



The Doha Development Agenda

Why is it taking so long?

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DDA

- History:
 - Uruguay Round
 - Built-in Agenda
 - Agriculture
 - Services
 - Seattle Ministerial - 1999
 - Doha - Nov 2001



DDA

- Cancun - September 2003
- Hong Kong - December 2005
- July 2006, Potsdam, July 2008
- December 2008?



DDA

- Uruguay Round versus DDA:
 - UR: Target was 4 years
 - September 1986 - December 1993
 - DDA: Target was 4 years
 - November 2001 - ?



DDA

- Deadlines:
 - Why set deadlines?
 - US Trade Negotiating Authority
 - Effect of missing deadlines



DDA - Factors

- Timing after implementation of UR
- Political factor: post- 11 September 2001
- Support by major players for a new round
- Position of small players post-UR
 - Implementation issues – difficult issues deferred
- Interest of industry



DDA - Factors

- “Member-driven organization”
 - Role of DG
 - Length of appointment
 - Role of DDGs - length of appointment
 - Role of Secretariat

- “Rules-based system”
 - Legalism vs pragmatism
 - Lawyers involved in process from start

- Role of Chairpersons of NGs



DDA Factors

- Role of informal groups
 - UR
 - Quad
 - De la Paix Group
 - Café Ole
 - Others/Facilitators?
 - DDA
 - G-20
 - G-11
 - ACP
 - African Group
 - Cairns
 - Others



DDA Factors

- Role of informal groups
 - Primarily political groupings
 - Trade interests of members of Groups vary substantially and across issues
 - Absence of a “Quad” approach



DDA - Factors

- Consensus rule
- Nothing is agreed until everything is agreed
- Too many negotiators?
 - UR - 96 CPs in 1986
121 CPs in 1995
128 participants
- DDA - 153 Members
 - July 2008 “experiment”
 - 36 Ministers in Green Room
 - Reduce to Group of 7 Ministers
 - Issues of inclusiveness and transparency



DDA Factors

- Nature of tariff negotiations:
 - Before UR – request/offer process
 - UR – 1988 Montreal Ministerial agreed on basic formula cut (Swiss formula)
 - Exceptions negotiated later
 - DDA – modalities
 - Exceptions negotiated as part of the modalities
 - Draft NAMA Modalities Document of 110 pages



DDA - Factors

- Super specialization of negotiators
- Geneva dynamics



DDA

- So where does all this lead us to?
 - Nature of future Rounds?
 - Ongoing negotiations all the time?
 - Structure of negotiations?



Trade Remedies

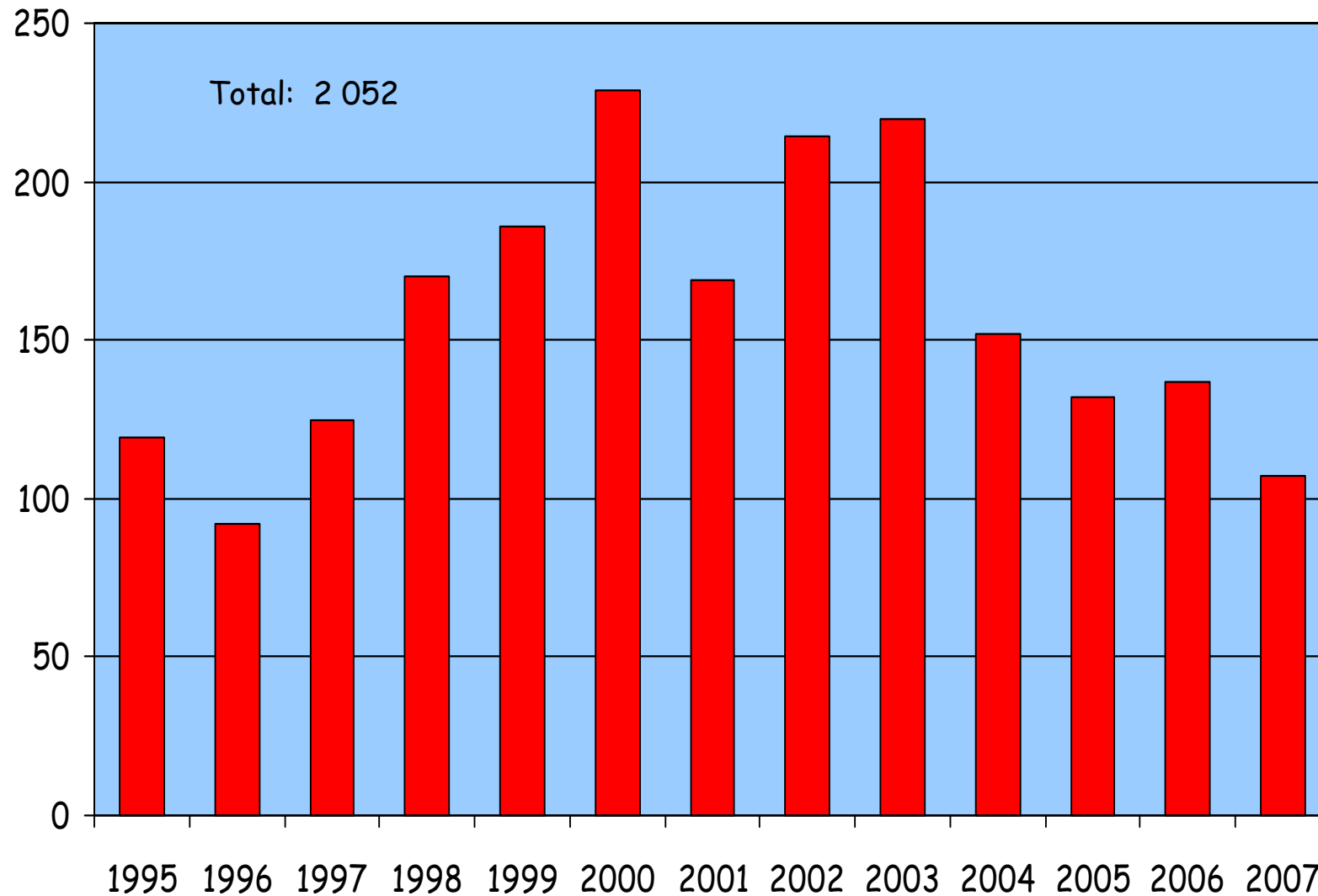
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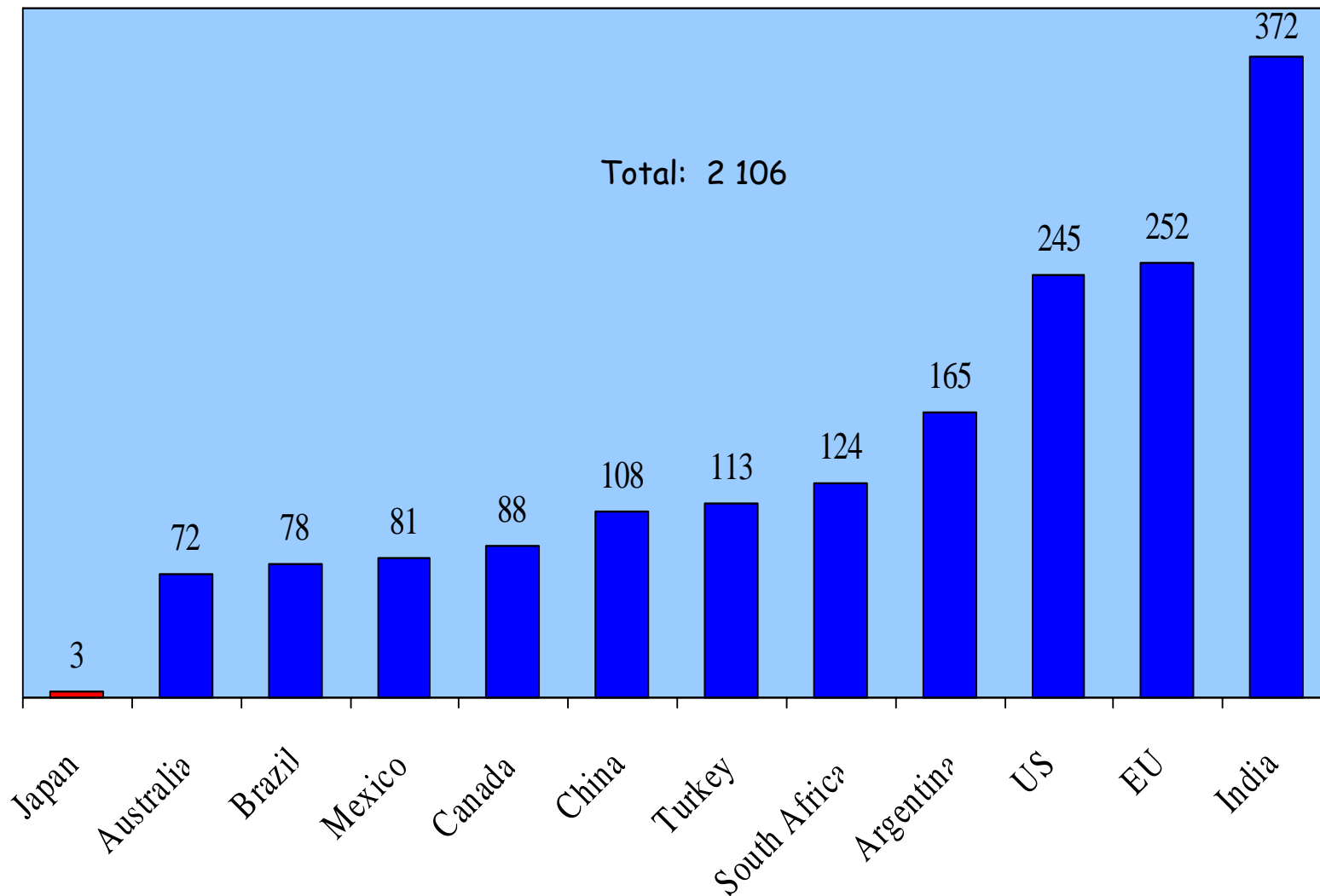
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- Anti - Dumping
- Countervailing Measures
- Safeguards

