
Tariff Escalation

A situation in which tariffs on manufactured goods are relatively high, tariffs on semi-processed goods are moderate, and tariffs on raw materials are nonexistent or very low.

Tariff Preference

One or more countries provide lower rates of import duties to products imported from one or more specified countries.

Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQ)

Tier of successively higher tariff rates that are applied as imports under the tariff items exceed quantitative thresholds.

Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)

A code of conduct negotiated during the Tokyo Round that established substantive rules for the imposition of technical or product standards and for procedures for product testing and certification. Often referred to as the Standards Codes.

Trade Distortion Equivalent (TDE)

The name suggested by Canada for an adaptation (to be agreed) of the OECD producer subsidy equivalent methodology to make it a more accurate measure of trade distortion rather than of income support.

Transfer of Technology

The movement of scientific or technical knowledge, know-how, or methods of production or distribution from one enterprise, institution or country to another.