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 began an initiative to broaden expertise on trade data problems from other consortium members including FAO, ITC, LEI, and Nathan Associates. This effort is yielding improved and updated estimates for re-export margins and better source–destination information for converting re-exports to a direct route basis. These inputs are incorporated in the 2004 version 7 of the GTAP database.

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 is working in developing a global export subsidy dataset for GTAP database version 7 (to be completed by June 2006).

PUBLICATIONS

1. Articles


2. **Unpublished Conference Presentations and Invited Speeches**


3. Instructor, GTAP Short Course

Elbehri, A. and Mark Gehlhar (Instructors), South Asia GTAP Short Course in Global Trade Analysis, February 18 - 24, 2006, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai, India.