

This file describes the variable names in INDICES2008.DOC. The methodology in estimating these indices is explained in:

Kee, Nicita and Olarreaga (2005) "Estimating trade restrictiveness indices", World Bank Policy Research Working Paper #3860, The World Bank.
Forthcoming (2008) in the Economic Journal.

Data sources, variable construction and estimation procedures are fully discussed in the paper.

Indices:

OTRI - Overall Trade Restrictiveness Index (tariff only (TTRI) and tariffs + AVEs of NTMs (OTRI)). Calculated for both MFN and Applied tariff. The OTRI is based on imports. The OTRI captures the trade distortions that each country imposes on its import bundle.

MAOTRI - Market Access Overall Trade Restrictiveness Index (tariff only (MA-TTRI) and tariffs + AVEs of NTMs (MA-OTRI)). Tariff Preferences are taken into account. The MA-OTRI measures the restrictiveness faced by exports. It captures the trade distortions that the rest of the world trade policies impose on the export bundle of each country.

These indices and indicators are provided for OVERALL trade, AGRICULTURE and MANUFACTURING. These indices are constructed utilizing the data provided in the files detailed below

VARIABLE DESCRIPTION FOR THE UNDERLINING TARIFFS DATAFILES by COUNTRY (contains tariffs and AVE of specific duties)

ccode	country code
hs6	HS88 6 digit code
pcode	partner code
tariff	Ad valorem tariff
specif	Ad valorem equivalent of specific duty
year	tariff year

VARIABLE DESCRIPTION FOR THE UNDERLINING NTM DATAFILE (contains AVE of non-tariff measures)

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

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

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

NOTE: All files are in comma separated format, these can be imported in excel or stata (using "insheet").