

Market Access Issues in the Processed Food and Beverage Trade

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“Despite the wealth of trade issues faced by the U.S. processed food and beverage industries, there has been little in the way of empirical economic research that has been conducted on these products.”

**U.S. International Trade Commission,
October 2001**

U.S. Trade of Processed Foods and Beverages



Four key factors contributing to growth in trade of processed foods and beverages

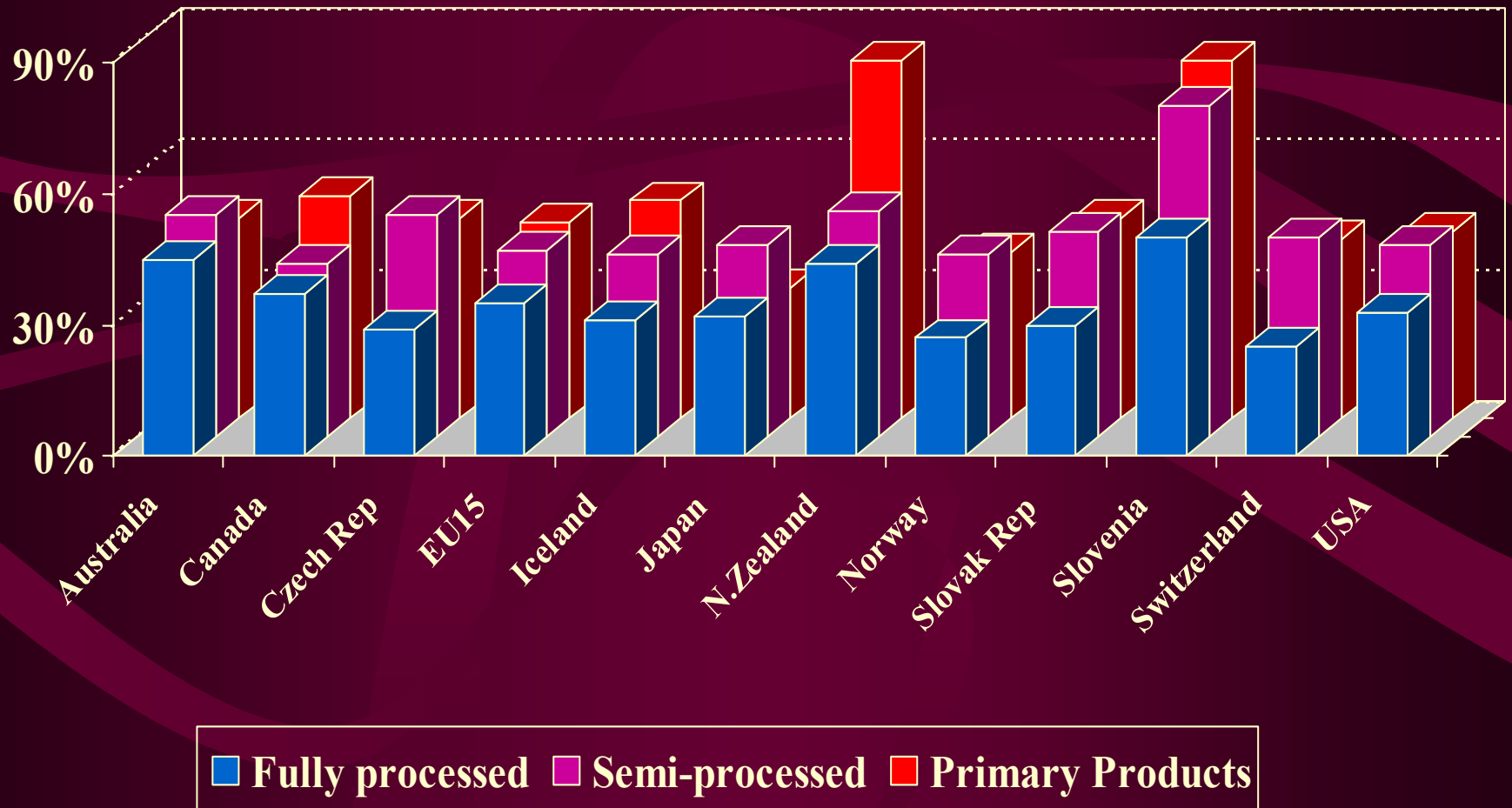


- Consumer Demand
- Technological innovation
- Globalization of the grocery industry
- Global and regional trade liberalization



While there have been some reductions in border protection, barriers often remain quite high.

