



## **International Trade in Value Added: Some suggestions for improved and new indicators**

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Modern production methods utilize complex, international business models that result in global value chains (GVCs). The OECD/WTO database on trade in value added (TiVA) estimates these trade flows based on official statistics. Using the TiVA dataset, this paper outlines the so-called 'profiles by country' used for analytical purposes and makes some suggestions for how indicators, such as the GVC participation index; the length of GVCs might be improved. Other datasets held by UNCTAD are also explored to determine whether new indicators can be derived; in particular a measure of GVC-oriented FDI.

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