



## UNCTAD database on GSP utilization

# Some relevant figures from LDC trade

**Way forward on the WTO Ministerial Decision on preferential rules of origin**

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## Outline

1. UNCTAD database on GSP utilization
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## Why preferential trade data?

- RoO depends on preferences
    - How preferential are the LDC exports?
    - How much preferences are actually used?
    - Which products are most sensitive to RoO?
  - Low utilization as a preliminary evidence for the need for RoO improvements
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# UNCTAD GSP Database

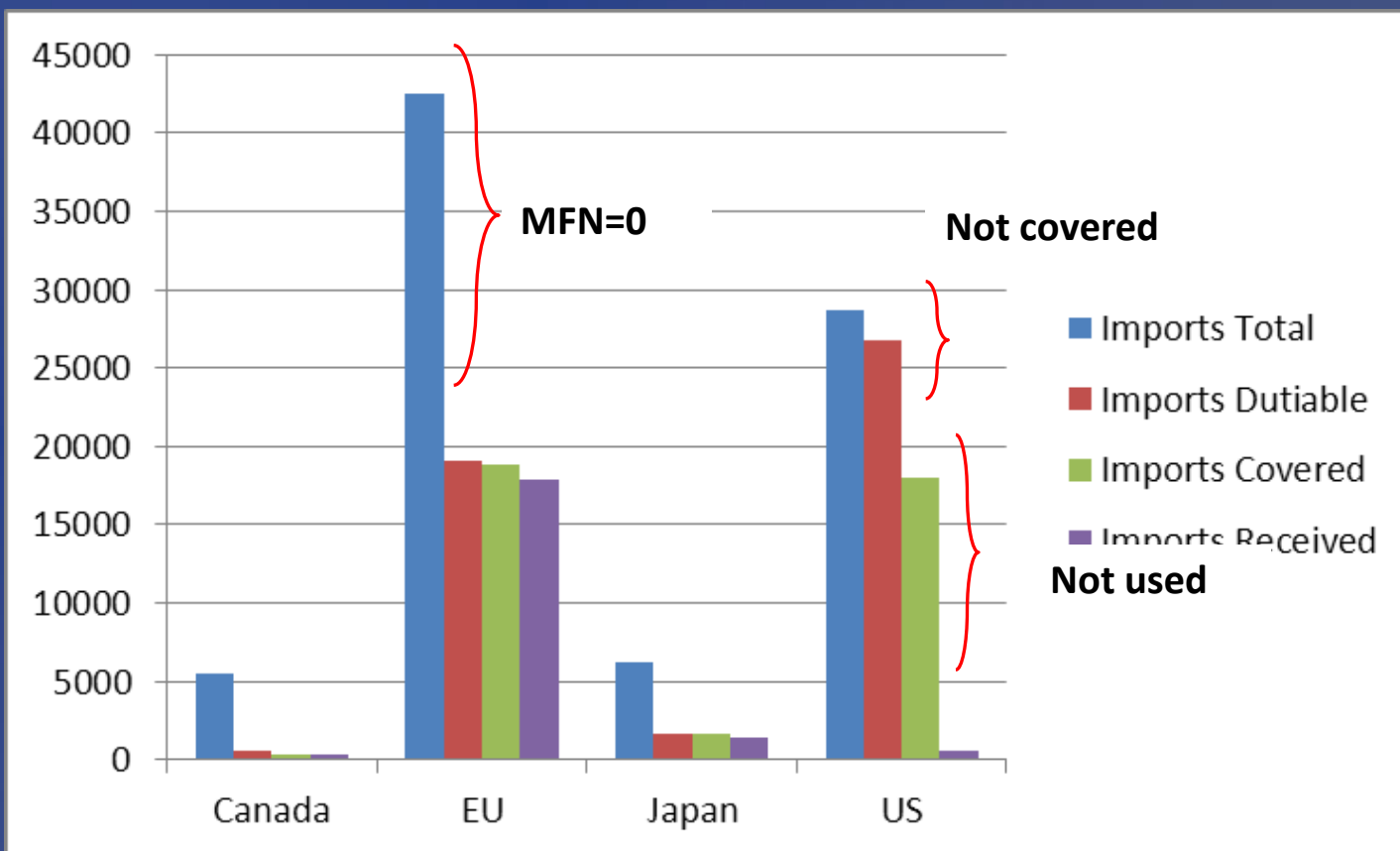
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Product	Total Imports	Dutiable Imports	Imports covered	Imports receiving preferences
A	100	0	0	0
B	200	200	0	0
C	300	300	300	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>150</b>