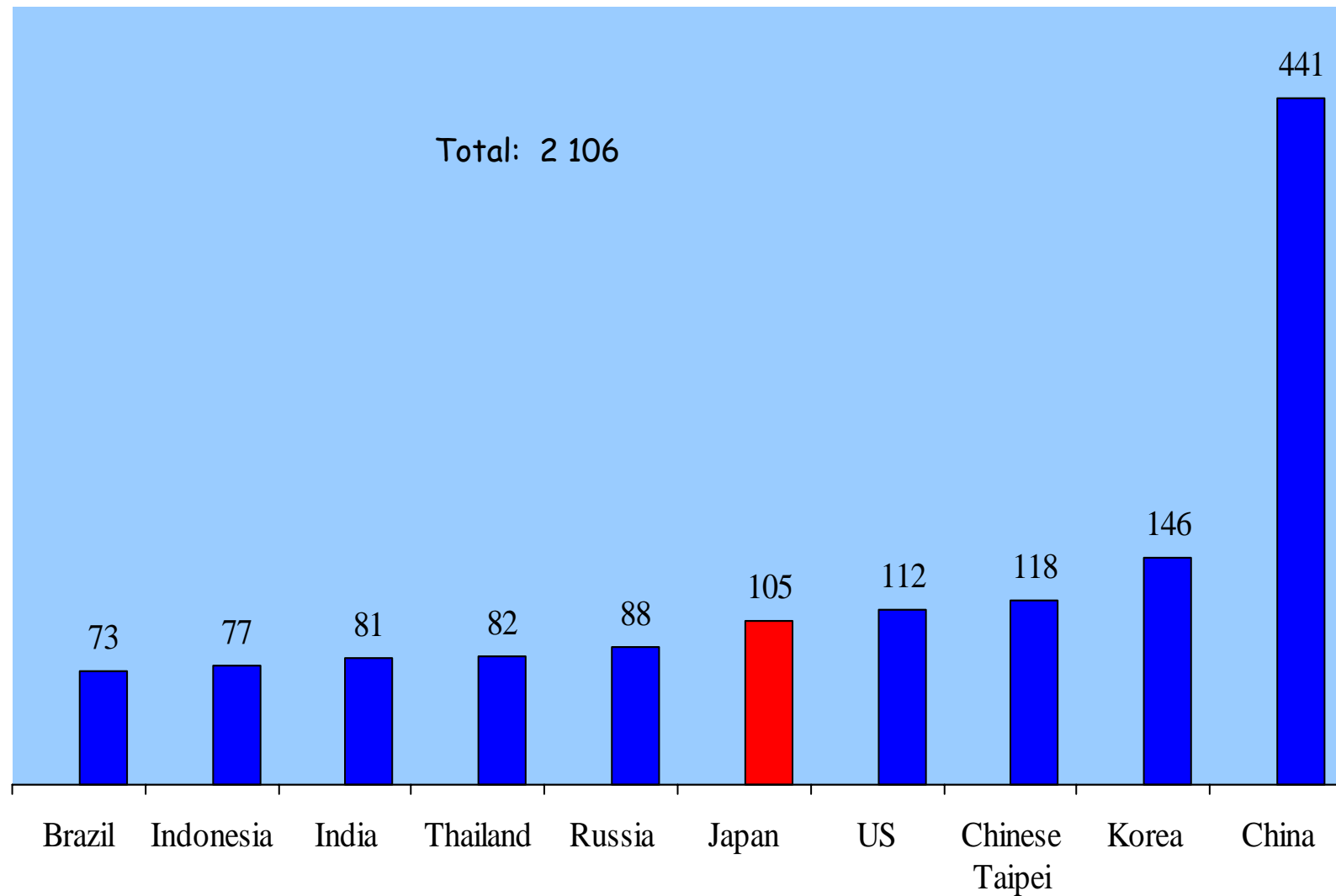
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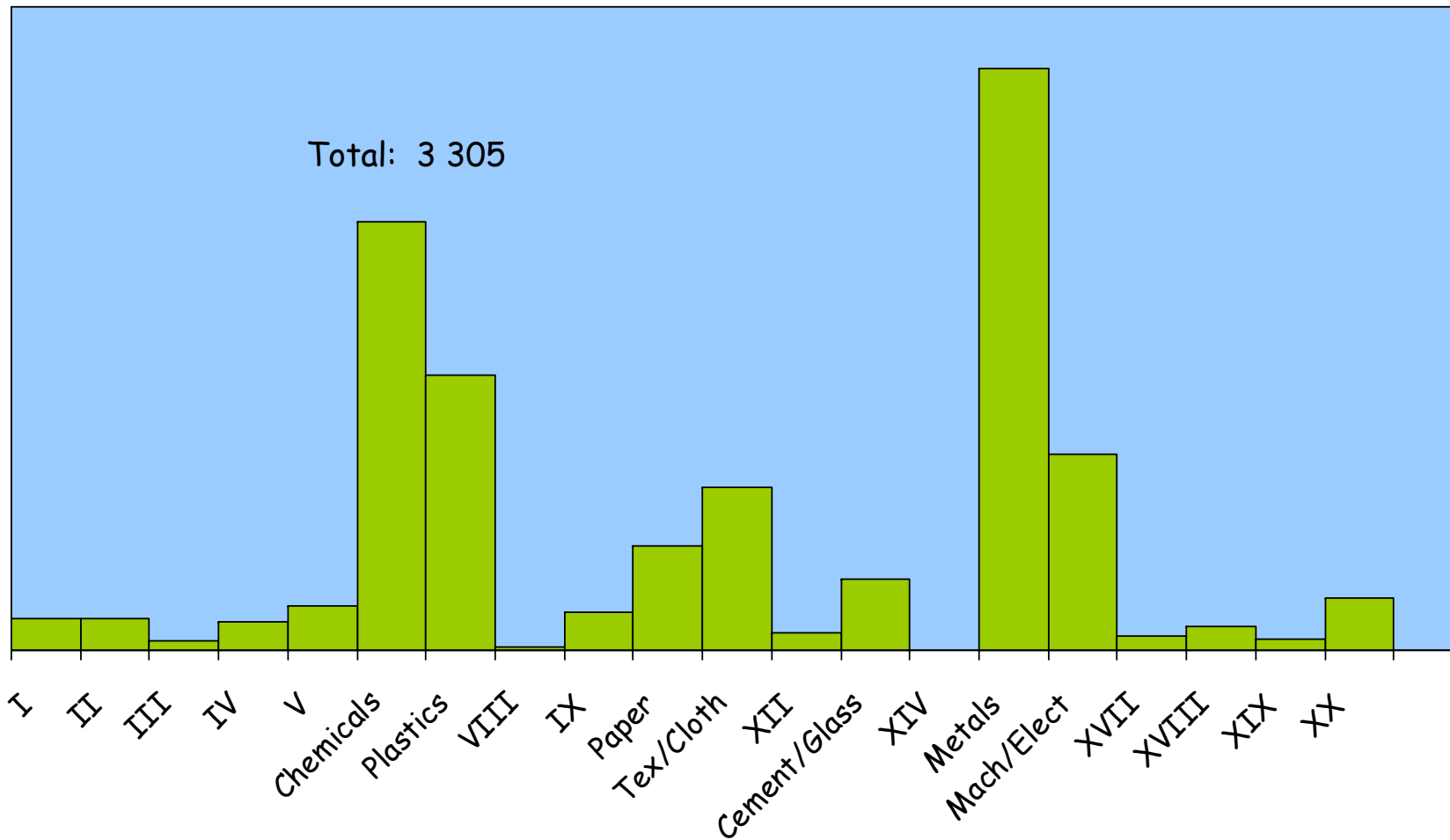
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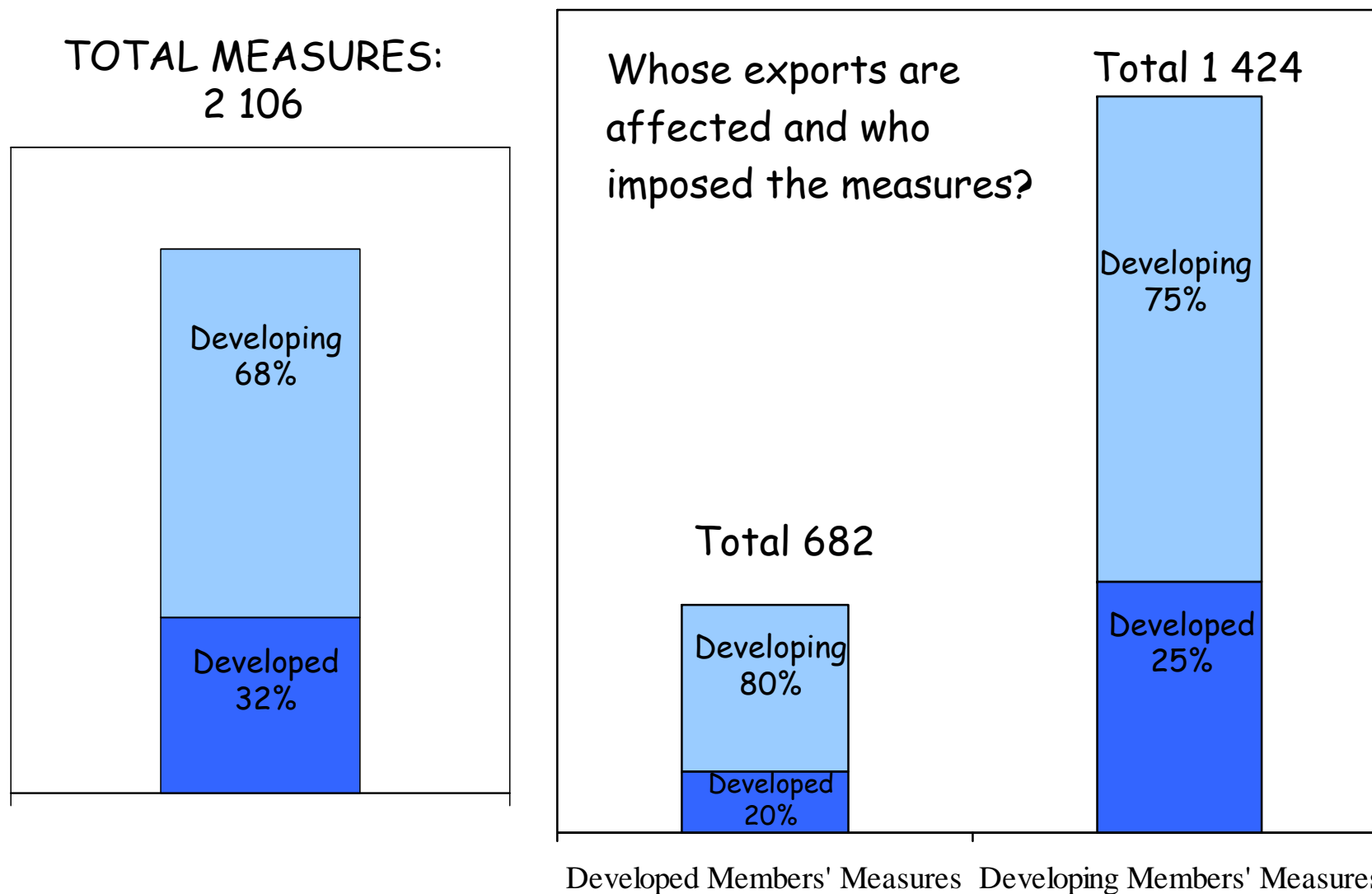


