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Non-tariff Barriers to Trade: What Does the Experience of Guyanese Exporters of Food and Agriculture Products Reveal?

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This article reports on the results of a survey conducted among exporters of food and agriculture products from Guyana to determine what regulations exporters consider burdensome to comply with when exporting. Using simple and stratified sampling techniques, we surveyed 74 exporters, covering micro/small, medium and large firms in ten food and agriculture subsectors. The results suggest that exports are hindered not so much by the technical requirements of export markets, but rather by the institutional inefficiencies that prevail in local agencies that play a role in the export process, particularly as it relates to obtaining certification and undergoing inspection.

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