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The **California effect**, named after the US-American state that has played a frontrunner role in raising regulatory standards in the United States, refers to a race-to-the-top situation where one or more countries export or impose their own (stricter) standards upon their trading partners ¹⁾.

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