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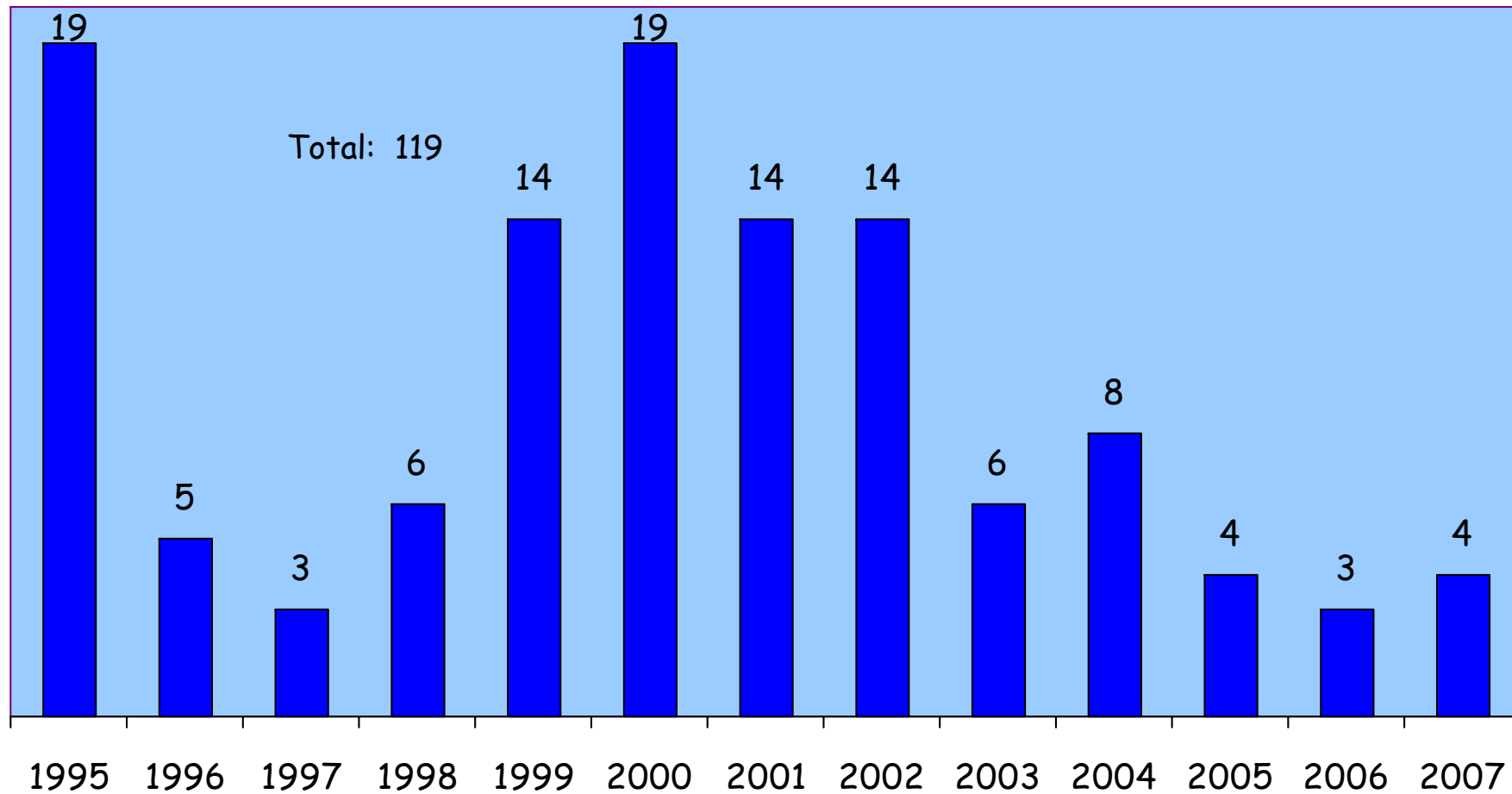
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Developed / Developing Members



