

Table 5.9: Structure of China-Global South trade, 1990 vs. 2012

Rest of South				
	Exports		Imports	
	1990	2012	1990	2012
Primary	13.0%	75.2%	14.1%	3.0%
Nat-Resource Intensive	18.4%	11.2%	9.1%	9.8%
Low-Skill	16.3%	1.7%	48.2%	37.8%
Medium-Skill	46.6%	8.7%	22.6%	34.1%
High-Skill	5.4%	2.0%	5.5%	14.3%
Emerging South				
	Exports		Imports	
	1990	2012	1990	2012
Primary	8.5%	15.6%	8.1%	3.3%
Nat-Resource Intensive	12.2%	12.9%	7.7%	6.7%
Low-Skill	39.4%	9.0%	43.4%	21.8%
Medium-Skill	27.5%	15.8%	27.1%	24.2%
High-Skill	11.4%	42.8%	12.2%	40.4%

Notes: Exports and imports are the percentage shares of each product group in total Southern exports and imports to and from China. Here and elsewhere the percentage totals do not add up to 100 per cent because of the excluded category of “other” goods.