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CHINESE FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAWS AND POLICIES: EVOLUTION AND TRANSFORMATION.

By Wei Jia. Quorum Books, 1994.

The publisher comments:

China is engaged in a major evolutionary economic change. Foreign direct investment participation has been and will continue to be the driving force behind this change well into the next century. This book presents to Western business and legal communities a comprehensive picture of the prevailing Chinese foreign investment climate. More important, it provides keen insight into the ways China must move to improve its laws and policies.

Wei Jia is an attorney with Charmoy, Stolzberg & Holian, in Boston, where he concentrates on international trade law and litigation.

RUSSIA AND THE NIS IN THE WORLD ECONOMY: EAST-WEST INVESTMENT, FINANCING, AND TRADE.

Edited by Deborah Anne Palmieri. Praeger Publishers, 1994.

The publisher explains:

This book is the most up-to-date and comprehensive book on Russia and the Newly Independent States, their place in the world economy and their effect on world markets. Palmieri incorporates expert analysis on world economy topics pertaining to Russia, including foreign relations with the West, foreign investment, and foreign trade, banking and finance. She includes valuable case studies on the Mansanto Company and on defense conversion in the Ukraine.

Deborah Anne Palmieri is President of the Russian American Chamber of Commerce and Adjunct Professor at the University of Denver. She is the author of *THE USSR AND THE WORLD ECONOMY* (1992), and co-author of *THE DYNAMICS OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY* (1989), in addition to numerous writings and academic articles on Soviet/Russian business and economics.

THE FALL OF THE U.S. CONSUMER ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY: AN AMERICAN TRADE TRAGEDY.

By Philip J. Curtis. Quorum Books, 1994.

The publisher comments:

This work traces the history and background of the once great American consumer electronics manufacturing industry, an industry that was plagued and finally destroyed by an American-Japanese cartel subverting enforcement of our traditional trade laws. The work is not a "Japan-bashing" diatribe, but a call for changes in Washington, and a return to free trade in our domestic and foreign commerce.

Philip J. Curtis was educated at Regis University and Georgetown University. He is a corporate and civil litigation lawyer with over forty years experience and has participated in many of the activities described in the text.

INVESTORS' ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES: BULGARIA, CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAK REPUBLIC, ESTONIA, HUNGARY, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, POLAND, ROMANIA.

Developed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Community's PHARE Programme. Graham & Trotman Publishers, 1994.

The publisher explains:

The INVESTORS' ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES has been compiled to provide investors with a practical and user-friendly reference to environmental requirements of the central and local authorities in central and eastern European countries. It focuses primarily on requirements for investments in industry, such as: environmental liability; environmental audit requirements; environmental assessment requirements; land use planning; permitting; air, water, noise and waste requirements; and chemical storage, handling and emergency response. It includes contact details of relevant institutions and information on how long it takes to obtain approvals.

The GUIDELINE is the result of a major project on Harmonization of Environmental Legislation and Standards between Eastern and Western Europe, conducted by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Community's PHARE Programme.