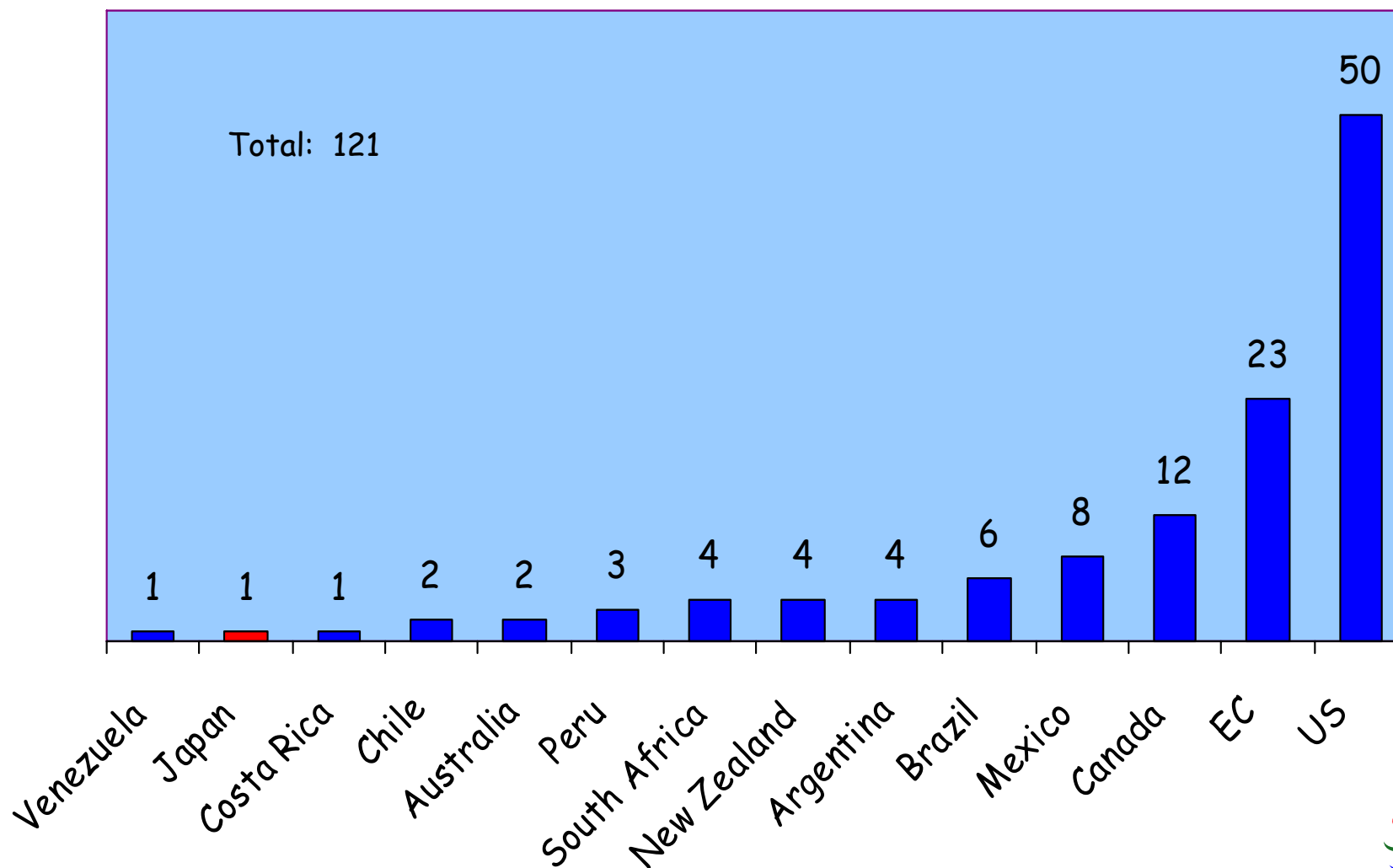
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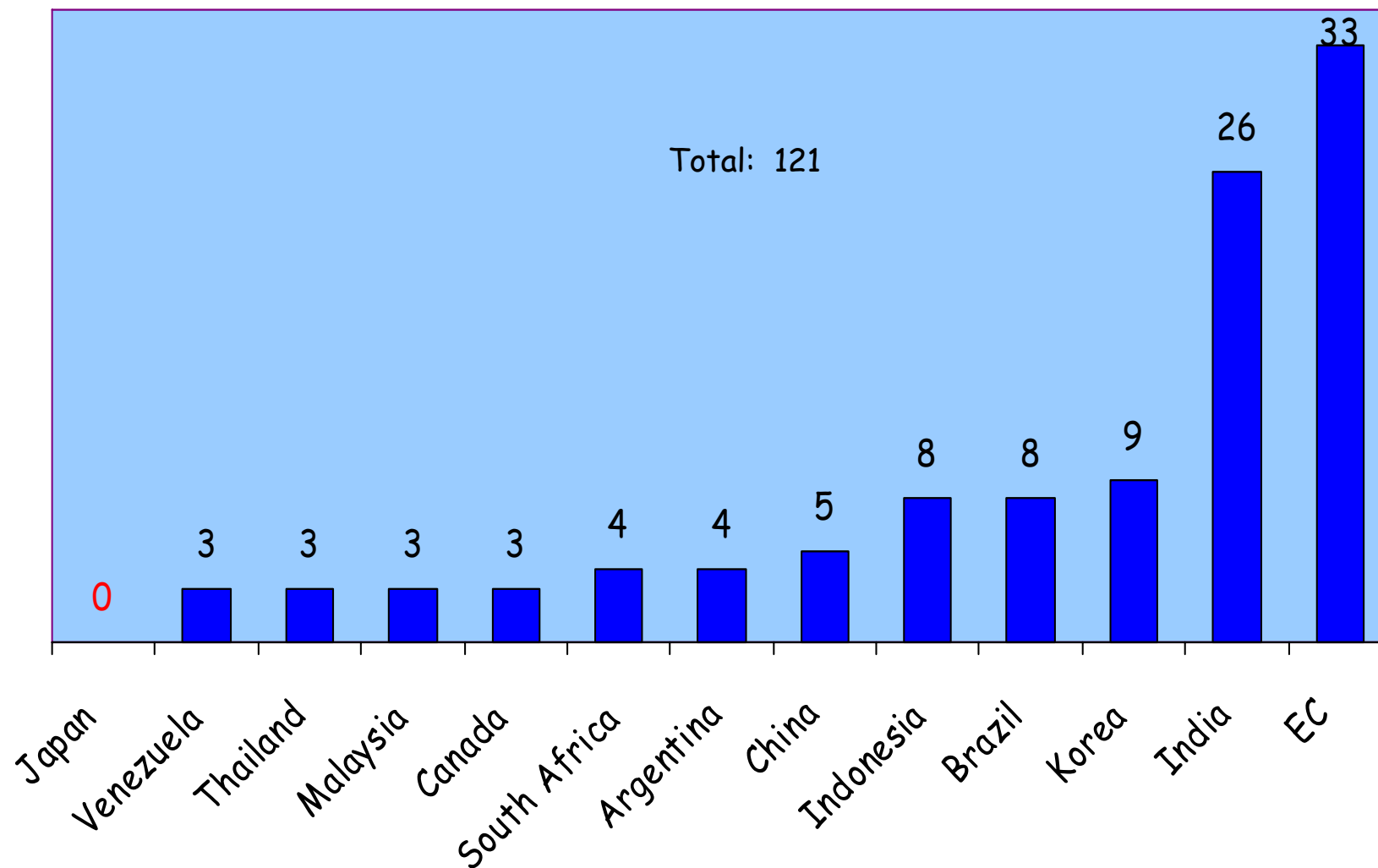
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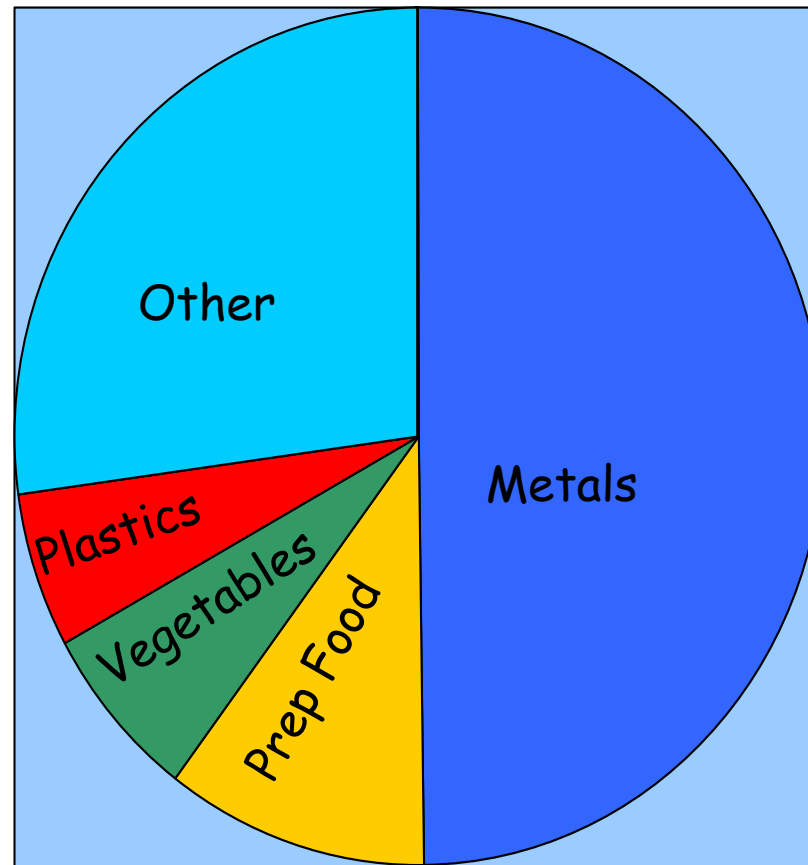
