

Questions and assignments, trade in services:

1) Are services well suited for regulation through broad principles? Why (not)?

2) Assuming that relevant commitments are undertaken in the schedule of commitments, are the following measures inconsistent with Article XVI of GATS?

- A governmental measure prohibiting the broadcasting of American and Australian television soaps
- A law limiting the number of foreign workers employed by construction companies
- A law requiring that only plumbers speaking the national language may do repairs in private households
- A law stating that foreign banks may not hold more than 49 % of the capital of domestic banks
- A government measure limiting the number of pubs to one for every 5,000 people

3) How can a country secure access to services in «remote» rural areas? Do such measures raise issues concerning national treatment and market access?

4) How can a country regulate the quality of services? Do such measures raise issues concerning national treatment and market access?

5) In what ways may services raise national security issues? Provide examples.

6) Why have there been few disputes concerning services?

7) What are the advantages and disadvantages of liberalizing trade in educational services? Take both a developed and developing country perspective.