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Services trade and services trade statistics

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Lets start with why are services different?

Features of services:

- Intangibility
- •Non storability
- Intermediation
- •Protection behind the border
- •High regulatory intensity
- •Diversity

Examples of services:

- •Teaching
- •Hair-cut
- •Retail
- •Internet
- Banking
- •Guiding tours



Services in national data

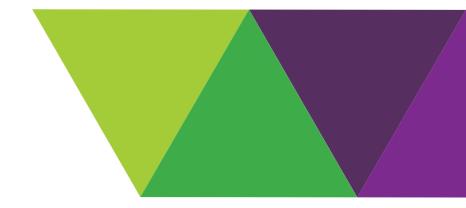


Outline – we shall discuss the following questions:

- Services trade concepts
- Services trade barriers
- Measuring services trade
- Q&A







Trade in services





- Which services are tradable, that were not tradable 10 years ago?
- Which services will become tradable tomorrow? How to predict those?
- How many jobs are in tradable services? Which of these face competition from other developing countries?
- How important are services for efficiency and productivity growth? Industrialization?





The accepted notion of services trade comes from the General Agreement on Trade in Services - GATS

For the purposes of GATS, services trade is defined as a supply of a service:

I. from the territory of one member into the territory of any other Member

2. in the territory of one member to the service consumer of any other member

3. by a service supplier of one member, through commercial presence in the territory of any other member

4. by a service supplier of one member, through presence of natural person of a member in the territory of any other member.





This definition is now generally known as the four modes of trade in services

Mode I: cross-border provision (25-30%)

Mode 2: consumption abroad (10-15%)

Mode 3: commercial presence (55-60%)

Mode 4: a temporary movement of natural persons (<5%)





APEC definition