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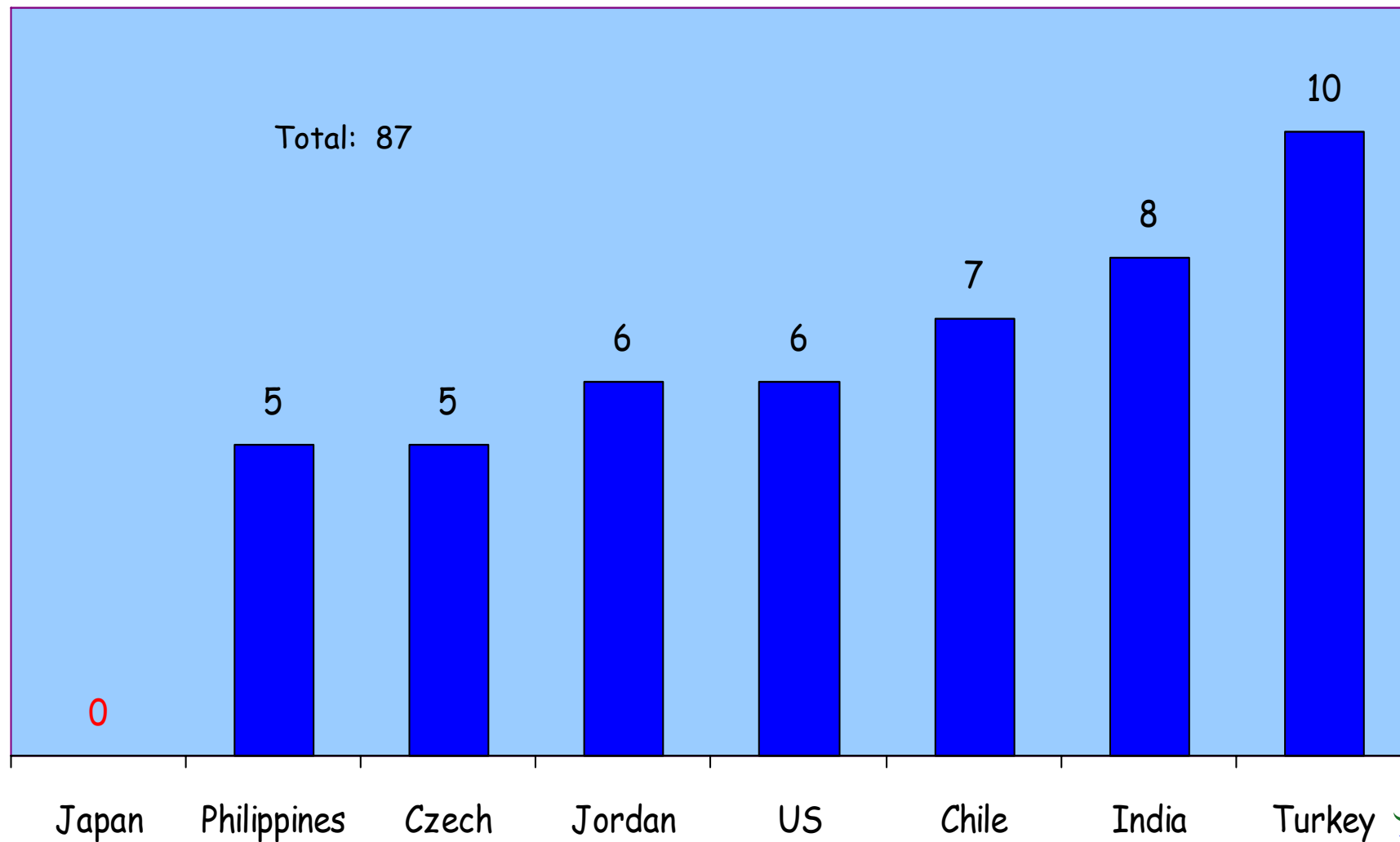
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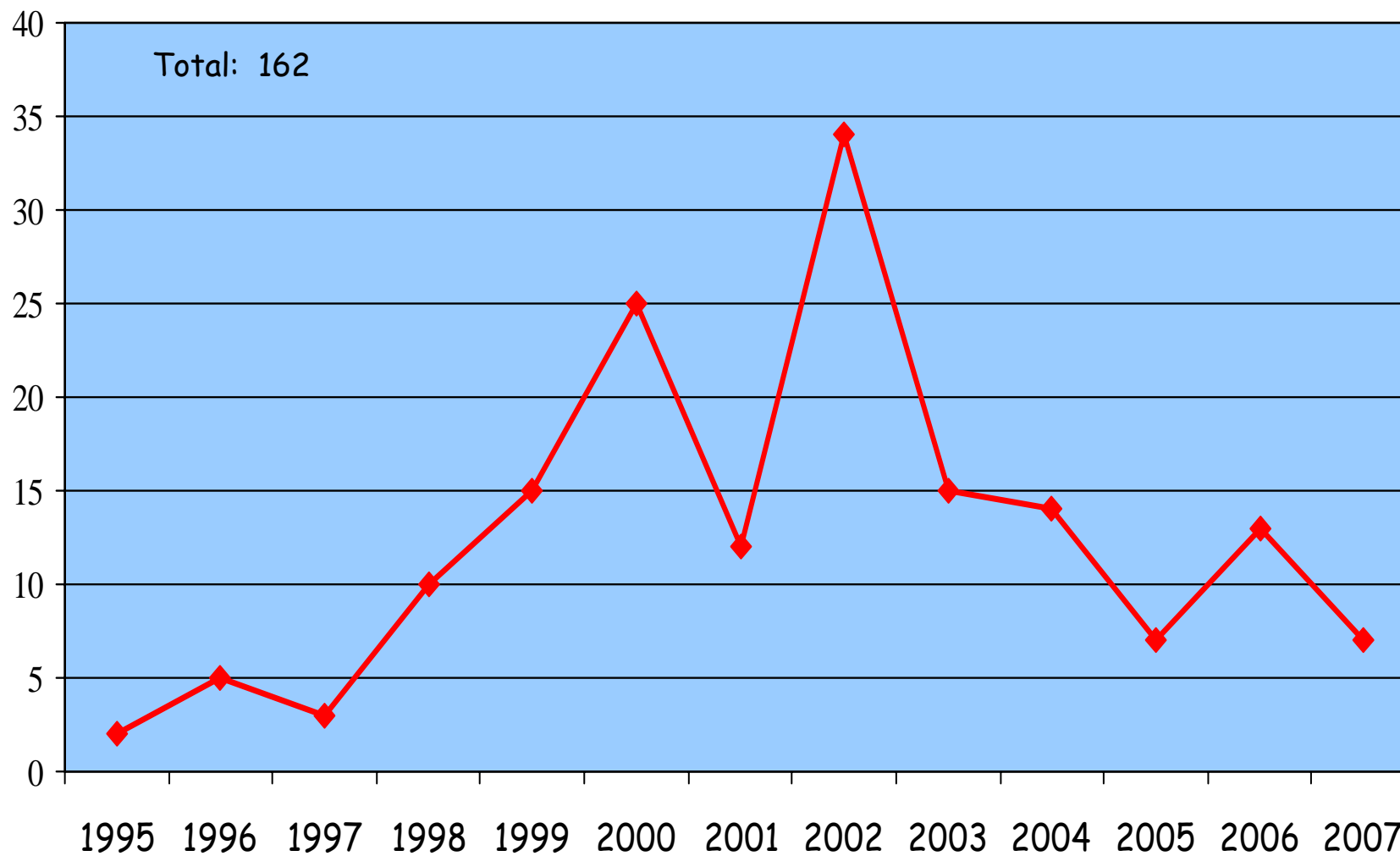
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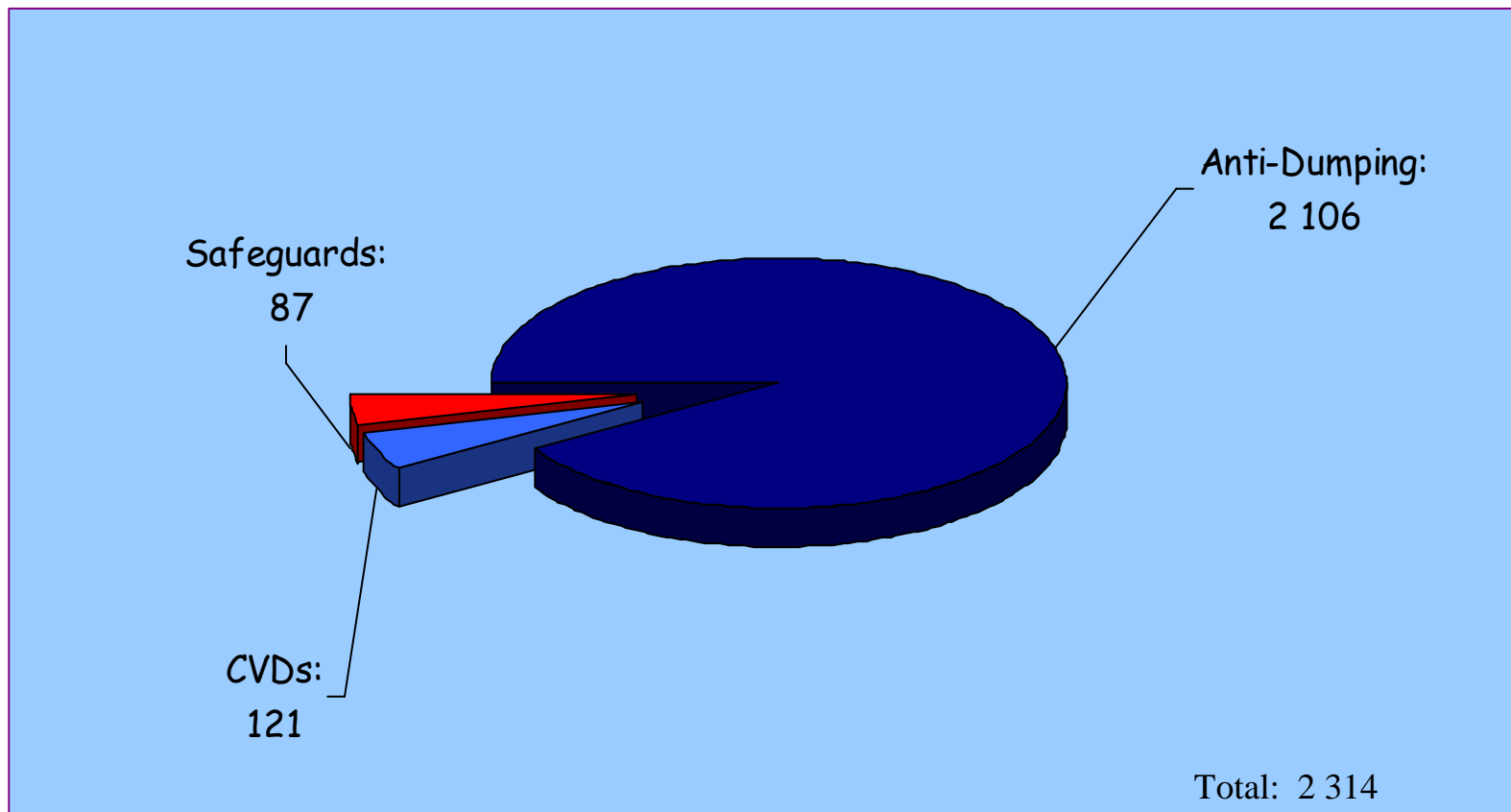