Coverage rate = Imports covered / Dutiable imports \* 100 = 300/500 \* 100 = 60%

Utilization rate = Imports received / Imports covered \* 100 = 150/300 \* 100 = 50%

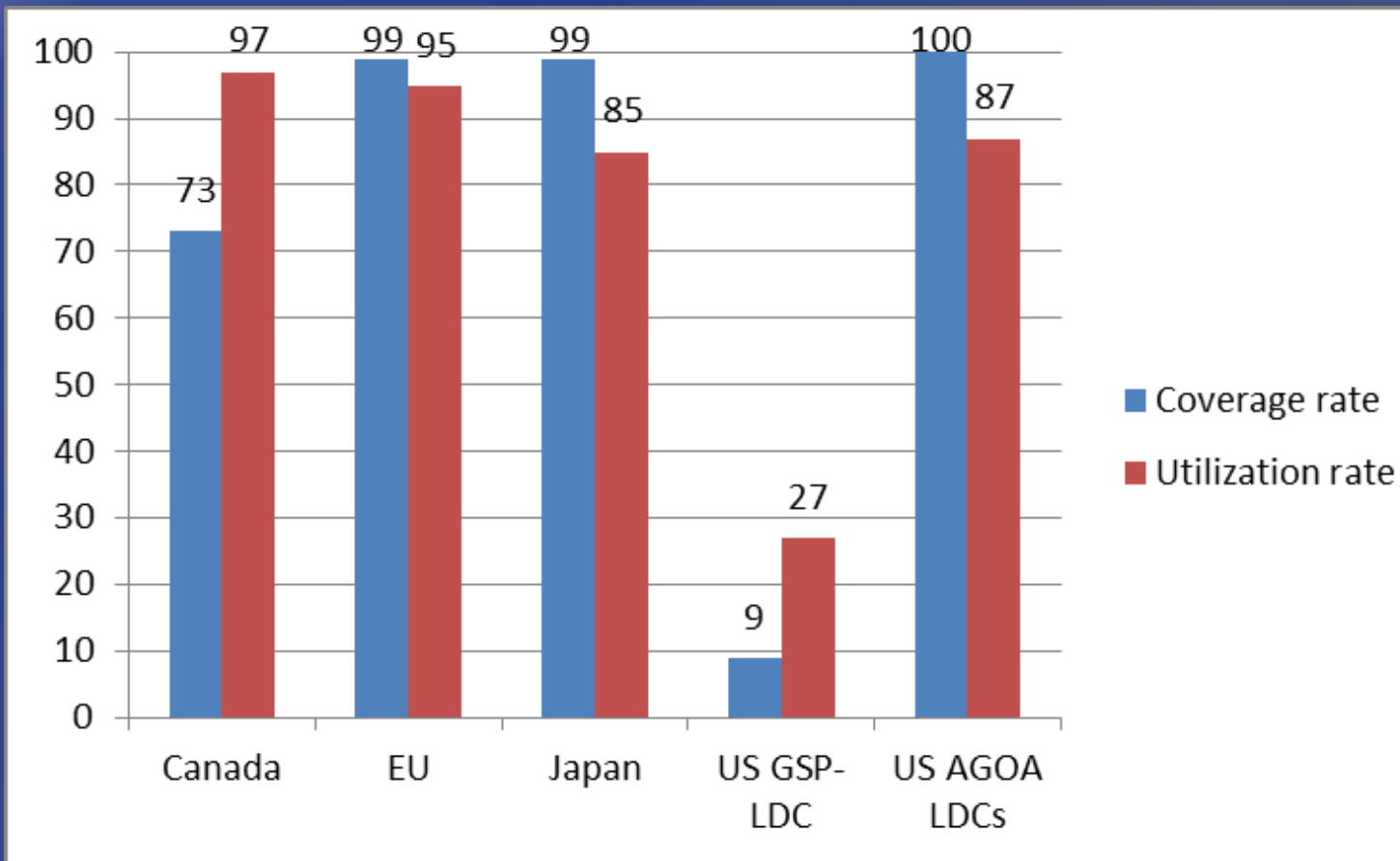


# Quad markets: Imports from LDCs by tariff treatment (2011, \$million)



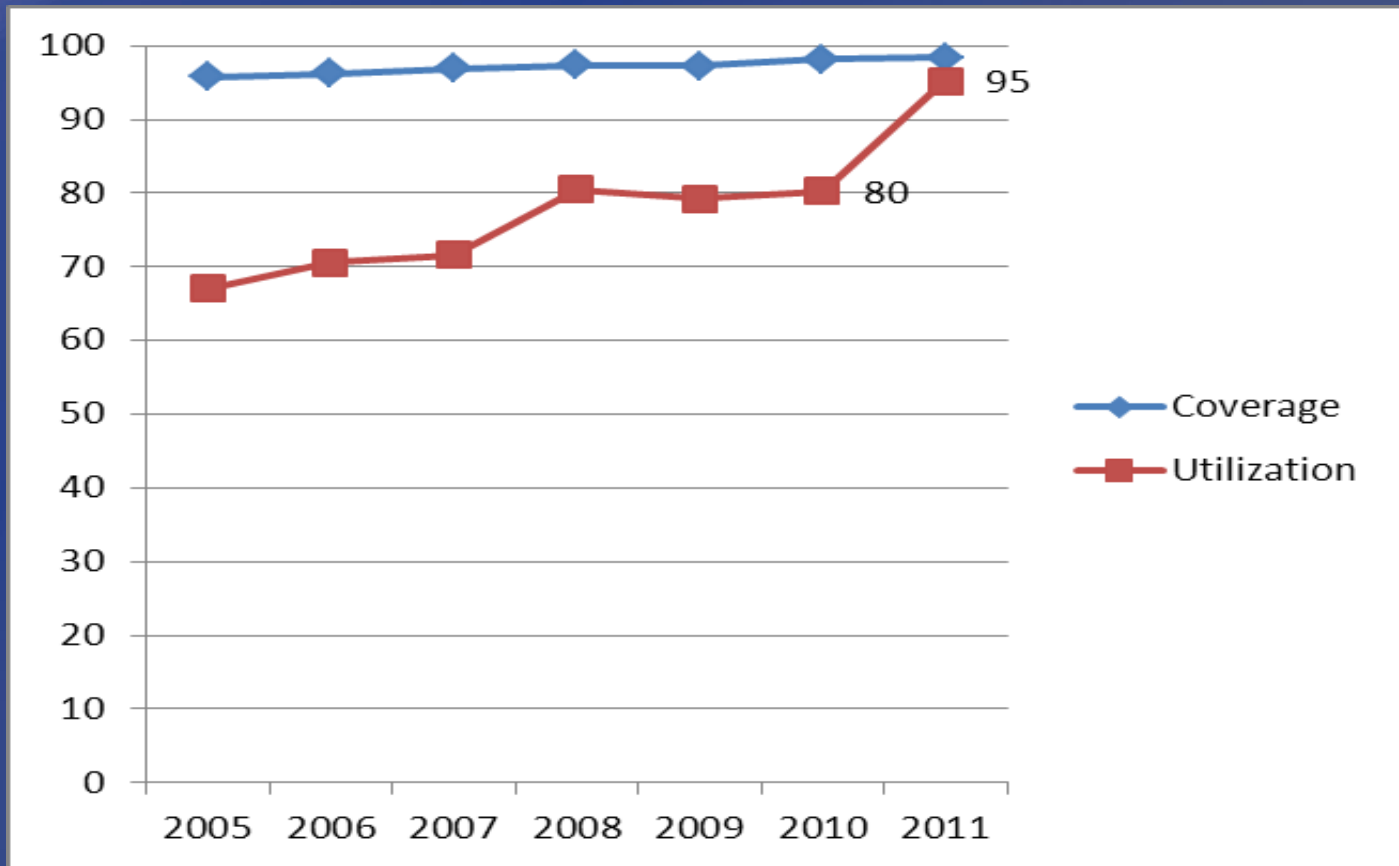


## Quad markets: Coverage & utilization rates (2011)





# EU: Coverage & utilization rates (2005-2011)

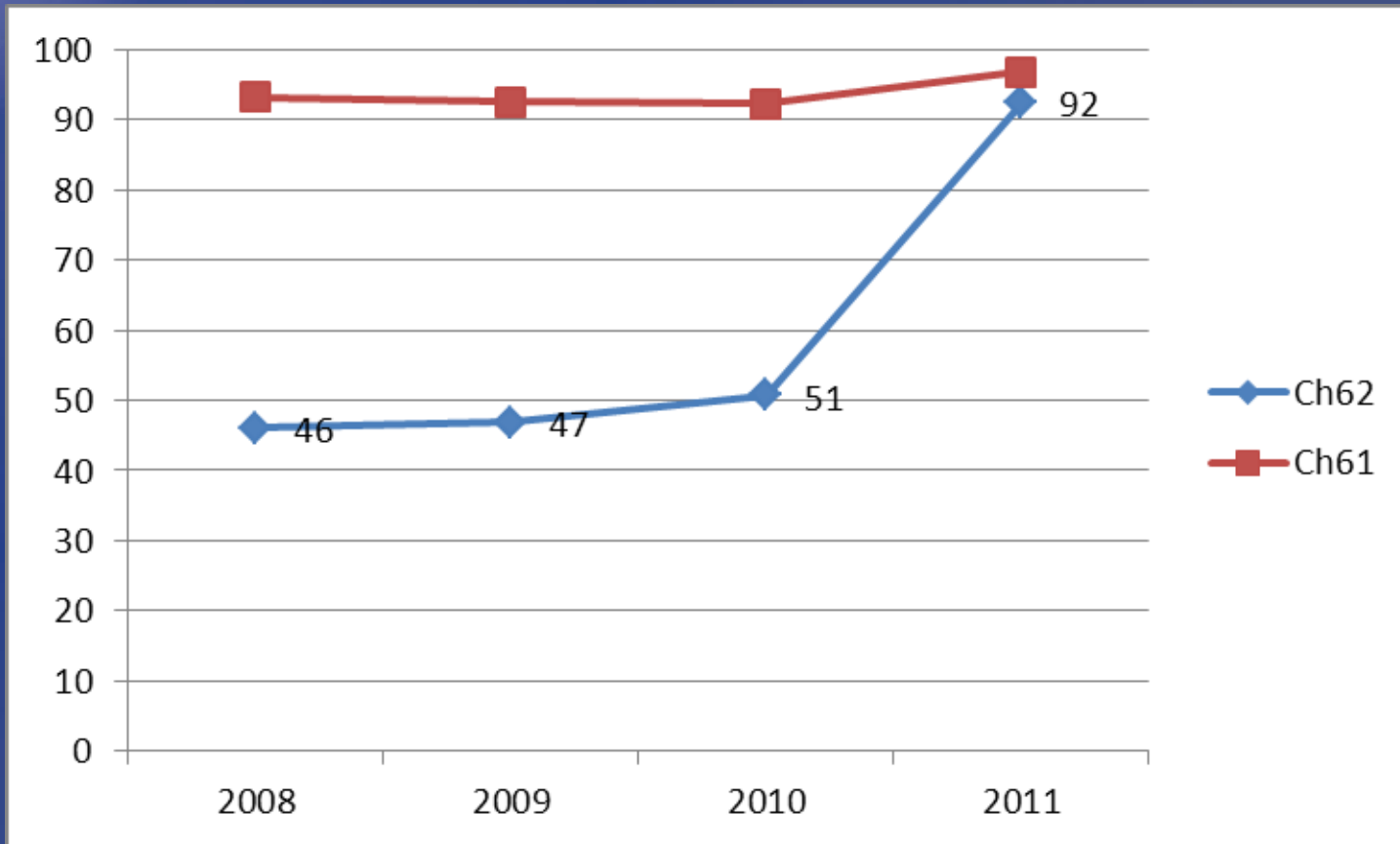








## EU: Utilization rates for Ch61 & Ch62



Single transformation rules since 2011 for both chapters (“manufacture from fabric”, not yarn)









