

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

“BIG” TREATIES, SMALL EFFECTS

The RTAA Agreements

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Table S1. List of RTAAs

| | Effective | Lines cut | Lines traded in RTAA year |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Cuba | September 3, 1934 | 14 | 316 |
| Belgium | May 1, 1935 | 121 | 808 |
| Haiti | June 3, 1935 | 4 | 47 |
| Sweden | August 5, 1935 | 124 | 589 |
| Brazil | January 1, 1936 | 8 | 188 |
| Canada | January 1, 1936 | 314 | 1899 |
| Netherlands | February 1, 1936 | 63 | 852 |
| Switzerland* | February 15, 1936 | 157 | 777 |
| Honduras | March 2, 1936 | 3 | 46 |
| Colombia | May 20, 1936 | 2 | 70 |
| France | June 15, 1936 | 210 | 1889 |
| Guatemala | June 15, 1936 | 3 | 66 |
| Nicaragua** | October 1, 1936 | - | 55 |
| Finland | November 2, 1936 | 18 | 200 |
| El Salvador | May 31, 1937 | 2 | 29 |
| Costa Rica | August 2, 1937 | 3 | 44 |
| Czechoslovakia*** | April 16, 1938 | 31 | 1008 |
| Ecuador | October 23, 1938 | 6 | 51 |
| United Kingdom | January 1, 1939 | 737 | 2385 |
| Turkey | May 5, 1939 | 14 | 116 |
| Venezuela | December 16, 1939 | 6 | 80 |

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|------------------------|-------------------|-----|------|
| Argentina [^] | January 8, 1943 | 105 | 566 |
| Peru | July 29, 1942 | 17 | 242 |
| Uruguay | January 1, 1943 | 39 | 141 |
| Mexico | January 30, 1943 | 166 | 1072 |
| Iceland | November 19, 1943 | 12 | 49 |
| Iran | June 28, 1944 | 18 | 98 |

* Terminated in part January 1, 1941

** Reciprocal concessions ceased to be in force March 10, 1938

*** Terminated April 22, 1939

[^] Provisionally effective from November 15, 1941

Table S2. Excluding each RTAA country: 1934-1946

| Excluded country | | RTAA | Std Err. | Prob | N |
|--------------------|------------------|-------|----------|-------|--------|
| Canada | Post-RTAA | 2.821 | 0.166 | 0.000 | 234680 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.269 | | 0.012 | |
| Cuba | Post-RTAA | 2.918 | 0.194 | 0.000 | 254151 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.295 | | 0.001 | |
| Haiti | Post-RTAA | 2.929 | 0.191 | 0.000 | 258516 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.297 | | 0.001 | |
| Mexico | Post-RTAA | 2.937 | 0.199 | 0.000 | 249915 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.253 | | 0.005 | |
| Guatemala | Post-RTAA | 2.921 | 0.190 | 0.000 | 258053 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.288 | | 0.001 | |
| Honduras | Post-RTAA | 2.926 | 0.190 | 0.000 | 258962 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.292 | | 0.001 | |
| El Salvador | Post-RTAA | 2.917 | 0.190 | 0.000 | 259176 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.287 | | 0.001 | |
| Costa Rica | Post-RTAA | 2.928 | 0.191 | 0.000 | 258879 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.294 | | 0.001 | |
| Colombia | Post-RTAA | 2.923 | 0.190 | 0.000 | 258034 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.292 | | 0.001 | |
| Venezuela | Post-RTAA | 2.915 | 0.189 | 0.000 | 258286 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.282 | | 0.002 | |
| Ecuador | Post-RTAA | 2.917 | 0.189 | 0.000 | 258376 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.285 | | 0.001 | |
| Peru | Post-RTAA | 2.926 | 0.192 | 0.000 | 257315 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.289 | | 0.001 | |
| Brazil | Post-RTAA | 2.928 | 0.191 | 0.000 | 255351 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.289 | | 0.002 | |
| Argentina | Post-RTAA | 2.949 | 0.198 | 0.000 | 253911 |

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|-----------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.253 | | 0.002 | |
| Uruguay | Post-RTAA | 2.939 | 0.193 | 0.000 | 258140 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.295 | | 0.001 | |
| United Kingdom | Post-RTAA | 3.170 | 0.177 | 0.000 | 234555 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.317 | | 0.027 | |
| Netherlands | Post-RTAA | 2.902 | 0.189 | 0.000 | 253324 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.317 | | 0.001 | |
| Belgium | Post-RTAA | 2.894 | 0.188 | 0.000 | 252693 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.286 | | 0.002 | |
| France | Post-RTAA | 2.933 | 0.192 | 0.000 | 244842 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.344 | | 0.000 | |
| Switzerland | Post-RTAA | 2.802 | 0.167 | 0.000 | 251567 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.262 | | 0.001 | |
| Czechoslovakia | Post-RTAA | 2.913 | 0.190 | 0.000 | 254307 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.289 | | 0.002 | |
| Finland | Post-RTAA | 2.915 | 0.190 | 0.000 | 258366 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.289 | | 0.001 | |
| Sweden | Post-RTAA | 2.893 | 0.194 | 0.000 | 254237 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.293 | | 0.002 | |
| Iceland | Post-RTAA | 2.916 | 0.191 | 0.000 | 259128 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.283 | | 0.001 | |
| Iran | Post-RTAA | 2.915 | 0.190 | 0.000 | 258361 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.281 | | 0.001 | |
| Turkey | Post-RTAA | 2.920 | 0.191 | 0.000 | 258776 |
| | pre- post- Diff. | 0.294 | | 0.001 | |

Note: Models include country-year fixed effects and product line fixed effects

Table S3. Estimates including zero values of trade: 1934-1946

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| RTAA originating country | 2.793*** (0.094) | 2.656*** (0.113) | 2.653*** (0.107) | 4.884*** (0.350) |
| Other RTAA signatory | -0.524*** (0.090) | -0.664*** (0.136) | -0.467*** (0.124) | -0.0105 (0.110) |
| Non-RTAA signatory | 0.0611 (0.093) | | | |
| Pre-RTAA originating country | 2.595*** (0.095) | 2.481*** (0.152) | 2.346*** (0.147) | 4.532*** (0.340) |
| Pre-RTAA other signatory | -0.534*** (0.090) | -0.644*** (0.148) | -0.711*** (0.147) | -0.140 (0.115) |
| Pre-RTAA Non-RTAA signatory | -0.0951 (0.083) | | | |
| GDP | 1.499*** (0.043) | | | |
| N | 499331 | 664897 | 664862 | 665411 |
| Log-likelihood | -67172.20 | | | |
| Pre- Post-RTAA difference | 0.00 | 0.13 | 0.01 | 0.09 |

Note: Model 1 is a Poisson model with value of imports scaled by millions with product level, country, and year fixed effects. Model 2 uses `poi2hdfe` to run a Poisson model with product and country-year fixed effects while model 3 is the same as model 2 with values greater than 100 million dropped. DV in models 4 and 5 is logged value of trade with 50 cents added to 0 values of trade. They both include product level and country and year fixed effects.