

Made in the Region, Sold in the World. New Evidence on the Internationalization of Supply Chains

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This paper combines some information on geographic distance between countries with the WIOD set of international input-output tables to analyse the average distance traveled by inputs and final products along the value chain. New evidence on the internationalization of supply chains between 1995 and 2011 is analysed, looking at goods and services industries and using input-output based indicators such as the average geographic distance to final demand, the average geographic distance covered by inputs and the average number of border crossings, both backward and forward. The paper also proposes alternative measures of the length of international supply chains. The results emphasize that most supply chains are regional when it comes to inputs but more global in terms of final consumption.