SAFEGUARDS

INITIATIONS: 1995 – 2007



Trade Remedy Measures Imposed Between 1995 and June 2008

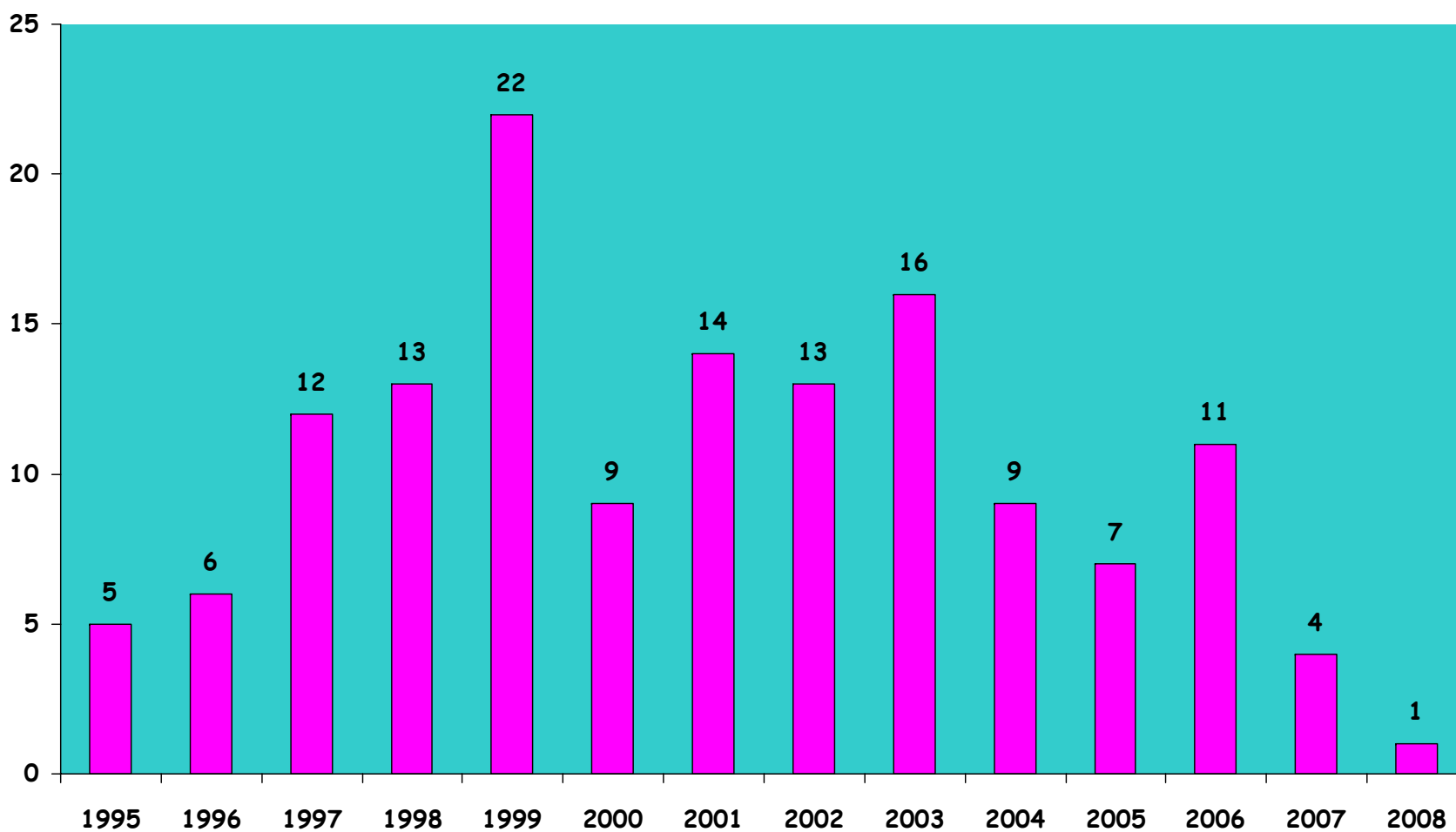


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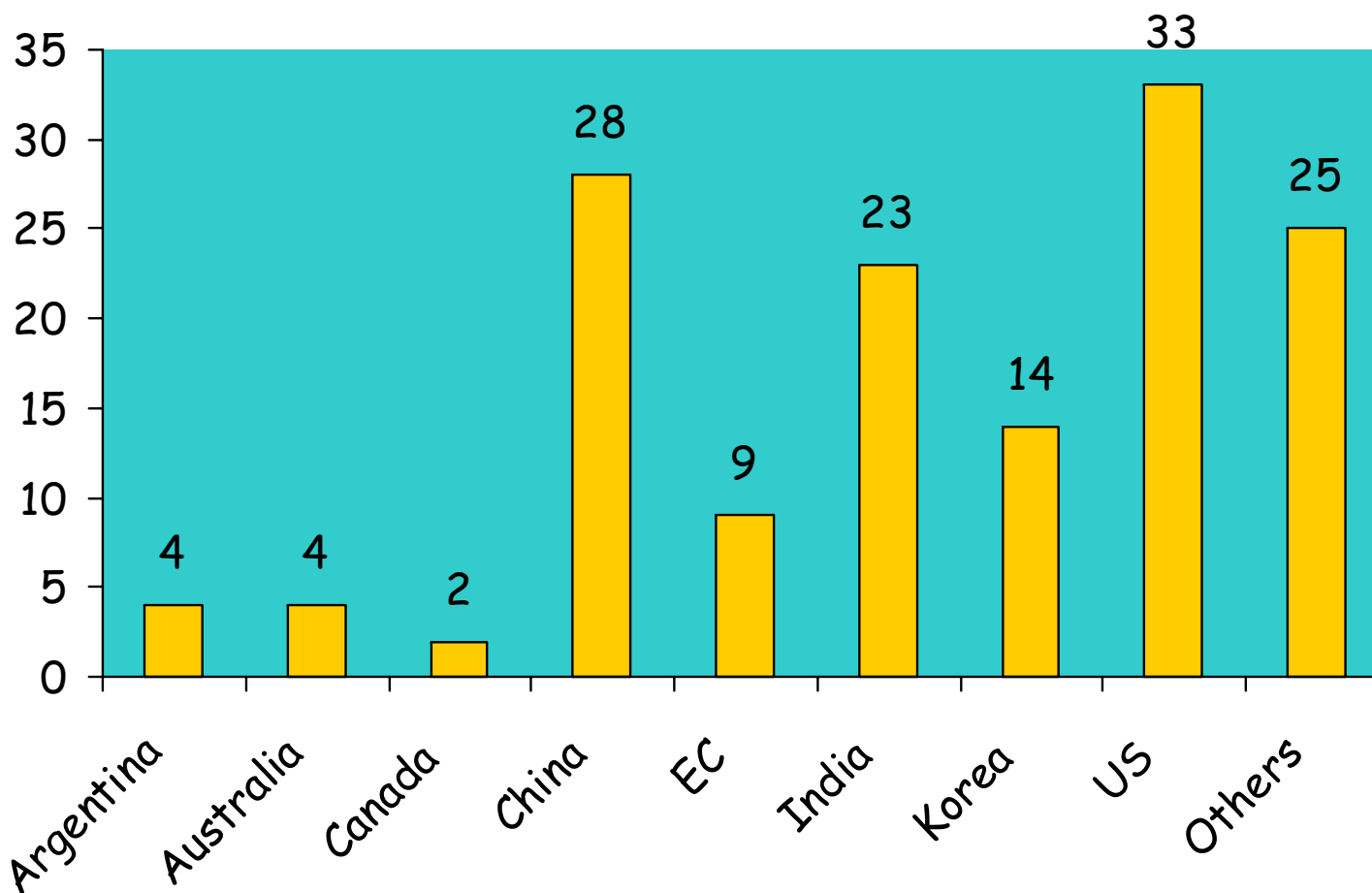


