The Economic Research Service (ERS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has contributed to and utilized the products of the Global Trade Analysis Project since its inception. This provides a short summary of recent and forthcoming activities.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO GTAP PRODUCTS

Trade data. Mark Gehlhar provided a revision of the merchandise trade data for the version 6 database in September 2004. In this version he adopted the sector level totals for imports and exports (absent of re-exports) that were agreed upon by the Agricultural Economics Research Institute (LEI) and Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB). Using these targets he constructed revised bilateral flows for imports and exports.

Concordances: In addition he adopted an updated version of the Central Product Classification and HS concordances provided by the U.N. Statistical Division. This is incorporated into the HS GTAP sector concordance. As a result certain HS categories in textiles (GSC 26) are moved to clothing and wearing apparel (GSC 27).

Export subsidy data. Aziz Elbehri, created a global export subsidy dataset for GTAP database; completed a new data set based export subsidy submissions; submitted the new data set to the GTAP Center in April 2003 (update to the first submission is pending). Agricultural Export Subsidies,” in Documentation for GTAP Database version 6. (Submitted March 2005).

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