

# The Politics of Rejection: Explaining Chinese Import Refusals

## Replication Data Codebook

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**Dataset:** `sps_main.dta` includes all variables included in the main analyses. Table A1 describes the variables included in the dataset.

Table A1: **List of Variables** (`sps_main.dta`)

Variable	Class	Description
<code>country</code>	string	ISO country code
<code>country_name</code>	string	Country name
<code>country_id</code>	numeric	Numeric country identifier
<code>year</code>	numeric	Year
<code>ym</code>	numeric	Year-Month
<code>yq_id</code>	numeric	Numeric year-quarter identifier
<code>sps_measures</code>	numeric	Count of imports refusals in food & cosmetics
<code>log_sps_measures</code> <sup>1</sup>	numeric	Logged count of imports refusals in food & cosmetics
<code>sps_food_measures</code>	numeric	Count of imports refusals in food
<code>log_sps_food_measures</code> <sup>1</sup>	numeric	Logged count of imports refusals in food.
<code>sps_cosmetics_measures</code>	numeric	Count of imports refusals in cosmetics.
<code>log_l1_susceptible_all</code> <sup>1</sup>	numeric	Logged count of animals susceptible to disease outbreak, lagged by one semester (based on the World Organization for Animal Health data). “.” = missing values.
<code>log_l1_trade_im_food_yr</code> <sup>1</sup>	numeric	Logged volume of annual food imports, lagged by one year (based on the UN Comtrade data). “.” = missing values.
<code>log_l1_trade_im_relevant_yr</code> <sup>1</sup>	numeric	Logged volume of annual food and cosmetics imports, lagged by one year (based on the UN Comtrade data). “.” = missing values.
<code>gdelt_gs_conf_mil_nonecon</code>	numeric	Absolute value of the monthly sum of Goldstein scores over all negative events involving military actors, excluding events related to trade, business and economics (based on the GDELTA data). “.” = missing values.
<code>log_l1_gdelt_gs_conf_mil_nonecon</code> <sup>1</sup>	numeric	Logged absolute value of the monthly sum of Goldstein scores over all negative events involving military actors, excluding events related to trade, business and economics, lagged by one month (based on the GDELTA data). “.” = missing values.

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<sup>1</sup>We apply the log transformation after incrementing each value by one to accommodate the presence of zeros in the original values.

**Dataset:** `sps_korea_port.dta` includes all variables used for calculating the number of refusals of South Korean food products and cosmetics across different entry ports (footnote 26). Table A2 describes the variables included in the dataset.

Table A2: **List of Variables** (`sps_korea_port.dta`)

Variable	Class	Description
<code>ym</code>	numeric	Year-Month
<code>country_iso</code>	string	ISO country code
<code>hs_code</code>	string	HS code of rejected products
<code>measures</code>	string	Measures taken upon refusal
<code>entry</code>	string	Port of entry