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Political and defense irregularities and risks

Government organizations

In the Ur Empire

In the Sargon III Empire

In a primitive-substantive economy

Imposition of penalties

Agreements with and between rulers

Their conduct in the markets

And approval of agreements between citizens

And enforcement

Means of payment

And organization of trade in companies

Land ownership

And deposits with the temple

Reducing business costs

Market: control and regulation, dictating exchange rates $ And merchants’ exclusivity $ And property rights $ And market economy and trade $ And setting of interest rate $ And making a vow $ And partnerships $ And forgoing debts $ And functioning of merchants and merchants’ organizations

Merchants, representation vis-à-vis the royal judicial instance $ status and trade affairs $ possession of surpluses

Trade, development and advancement

Welfare activity $ Centralized or decentralized

Merchants, cooperation with

Local authorities and merchants

Rulers as financiers

Rulers as judges

See also Old Assyria

See also **Ancient Assyria: colonies in Anatolia,** local authorities and Assyrian merchants; **property rights,** vested rights; **Codes; economic institutions,** dictated rules; **Meluha; mercantilism; regime**

Šamšī-Adad (King)

Encumbrance of assets, see **Pledge, deposit**

Barley

Six-row

As means of payment

“Sack” (limited partnership), see **Merchants’ organizations and institutions,** “sack” (limited partnership); **investments,** investors’ organizations

Nutrition (diet), food products

Food products as means of payment

Subsistence ration

See also **Wheat; barley**

Tel el-Amarna

Tel Beydar

Certificates, documents

Kudurru Stone

Archive/archives

Family archives

In courts of law

Maintenance and storage of, security rooms

For proving ownership of assets

From Ebla

From Uruk

From Anatolia

From Old Babylonia

From Kanesh/Kaneš

From Egypt

Credit documents

Debt documents

Inheritance documents

Sale, rental, and guarantee documents

Legal documents

From the Ur III dynasty period

Loans and debts

Bookkeeping documents

Of Anatolian merchants

Of Assyrian merchants

Of rulers

See also **Steles, palace**, documents found in palaces; **agreements; seal; temples,** documents found in temples

See also **Private sector; public sector; labor,** employment, right of occupation

Inputs, see **Labor: inputs**

Periods

Middle Kingdom

New Kingdom

Old Kingdom

Neolithic era

Uruk era

Old Babylonia period (Hammu-rapi era)

Jamdat Nasr period

Bronze Age

City-state, ancient dynasties era

Ubaid era

See also **Ur Empire, Sargon III Empire**

Communication, see **Old Assyria: Merchants,** communication among merchants; **seal; writing**