

Third-country Impacts of FTAs: The Case of Services

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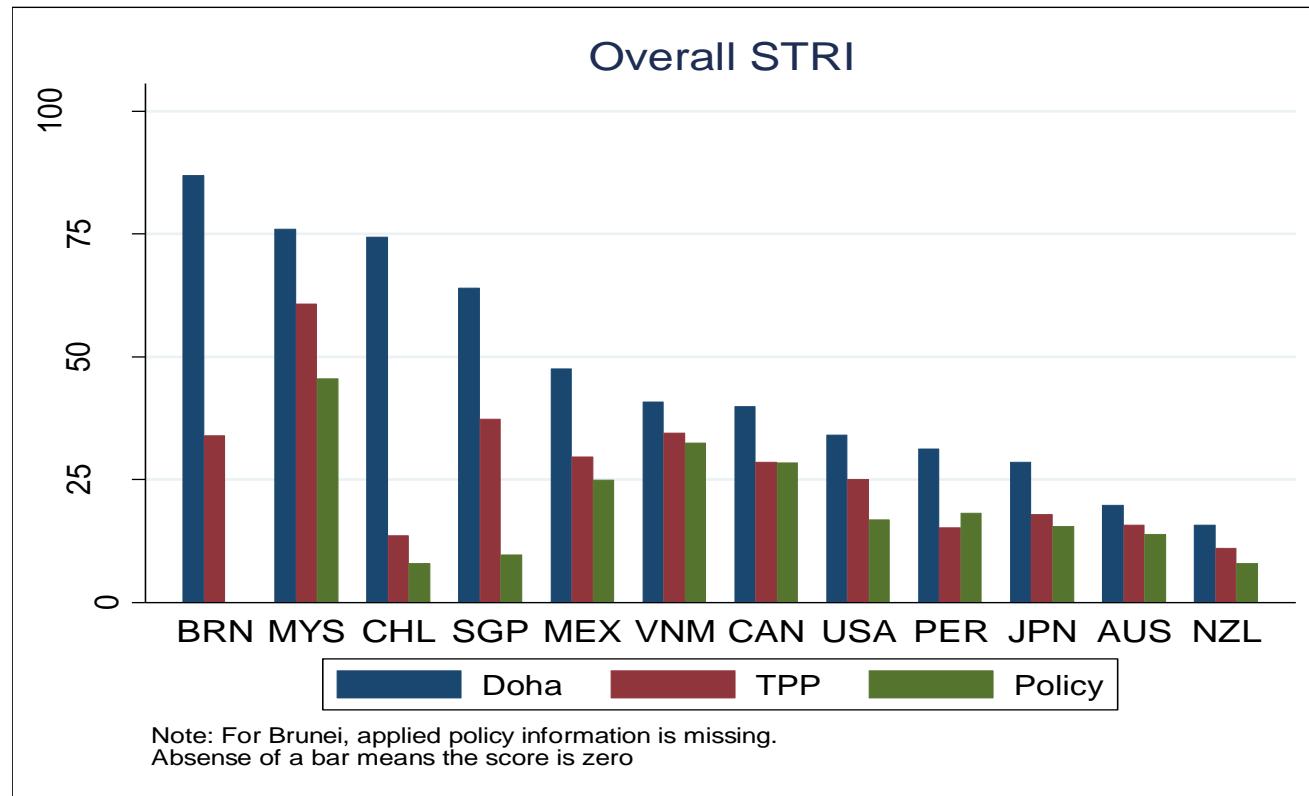
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Regionalism too has delivered little incremental liberalization: e.g. the TPP too promised new rules and credibility but not much liberalization

Services Trade Restrictiveness Indices for TPP Countries Doha Offers, TPP Commitments and Applied Policy



Source: Batshur Gootiiz and Aaditya Mattoo (2017), Does TPP Bring More Openness in Services? World Bank Policy Research Paper No. 7964.

