The Services Trade Restrictiveness index (STRI)

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THE SERVICES TRADE RESTRICTIVENESS INDEX (STRI)
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What is the STRI?

A regulatory database
- Filled in by the Secretariat, verified and peer reviewed by Members
- Information on regulation, link to source (law/regulation), explanation where needed. Contains information in more than 16000 laws and regulations
- Online, frequently updated
- Interactive

Composite indices
A snapshot of trade restrictiveness, 18 sectors, 40+ countries
STRI sector coverage

- Computer services
- Construction
- Distribution
- Financial services
  - Commercial banking
  - Insurance
- Professional services
  - Accounting
  - Architecture
  - Engineering
  - Legal services
- Telecommunications
- Transport
  - Air
  - Maritime
  - Rail
  - Road
  - Courier
- Audiovisual services
  - Motion pictures
  - Broadcasting
  - Sound recording

STRI legal services
STRI Telecoms

Restrictions on foreign entry
Restrictions on the movement of people
Other discriminatory measures
Barriers to competition
Regulatory transparency
Average

Telecoms STRI and telecoms performance

Internet subscribers per 100 inhabitants

STRI Telecoms
Countries with high regulatory barriers import less, but also export less services

Estimated growth in trade from lowering the STRI

Water in the GATS (average across sectors)

Level of trade restrictiveness permitted by the GATS (bound level)

Actual level of trade restrictiveness (STRI)
Use of the STRI

- Benchmarking and sequencing domestic policy reform
- Analysis of regulatory spillovers along GVCs
- Source of information for trade negotiators

THANK YOU

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