Average Depth of Tariff Reduction Resulting from Uruguay Round



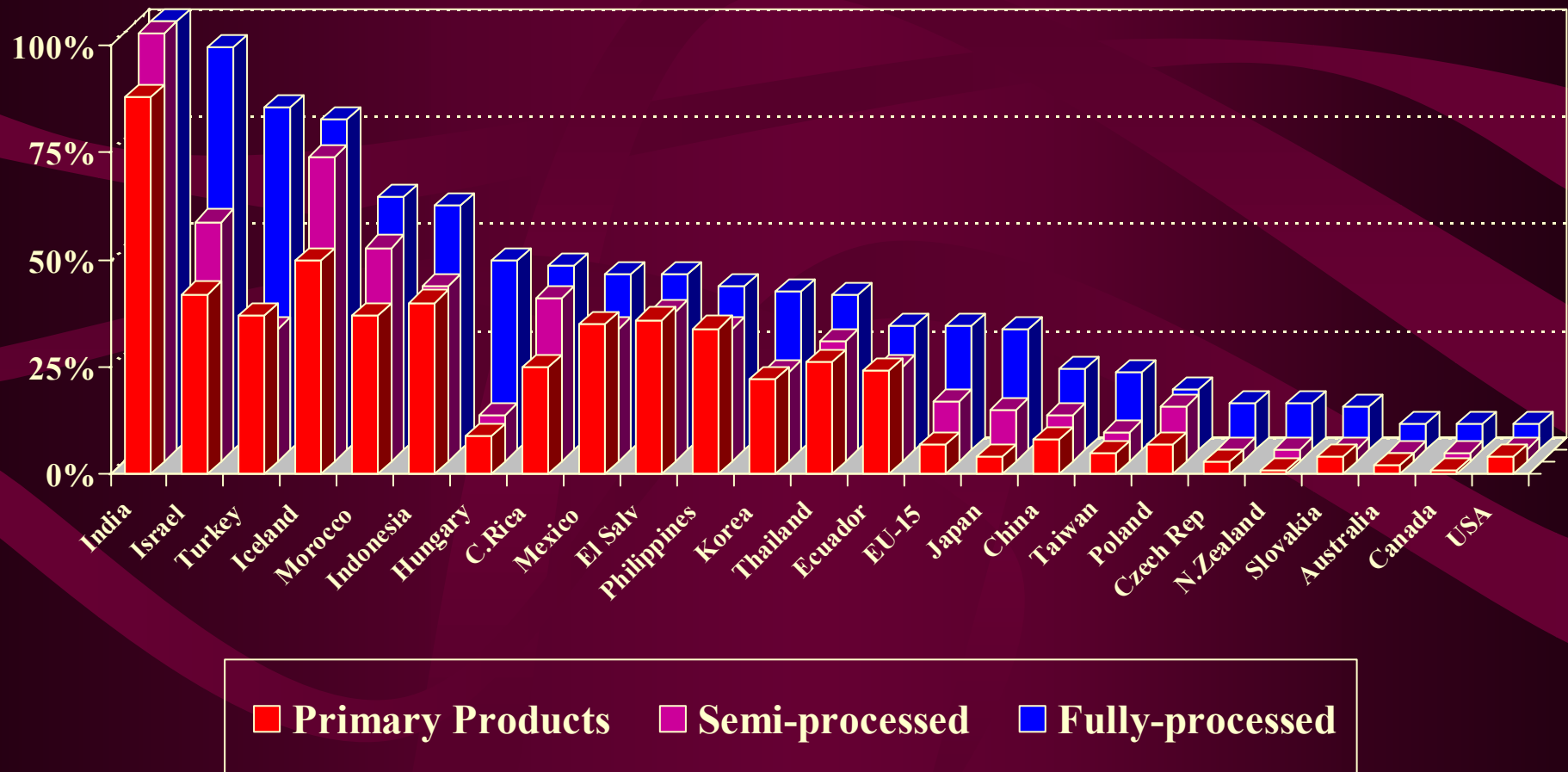
“The negotiations shall aim to reduce tariff and nontariff measures, including tariff escalation.”