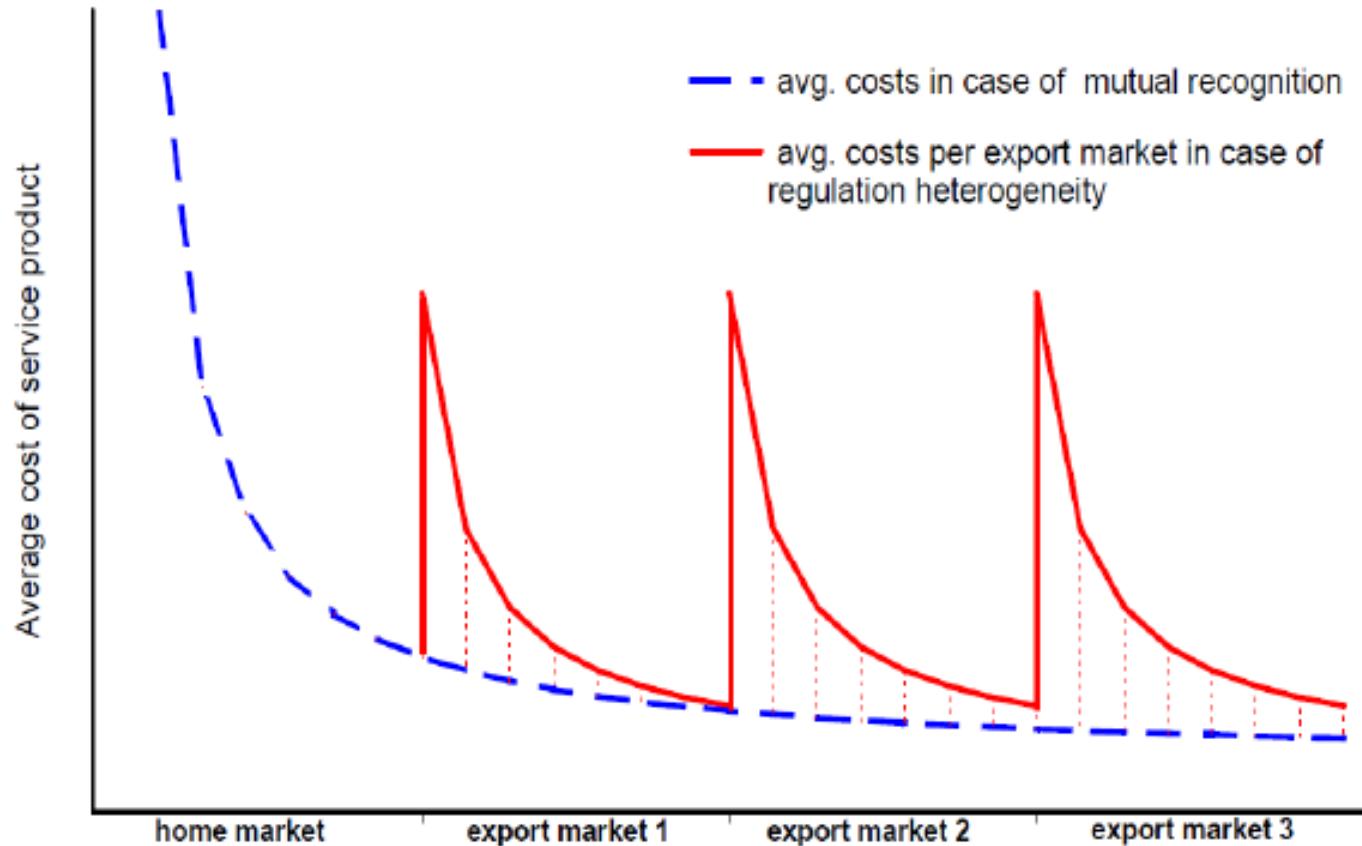
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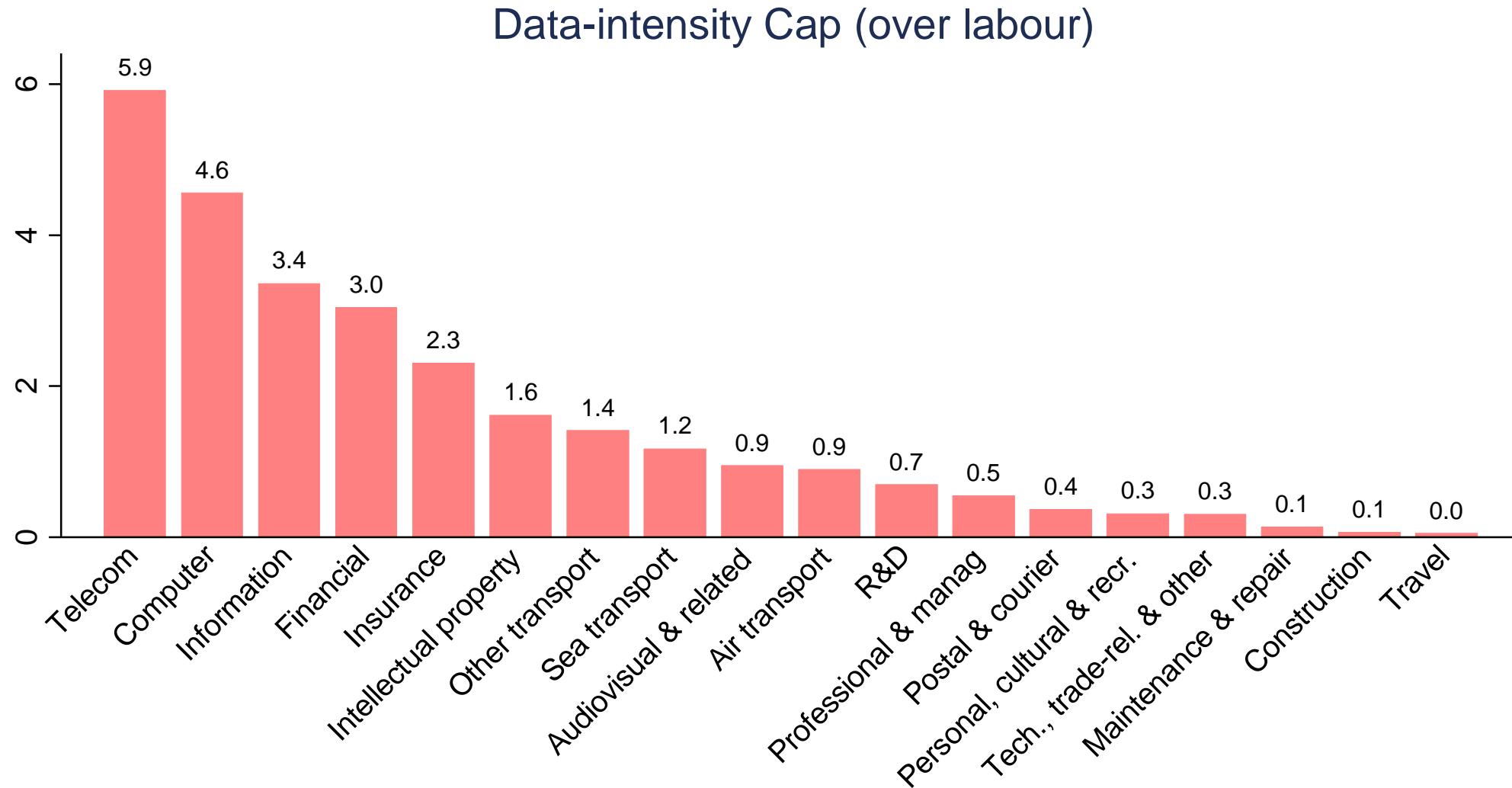


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Mode 1 trade affected by data regulations



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