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Comparative Advantage of Sri Lanka: A Study with Special Emphasis on Leading Exports

The export and import economic policy has both advantages and disadvantages. In Sri Lanka, however, export and import economy led to unsymmetrical export portfolio which has continuously earned deficit trade balances. The main objective of this study is to identify international competitiveness of Sri Lankan exports. In addition, the subordinate objectives are, to identify comparatively disadvantaged products in Sri Lankan export product portfolio and to identify specialization in exports or in imports.

Revealed Symmetric Comparative Advantage (RSCA) indices use the trade pattern to identify the sectors in which an economy has a comparative advantage, by comparing the country of interests’ trade profile