A Comparative Study of the Contribution of

Value-added Services to China's Total Industry Export

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Abstract: For a long time, the absence of uniform statistical standards for services has led to a

lack of data on global services trade. Developed countries and developing countries have been

trying to measure the contribution of service trade to economic growth. To achieve the accuracy of

trade service data under the same unified caliber, China want to formulate the service industry

development strategy to promote the upgrading and optimization of industrial structure. This

article is based on the TIVA statistical data in the OECD database, according to 14 services sectors'

contribution to 34 export industries, the paper makes a comparative study on value-added between

China domestic service industry and a group of ten foreign countries. The paper gets conclusions

as followed: Firstly, the domestic value-added of China's service industry has great difference in

the contribution to the export of primary industry, the secondary industry, the tertiary industry;

Second, relative to China's domestic contribution, the ten countries' contribution also show the

characteristics of departmental agglomeration, and the value-added capacity of China's service

sector is obviously weak; Third, due to service industry's different value-added contributions on

the primary industry, the secondary industry, the tertiary industry, how to effectively improve

global competitiveness of China's industries through the service value-added process is very

different among service sectors. China needs to improve the sector competitiveness of the service

sector, namely mechanical equipment rental services, public management and defense, mandatory

social security, computer and related services, transportation and warehousing services. The key to

speeding up the structural adjustment of export industry is to focus on the service sector as a

breakthrough, and also to enhance the global competitiveness of the service industry.

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