# Japan: Preferential imports form LDCs by HS Chapter (2011)

HS2	Description	Total	Dutiable	Covered	Received	Coverage Rate	Utilization Rate	% of total covered
62	Art of apparel & clothing acce	661196	661052	661052	624341	100	94	39.9
3	Fish & crustacean, mollusc &	350995	350995	348085	253693	99	73	21.0
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like	325746	325746	318815	314137	98	99	19.2
61	Art of apparel & clothing acce	210156	210156	210156	128738	100	61	12.7
41	Raw hides and skins (other th	21035	18876	18876	18441	100	98	1.1
27	Mineral fuels, oils & product d	3953614	11831	11831	0	100	0	0.7
63	Other made up textile articles	14707	11151	11151	6491	100	58	0.7
7	Edible vegetables and certain	22280	9643	9643	9612	100	100	0.6
								95.8

Double transformation for HS61 (“manufactured from textile yarn”), single transformation for HS62ex (“manufactured from woven fabrics..”)

## Conclusions

- Generally high utilization in all Quad (but the US GSP), including for preference-dependent apparels
- Recent supply response from EU RoO reform appears to evidence RoO potential to facilitate LDC exports
- Low utilization of specific products can indicate areas of possible RoO improvements (e.g., fish, apparel in JPN)
- Importance of greater transparency & data on preference utilization beyond Quad markets & GSP in view of continued importance of preferences for LDCs under DFQF initiatives & proliferating FTAs



*Thank You*

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