Punta del Este Declaration

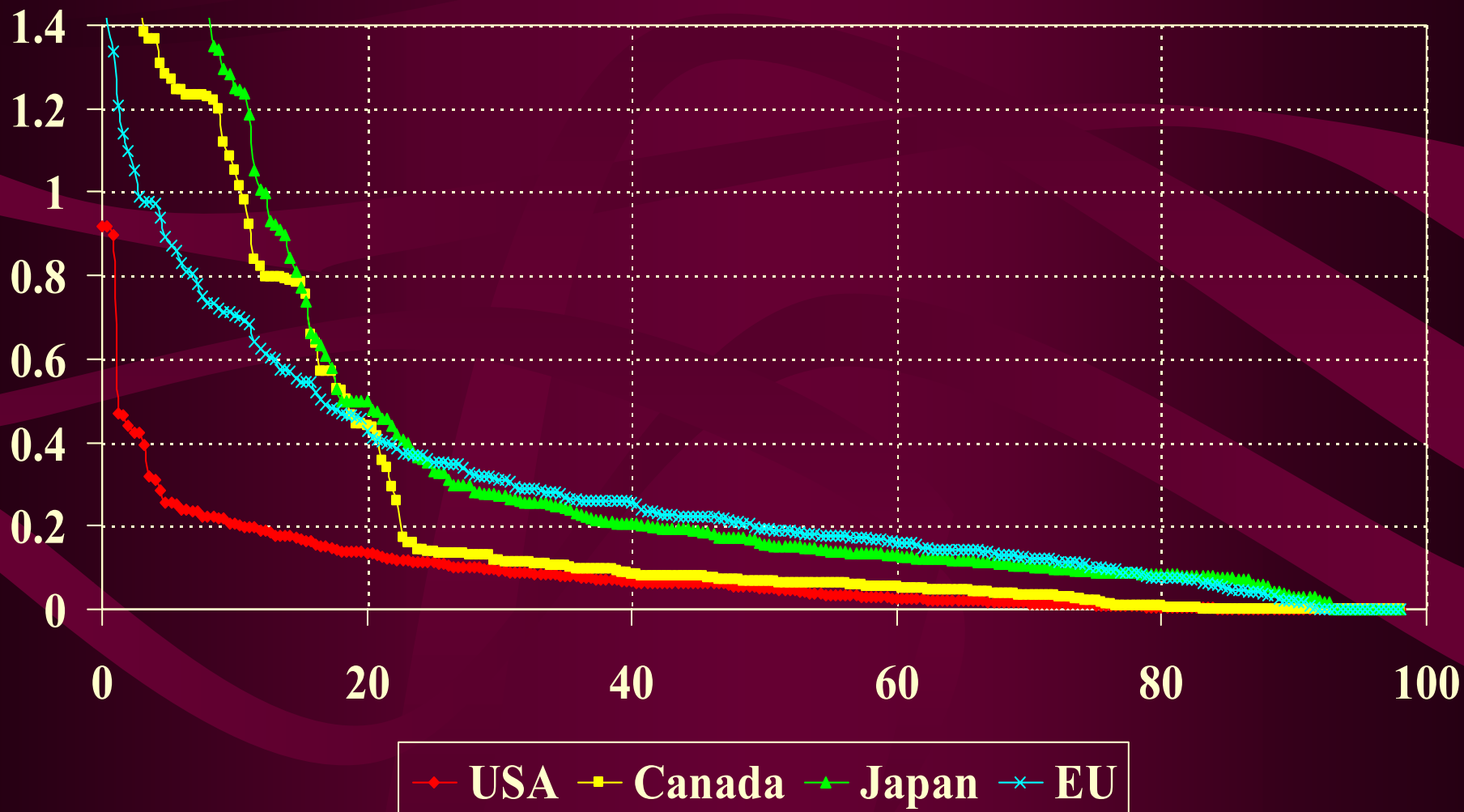
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Tariff Means by Processing Stage

