

ABSTRACT

The world's attention towards sanitation and safety factors within the trade of food products is rapidly increasing. Irradiation is an alternative technology can be used to solve these concerns. Permission has been given to allow countries to implement sanitation and health standards enforced by environmental, health and supervision programs that protect the manufacturing stage of these products. These standards become weapons in the hands of developed countries, which obviously own stricter health regulations in comparison to their less developed neighbors. They use these regulations to restrict the import of food products into their countries. There are several important things which need to be noted when discussing market access in the trade, amongst them is the negotiation results which uses the term "Multilateral MFN" which all participating countries can make full use of without exception. In consequence, competition becomes fiercer than ever. Due to the fact that everyone has the same standing position, laws of nature apply. He/she who is stronger (read : more ready) wins. When paragraph (1) of article 1 of GATT is strictly enforced, standing positions between countries are clearly unequal, with poor and developing (backward) countries struggle to keep up. To anticipate this fact, developed countries then created the Generalized System of Preference (GSP). This GSP policy is known as Special and Differential Treatment.