

India's Emerging Services Sector: Review of Key Findings and Empirical Methods from a Recent Working Paper

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Abstract: India's service sector has grown rapidly since the 1990s. Domestic demand for services has increased as incomes have risen, triggering the expansion of industries such as banking, education, and telecommunications. Exports have also increased rapidly, led by information technology and business process outsourcing (IT-BPO). India's government has supported the growth of service industries through a mix of deregulation, liberalization, and incentive programs, but policy barriers and infrastructure constraints continue to affect firms' ability to do business.

The presenters will summarize principal findings from *An Overview and Examination of the Indian Services Sector*, a working paper recently completed by staff of the USITC's Office of Industries. They will then describe the econometric model used in the paper to estimate the potential effects of deeper liberalization on India's imports of services.

The full working paper may be downloaded free of charge from the USITC's website: http://www.usitc.gov/publications/332/working_papers/ID-26.pdf.