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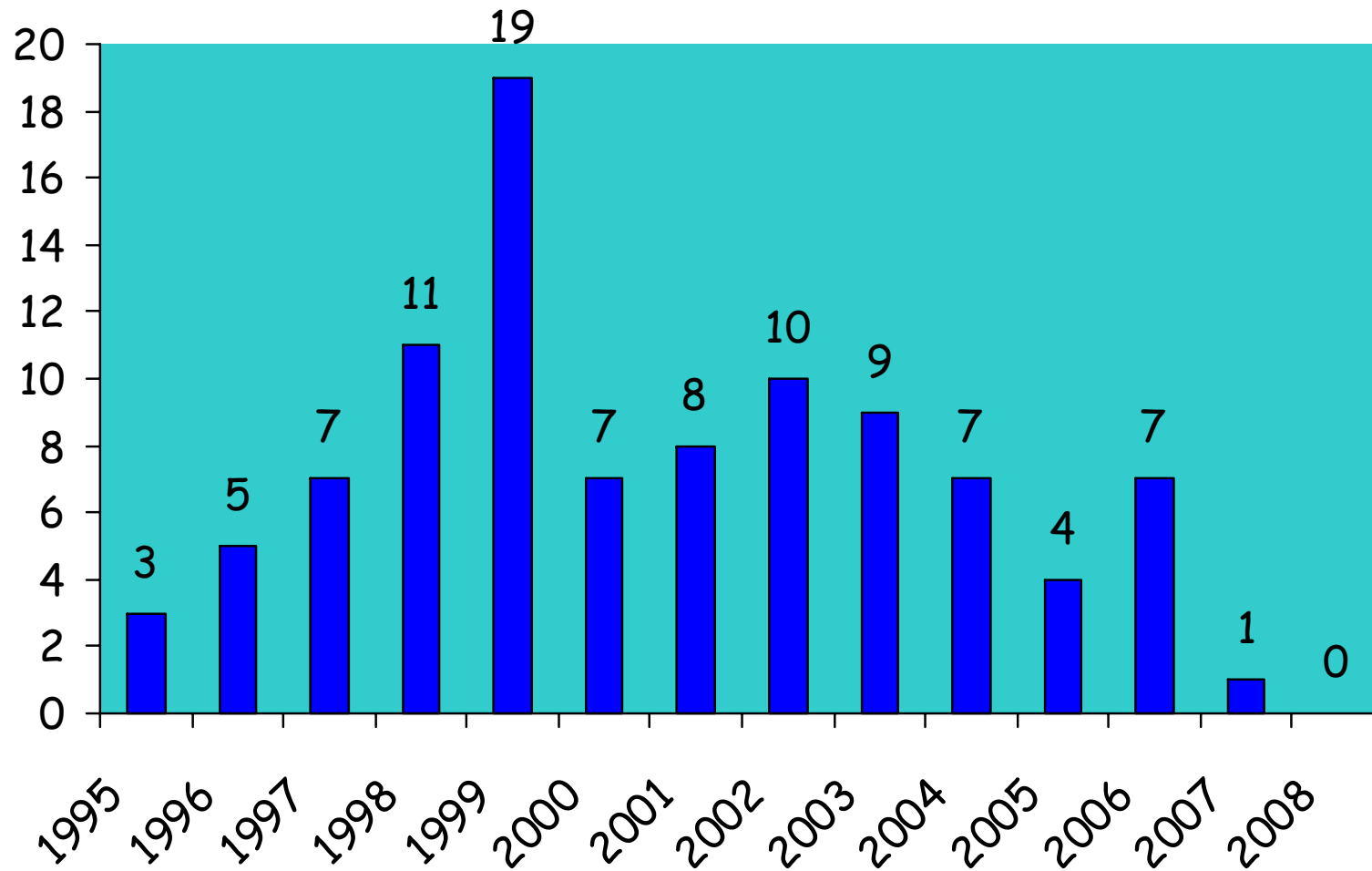
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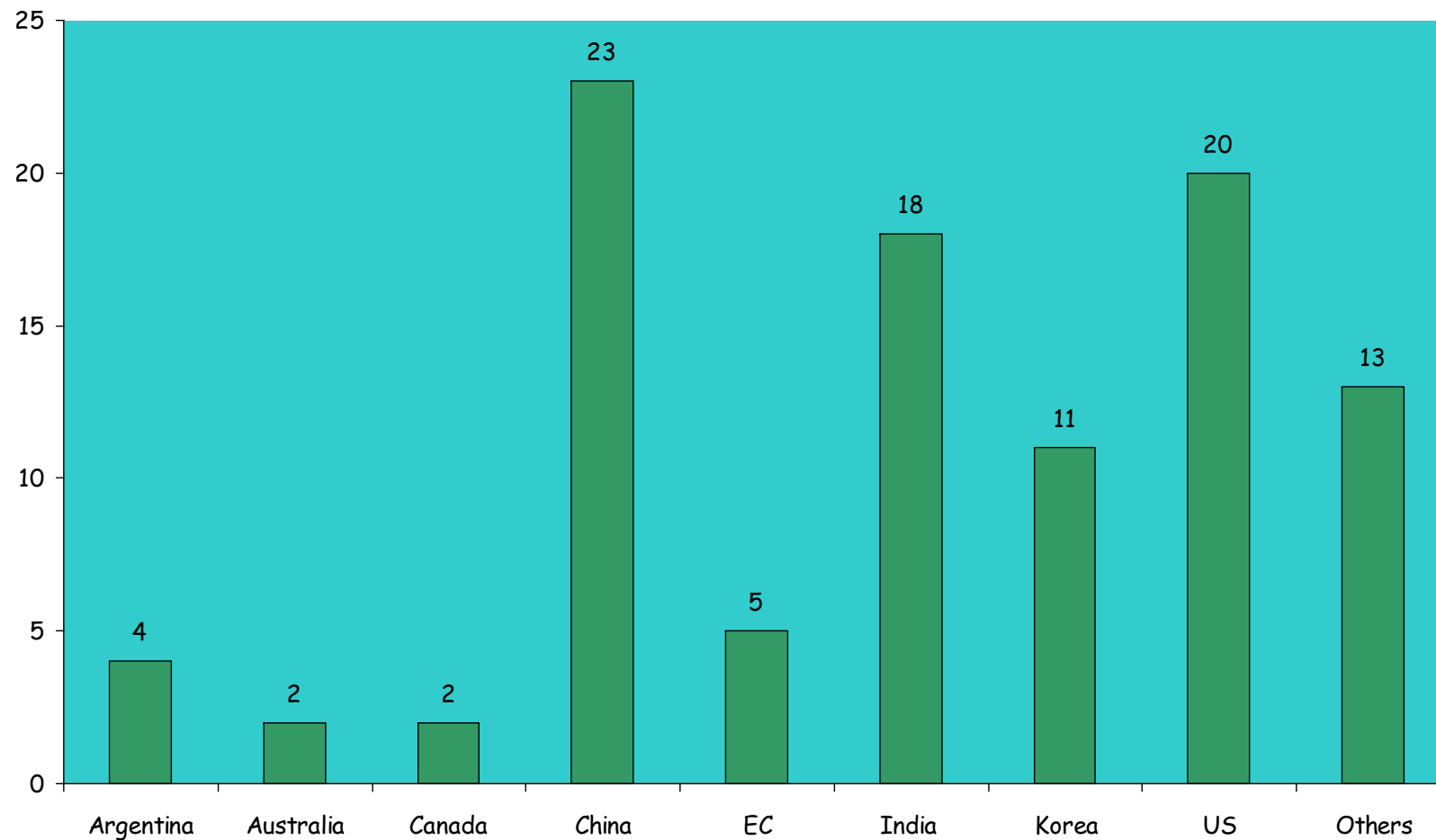
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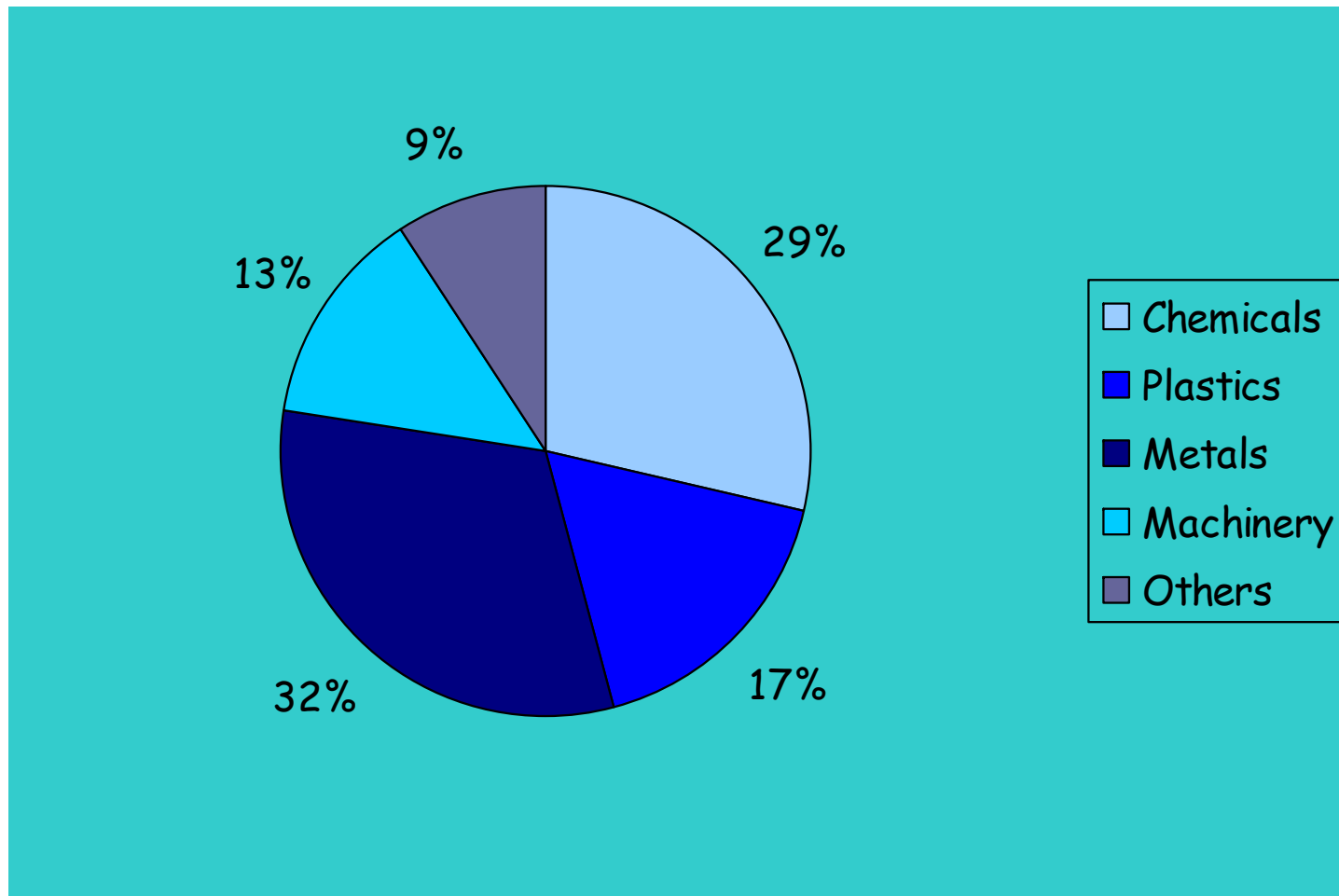


