

Profile

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Mukesh Bhatnagar brings with him thirty years of experience in international trade issues, including of handling Trade Remedies and WTO Dispute Settlement. During the period 2001-06 he worked as Director in the Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) where he handled about 30 cases of anti-dumping investigations including changed circumstances reviews and sunset reviews. As an investigator he was associated with the determination of the dumping and injury, as India has a composite investigating authority. During the later part of the tenure he was associated in the Rules negotiations of the Doha Round and took part in the meetings of the Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR). While working in the DGAD he also handled matters related to the judicial review of the AD Cases in the Appellate Tribunal as well as in High Courts of India.

During year 2007-12 he worked in the Trade Policy Division of the Department of Commerce, Government of India in the capacity of Director and Additional Director General of Foreign Trade. During this stint he handled Rules Negotiation and WTO Disputes. He has exposure in formulation of India's proposals to the NGR under Doha Round, formulation of country position on submission of other WTO Members and he actively took part in all the meetings of Rules negotiations held in Geneva from August 2007 upto March 2011. He was also closely associated with the negotiation on fisheries subsidies in the NGR and took active part in submission of India's proposals on fisheries subsidies in the NGR. He has extensive experience of handling India's WTO Disputes as a complaining party and as respondents as well as joining several disputes as third party. He has been actively involved in the preparation of requests for

consultation, taking part in the consultations and panel proceeding in several important disputes. He also handled negotiations on DSU reforms under the Doha round work programme.

During the period (2007-12) he also handled bilateral FTAs with several important trading partners viz., EU, EFTA, ASEAN, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Israel, New Zealand in the area of Trade Remedies and Dispute Settlement. This included drafting of legal texts, analysis and taking part in the negotiations.

He had joined the Indian Trade Service in 1984 and worked in different field offices of Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and its headquarter office in New Delhi for about 20 years. His work experience in DGFT includes implementation of Government's various schemes relating to duty exemption and facilitation of exports. During his last stint in DGFT headquarters office from July 2012 to 2013, he handled policy formulation of Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme and its implementation, appeals under the Foreign Trade (Development) and Regulation Act and fixation of Standard Input Output Norms (SION) for pharmaceutical products and organic chemicals.

During 1997-2001 he worked as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Electronics, Government of India where he has handled the industrial policy relating to Indian Software and Hardware Industry.

As part of the MBA from University of Hull, UK submitted the dissertation on "A case for use of Electronic Commerce in India's Textiles Exports Industry". He did his graduation in B.Com (Hons.) from Delhi University.

Acted as a resource person for national and international training programmes on Trade Remedy and WTO Dispute Settlement Issues conducted by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) and Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.