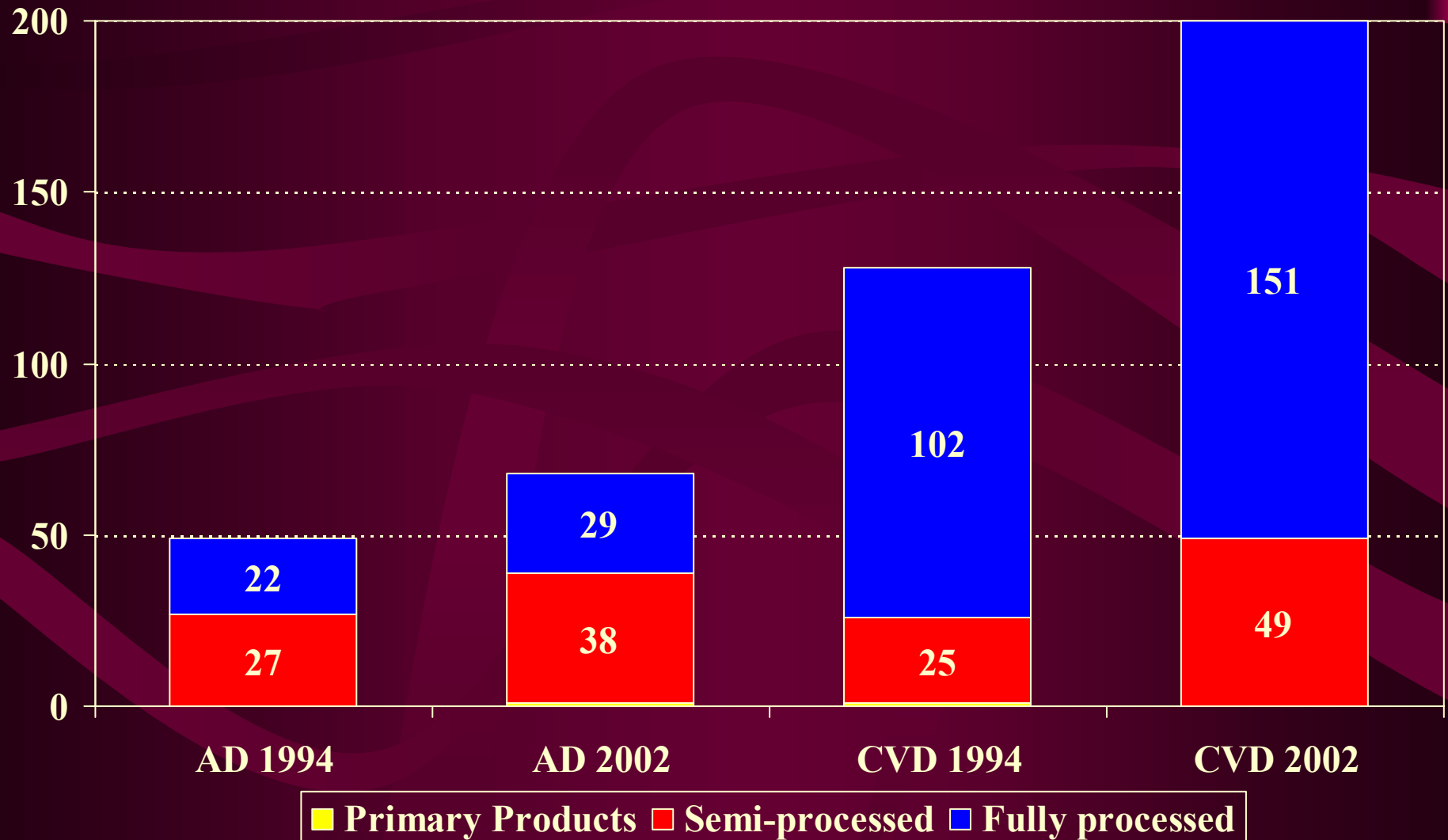
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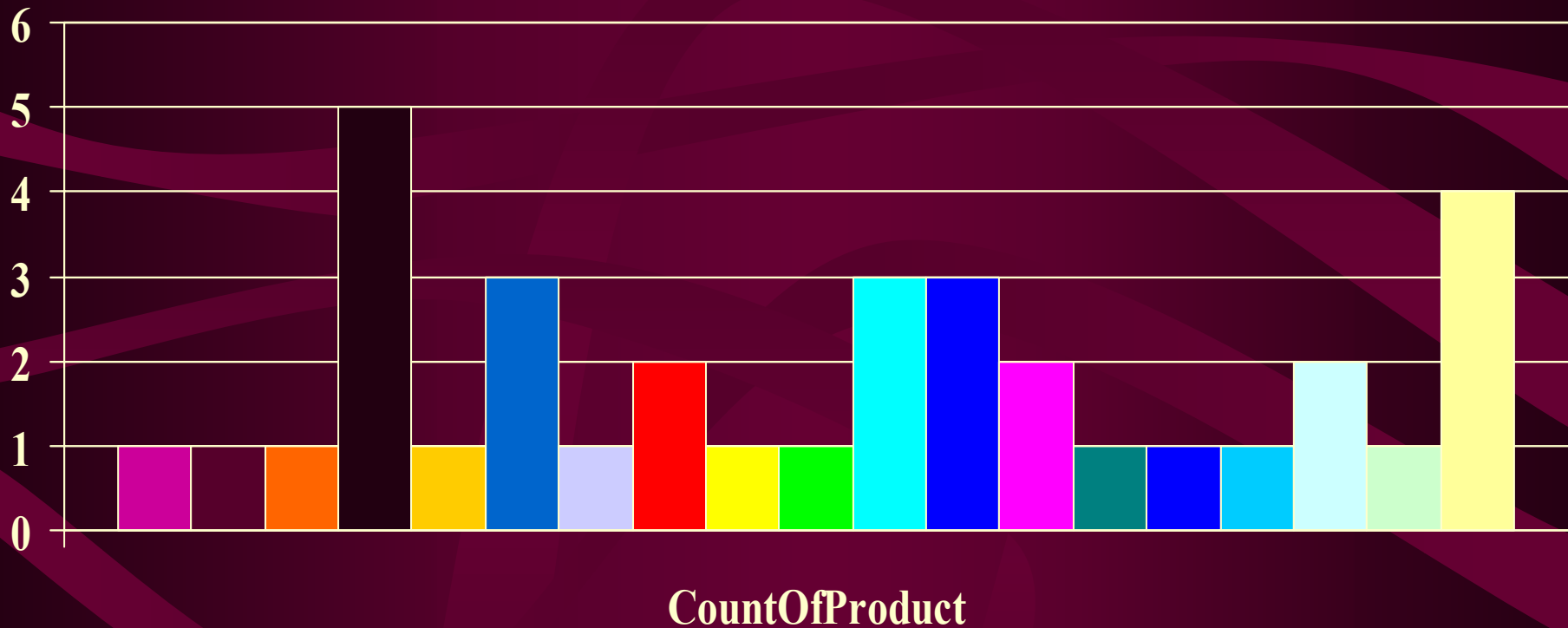
Tariff Distributions for Processed Foods and Beverages



Unfair Trade Measures in Place on Dec.31, 1994 and 2002



General Safeguards on Agricultural Trade by Country



Special Agricultural Safeguard Actions by Processing Category

