

Technical and Non-Tariff Barriers against European Union Countries

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During the past decades there has been the increasing importance of services in global economy. This has been strengthened further by their role in information and communication technology and development. Compared to the trade in goods as physical products, the trade in services is constantly growing much faster. The paper aims to answer on the question whether there are greater similarities or differences in their international trade frame, which the basic frame has been set by World Trade Organization. Our special focus is on analysis of technical barriers on trade, regulations for food safety, animal and plant health protection or so called SPS agreement, non-tariff barriers to trade, barriers to trade in services, and trade barriers against European Union (EU) countries. The paper concludes that less ad hoc and a greater transparency in implementation of different technical and non-tariff barriers is needed, including for applied measures against EU countries. Additional negotiations for further international trade arrangements on the WTO level are needed.

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