

THE BASIC ANALYSIS OF A TARIFF (АНАЛІЗ ТАРИФУ)

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У доповіді розглянуто дослідження, які стосуються сутності тарифів та їх впливу на економічні стосунки між країнами під час світової економічної кризи й політичної напруги. Автор намагається з'ясувати, чи допоможе перегляд тарифів та їх застосування подолати кризу та виявити переможців або лузерів?

A majority of economists has consistently favoured letting nations trade freely with few tariffs of other barriers to trade. Indeed, economists have tended to be even more critical of trade barriers that have other groups in society, even though economists have taken great care to list the exceptional cases in which they feel trade barriers can be justified. Such agreement among economists is rare.

The presumption in favor of free trade is based primarily on a body of economic analysis demonstrating that there are usually net gains from freer trade both for nations and for the world. It is mainly on this more detailed analysis of trade policies that economists have based their view that free trade is generally better than partial restrictions on trade, with a list of exceptions.

Once this analysis is understood, it is easier to understand what divides the majority of economists from groups calling for restrictions on trade. The economic analysis of what is lost or gained by putting up barriers to international trade starts with a close look at the effects of the classic kind of trade barrier, a tariff on an imported good. A tariff, as the term is used in international trade, is a tax on importing a good or service into a country, collected by customs officials at the place of entry.

Tariffs come in two main types. A specific tariff is stipulated as a money amount per physical unit of import, such as dollars per ton of steel bars or dollars per eight-cylinder two-door sports car. An advertisement valorem (on the value) tariff is a percentage of the estimated market value of the goods when they reach the importing country. We will talk mostly about advertisement valorem tariffs, though in this report it makes no difference.