

This file describes the variable names in the indices dataset. The methodology in estimating these indices is explained in:

- Kee, Hiau Looi, Alessandro Nicita and Marcelo Olarreaga. "Estimating trade restrictiveness indices", *Economic Journal*, 2009, vol. 119, p. 172--199.
- Kee, Hiau Looi, Cristina Neagu and Alessandro Nicita (forthcoming). "Is Protectionism on the Rise? Assessing national trade policies during the crisis of 2008," the *Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- Kee, Hiau Looi, Alessandro Nicita and Marcelo Olarreaga. "Import Demand Elasticities and Trade Distortions", *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2008, vol. 90, no. 4, p. 666—682. (pdf file, 269kb)

Data sources, variable construction and estimation procedures are fully discussed in the paper. Please cite the above papers for references.

Definitions:

Overall Trade Restrictiveness Index (OTRI): The OTRI captures the trade policy distortions that each country imposes on its import bundle. It measures the uniform tariff equivalent of the country tariff and non-tariff barriers (NTB) that would generate the same level of import value for the country in a given year. Tariffs can be based on the MFN tariffs which applied to all trading partners, or the Applied tariffs, which takes into account the bilateral trade preferences. The ad valorem equivalent of NTB were estimated by Kee, Nicita and Olarreaga (EJ, 2009).

Tariff-only Overall Trade Restrictiveness Index (OTRI_T): The OTRI_T is the OTRI that only focuses on tariffs of each country. No NTBs are considered in the calculation of OTRI_T. Similar to OTRI, tariffs can be based on both MFN and Applied tariffs.

Market Access Overall Trade Restrictiveness Index (MAOTRI): The MAOTRI captures the trade policy distortions imposed by the trading partners of each country on its export bundle. It measures the uniform tariff equivalent of the partner country tariff and non-tariff barriers (NTB) that would generate the same level of export value for the country in a given year. Tariffs can be based on the MFN tariffs which applied to all trading partners, or the Applied tariffs, which takes

into account the bilateral trade preferences. The ad valorem equivalent of NTB were estimated by Kee, Nicita and Olarreaga (EJ, 2009).

Tariff-only Market Access Overall Trade Restrictiveness Index (MAOTRI_T): The MAOTRI_T is the MAOTRI that only focuses on the tariffs of the trading partners of each country. No NTBs are considered in the calculation of MAOTRI_T. Similar to MAOTRI, tariffs can be based on both MFN and Applied tariffs.

NOTES:

1. All of the above indices are provided for OVERALL trade (ALL), AGRICULTURE trade (AG) and MANUFACTURING trade (MF).
2. These indices are constructed utilizing the data provided in the files detailed below.
3. VARIABLE DESCRIPTION FOR THE NTM DATAFILE (contains AVE

of non-tariff measures)

- ccode country code
- hs6 HS88 6 digit code
- ave_core Ad valorem equivalent of the NTM (%)
- ave_doms Ad valorem equivalent of the Domestic support (%)

4. VARIABLE DESCRIPTION FOR THE ELASTICITY DATAFILE (contains Import Demand Elasticities)

- ccode country code
- hscore HS88 6 digit code
- elas Import Demand Elasticity
- elas_se Import Demand Elasticity standard error