

Preface

Global supply chains have been formed in recent years. The production process has been subdivided into several stages, with each country specializing in producing parts and components and final products for the consumer. Traditional trade statistics are not sufficient to capture this phenomenon, and firm-level microdata and multi-regional input-output tables have been used since the late 1990s.

Recent studies have considered firm heterogeneity in the model since it was revealed that each firm shows different productivity. Similar developments have taken place in the area of international Input-Output studies. Certain types of heterogeneity have been introduced in international input-output tables, such as dividing industries by firm characteristics.

The 2016 Japan-Taiwan International Input-Output Table is one of a series of studies that introduce certain types of heterogeneity, such as dividing industries by exporting and no-exporting firms.

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