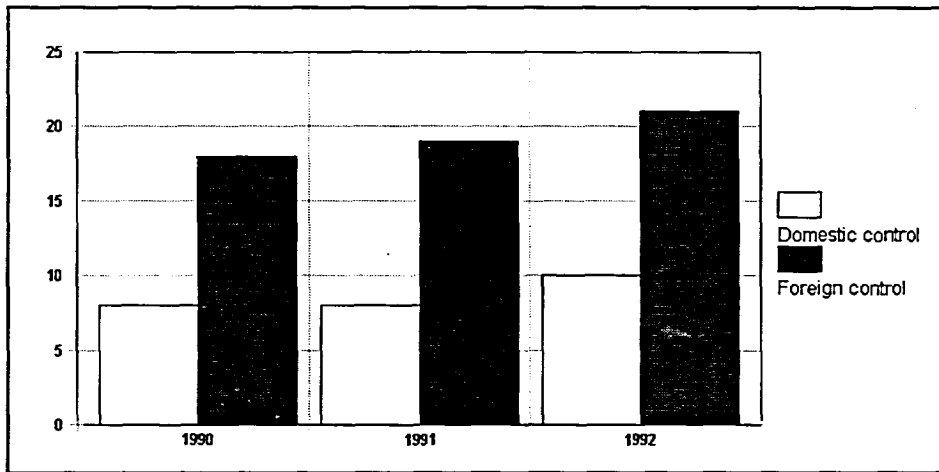


import-oriented than domestic firms<sup>31</sup>. A recent study by Industry Canada found that the export orientation of the foreign firms is more than twice that of the domestic firms over the 1990-92 period while their import orientation is three times more than that of the domestic firms over the same period<sup>32</sup>. The study found that foreign affiliates in Canada accounted for 44% of the total exports over 1990-92; total imports of foreign affiliates in Canada amounted to 51.1% of the total goods imported into Canada over 1990-92.

Chart II

*The Degree of Export Orientation : Foreign vs Domestic Firms*



Source: Cameron, *Industry Canada Paper*, 1997

<sup>31</sup>The export and import orientations are measured by the proportion of exports and imports in the total sale of the firms: Cameron (1997).

<sup>32</sup>Ibid.