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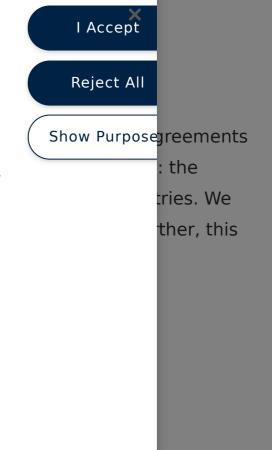
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Notes

¹ Since the early 1990s, economists have been modelling the main forces behind the international fragmentation of production and the emergence of global supply chains (e.g. Jones and Kierzkowski, 1990, 2000; Antràs, 2003; Antràs and Helpman, 2004, 2008; Grosmann and Rossi-Hansberg, 2008).



Moreover, it is primarily concerned with the impact of MFN tariffs rather than the general effects of EIAs.

⁵ As of 2011, the database covered 85 million public and private establishments or 13 million after services are excluded, out of which about 1 million establishments are subsidiaries or branches with a corporate linkage and 140 000 with linkages transcending borders. The Worldbase is one of the most complete sources of information to capture the global population of multinational firms at the plant-level (Alfaro and Charlton, 2009). The database has been used in several studies (e.g. Caves, 1975; Lipsey, 1978; Black and Strahan, 2002; Acemoglu et al., 2009; Alfaro and Charlton, 2009; and Alfaro and Chen, 2012).

⁶ A corporate linkage occurs when one business location has financial and legal responsibility for another business location. In the Worldbase a corporate linkage occurs between a subsidiary and its parent or between a branch and its headquarters. A subsidiary is a corporation that is more than 50% owned by another corporation. A parent is a corporation that owns more than 50% of another corporation. A headquarter is a business establishment that has branches reporting to it, and is financially responsible for those branches. A branch is a secondary location of its headquarters and it has no legal responsibility for its debts.

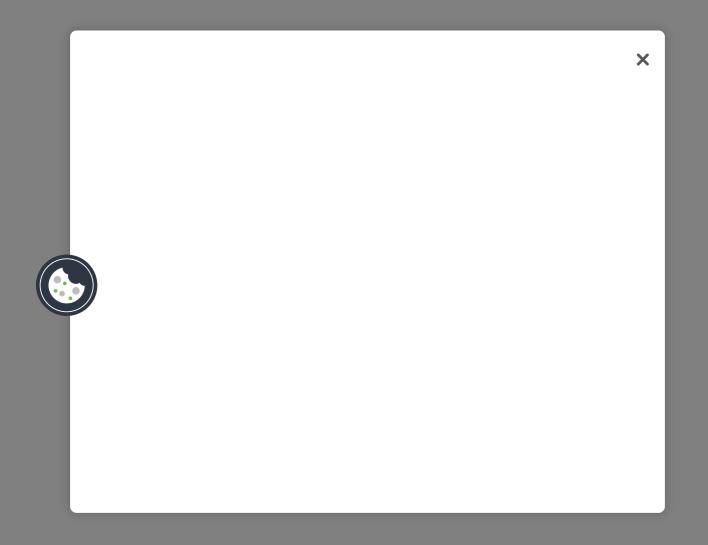


¹² Results are similar when we restrict the sample to common observations. These results are available from the authors upon request.

¹³ Alternatively, we simply use an ordinal variable taking higher values the deeper is the agreement in question. The message that comes out from these alternative estimations coincides with that from the results presented in Table 3. These estimates are available from the authors upon request.

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