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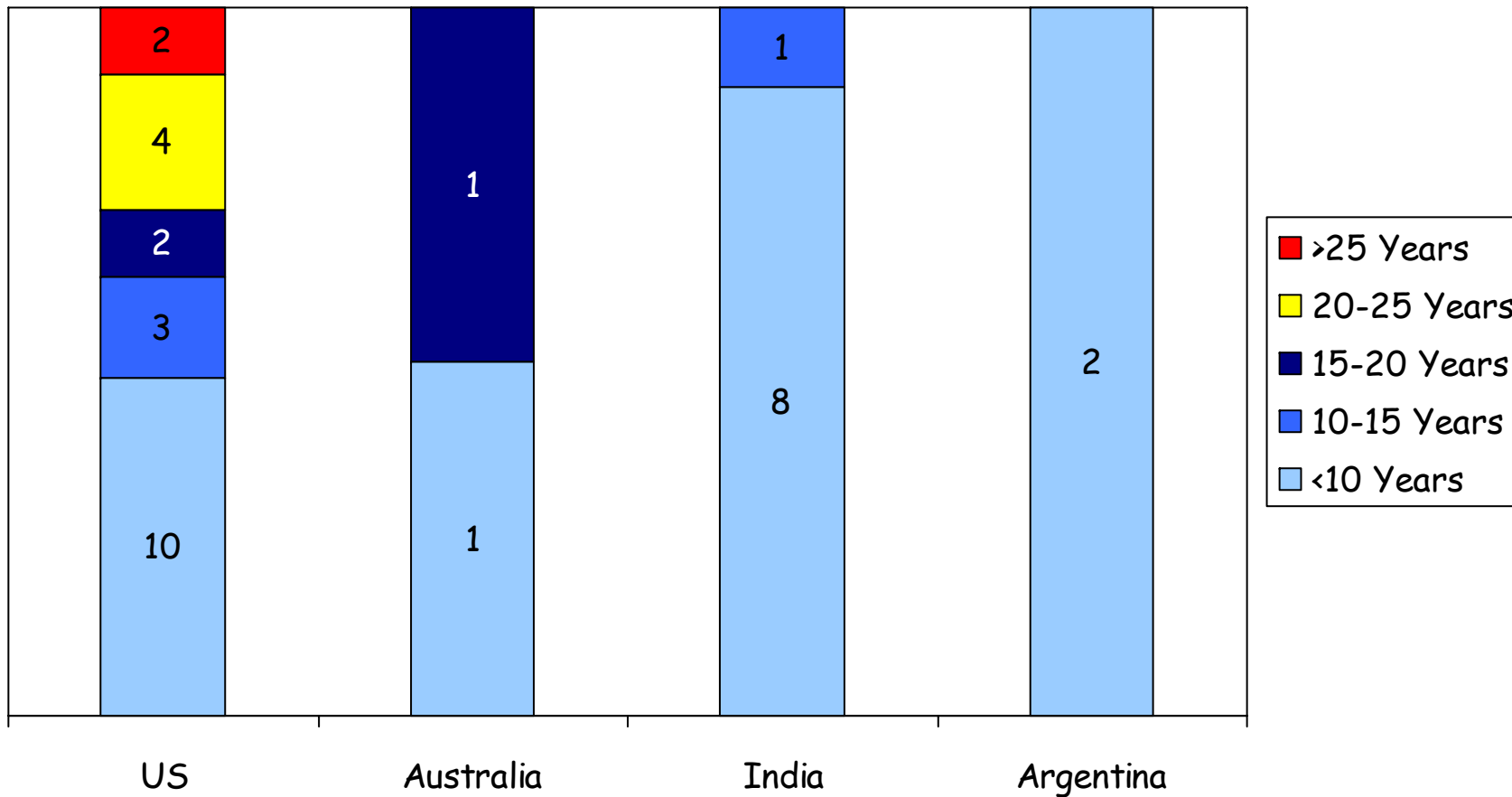
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Anti-Dumping Measures Against Japan: Sectors 1995-2008



Anti-Dumping Duration of Measures Against Japan





Trade Remedies – Future?

- Increase in protectionism?
- Anti-Dumping?
- Countervailing measures?
- Safeguards?
- WTO-inconsistent support programmes?
- Grey area measures?
- More disputes?



Trade Remedies

It might be a somewhat bumpy ride, so ... Ladies and gentlemen, please fasten your seat-belts!



THANK YOU!