Non-tariff measures of international trade: literature review

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Abstract

This paper delivers the literature review showing different position about the impact of non-tariff

measures on foreign trade. We analyzed the views on government regulation of foreign trade of

different economic schools. We did the overview of recent theories of state regulation of

foreign trade. We reviewed different assessment methods of non – tariff measures influence on

foreign trade and divided these methods on groups.

The outcomes point to some open questions in this field of research. Research in this area of the

impact of non-tariff measures on foreign trade is carried out to find the relationship between the

level of a country's trade and non-tariff barriers. All come to the conclusion that they certainly

exist. However, there is no definite answer on the negative or positive impact of non-tariff

measures on trade. Such lack of an unambiguous answer is associated with a number of factors

beyond the control of the researcher. The first is the difficulty of collecting statistics on non-

tariff barriers. The second problem is the lack of separation of barriers according to the degree of

influence on trade and their accounting in the methods. The third problem is the time factor, the

real effect of one or another barrier can be seen only after a few. In the framework of the study of

non-tariff measures, this is quite difficult.