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SYMPOSIUM—A NATIONAL EXPORT POLICY: TUNING UNITED STATES LAW AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION TO AN EXPORT PRIORITY

INTRODUCTION

On September 26, 1978, President Carter recognized the need for a coordinated national export policy. In the statement made on that date he called for a broad reevaluation of United States law, and the implementation of that law, affecting the United States exporter. With the thought that those concerned with the formulation of national policy in this critical area would benefit from a fresh perspective, the student editors of Volume 9 of the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law present this symposium of student Notes, A National Export Policy: Tuning United States Law and Its Implementation to an Export Priority.

The symposium consists entirely of articles by law students. However, it also assimilates the input of as many of the persons and groups affected as possible in order to insure the value and quality of the analysis. The symposium assesses current United States legal impediments to exportation and formulates recommendations for tuning United States law and policy to facilitate exportation. It should be understood that we are not unaware of legitimate, competing priorities; however, it is our opinion that legal impediments to exportation can be reduced without the sacrifice of those other priorities. The impediments with which we primarily concerned ourselves are unclear, poorly drafted legislation, overlapping statutory provisions, inadequately defined foreign policies, and overlapping jurisdiction among implementing agencies.

The symposium consists of five student notes. The subjects covered are:

(1) Interagency conflict
(2) Human rights policy
(3) Export licensing procedures 
(4) Antiboycott legislation 
(5) Tax law

Our goal is to identify particular unnecessary legal impediments to exportation in each of the above areas and propose corrective action. It is hoped that this symposium will provoke thought and discussion in an area where action is desperately needed.

The Editors