

## SOME NUMBERS ON THE LEVEL OF PROTECTIONISM AROUND THE WORLD

A) *“On average LDC protectionism is higher than IC protectionism”*

### 1. Average Tariff (%)

	year	Merchand.	Agr.	Manuf.
Industrialized Countries (23):	1998-99	4,0 [2,5]	6,4	3,5
European Union	1999	5,0	10,0	4,2
Japan	1999	5,2	11,0	3,7
United States	1999	4,8	8,7	4,3
Less Developed Countries (96):	1993-99	13,1 [13,3]	17,0	12,4
East Asia (15)	1994-99	9,8	13,9	9,4
South Asia (5)	1996-99	27,7	26,3	28,0
Sub-Saharan Africa (26)	1993-99	16,5	19,2	16,0
Middle East and North Africa (11)	1995-99	14,4	20,8	13,2
Eastern European Countries (15)	1996-99	9,6	15,7	7,8
Latin America (24)	1995-99	10,1	13,8	9,5

Note: arithmetic mean; weighted average in square brackets

Sources: World Bank, Data on import tariffs and NTBs,  
[[http://www1.worldbank.org/wbiep/trade/TR\\_Data.html](http://www1.worldbank.org/wbiep/trade/TR_Data.html)]

for weighted average: Laird S., Market access issues and the WTO: an overview, in Hoekman B., English P., Mattoo A. (eds), [Development, trade and the WTO: a Handbook](#), The World Bank, 2002

### 2. Average non-tariff barriers: coverage ratio

	1984	1988	1993	1996
Industrialized Countries (23):	nd	16,7	12,4	nd
European Union	nd	26,6	23,7	19,1
Japan	nd	13,1	12,2	10,7
United States	nd	25,5	22,9	16,8
Less Developed Countries (80):	29,8	32,7	8,1	nd
East Asia (10)	23,2	7,1	3,6	nd
South Asia (5)	47,6	33,6	20,4	nd
Sub-Saharan Africa (26)	32,7	47,1	8,8	nd
Middle East and North Africa (15)	27,3	41,9	21,1	nd
Eastern European Countries (4)	39,3	62,8	nd	nd
Latin America (20)	25,1	23,4	1,7	nd

Note: coverage ratio = % of imports covered by NTB

Source: Hoekman B., English P., Mattoo A. (eds), [Development, trade and the WTO: a Handbook](#), The World Bank, 2002 (Table A.4)

OECD, Indicators of tariff & non-tariff trade barriers, 1997 (Table 5.1)

B) *“South-South trade is subject to higher barriers than South-North trade”*

#### 4. Average tariff on manufacturing goods - 1995

Exporting Region	Importing Region (%)	
	Industrialized Countries	Less Developed Countries
Industrialized Countries	0,8	10,9
Less Developed Countries	3,4	12,8
World	1,5	11,5

Source: Hertel e Martin (1999)

C) *“...but IC protectionism is high in products in which LDC have a comparative advantage”*

#### 5. Overall level of protection (%)

	Natural Resources	Agricultural Primary Products	Agricultural Transformed Products	Textile and Clothing	Manuf.	Services
Western Europe	0	12.1	20.9	5.1	1.9	0
North America	0.2	8.5	10	10.3	1.3	0
Japan	0	30	46	6	0.3	0
NICs	2.3	37.7	20.2	8	4.8	0
China	1.9	15.5	15.4	12.9	6.1	0
South Asia	14.1	20.6	29.4	27.5	23.8	0
Latin America	4.9	12.4	16.5	14.7	10.7	0.7
Transition Economies	1.3	12.6	19.7	13.5	8.8	1
Sub-Saharan Africa	4.9	16.3	26.9	20.5	10.9	1.8
Oceania	0	1.7	4.6	15.5	3.2	0
North Africa+Middle East	4	48.7	57.8	13.4	8	0.2
Rest of the World	4.5	6.3	12.5	14.2	9.2	0

Note: GTAP data are for 1997

Source: Cernat L., S. Laird, A. Turrini, How important are market access issues for developing countries in the Doha Agenda?, mimeo, July 2002, Trade Analysis Branch, UNCTAD (data from GTAP5 database e UNCTAD TRAINS database).