics as energy, the environment, trade, labour, the maquiladora industrial sector of Mexico, the Mexican auto industry, and Canada - U.S. cultural relations. While other publications have focused on U.S. issues, this one emphasizes Canada and Mexico, yet adds significantly to our understanding of the place of the United States in this evolving trilateral relationship.

*Linking Trade, Environment, and Social Cohesion* DIANE Publishing

Every international corporate executive, customs broker, banker, and attorney needs to know what the new North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will mean to their business and their client's business. This book is an easy to understand summary and analysis of the major provisions of this landmark accord and the side agreements negotiated to assure its passage. It is written in terms simple enough for the layman, but also contains the detailed information that will assist the experienced international trade executive or attorney. This book is designed to be a practical daily reference tool on your desk or in your briefcase, not just in the library shelf.

*North American Free Trade Agreement* Columbia University Press  
The book makes an important contribution to the discussion on the nature and impact of current processes of regionalization and globalization. NGOs criticism on Mexico's weak enforcement of environmental policy could not be ignored or silenced in the NAFTA debate. In the end, a supplemental environmental

agreement was added to the trade agreement: a unique event.

*Greening NAFTA* Springer

NAFTA remains a centerpiece of US trade-policy debate, but its provisions have sacrificed environmental concerns for the sake of trade liberalization. This timely volume analyzes the national policies of the United States, Canada, and Mexico; the authors explain how the competing priorities of province, state, or government agendas can slow coordination measures to curtail emissions throughout North America. But, North American cooperation could serve as a model for how developed and developing countries can mutually benefit from an international climate change agreement. Emission reduction is now inextricably linked with trade and finance measures in this post-Kyoto era. The authors argue that the three NAFTA partners can work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while mitigating concerns about trade competitiveness. NAFTA and Climate Change provides a critical assessment of how NAFTA initiatives will contribute to the achievement of important climate-change goals at both regional and global levels. This thorough investigation advances potential solutions, and ideas to develop practical channels for transferring technical and financial assistance from developed to developing countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and further economic development.

**NAFTA and Climate Change** Routledge

"Many of the papers included in this volume were first presented and discussed in the Spring of 2000 at a conference on lessons from the NAFTA for the FTAA"--Pref.

**Free Trade and the Environment** Executive Office of the President

This volume takes a comprehensive look at the treatment of environmental activities and compiles a number of documents

that illuminate the interaction of trade and environment within the context of the North American Free Trade Agreement.