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Quantitative agricultural concessions are generally considered as one of the most complex trade negotiation issues. A tariff rate quota (TRQ) is a market access instrument that is widely used in global agricultural supply chains and has become the center of attention in the ongoing trade (re-) negotiations. It allows a pre-determined quantity of a product to be imported at lower import duty rates than the duty rate normally available for that product. Considering the importance of logistical factors in global agricultural supply chains, we investigate the competition among importers who wish to take advantage of the low in-quota tariffs under a first-come, first-served (FCFS) TRQ system.

A case study of the EU and the UK imported beef market is presented. Analyzing the design aspects of TRQ systems from the lens of market managers, we discuss how the choice of TRQ terms affects the performance of a TRQ system, patterns of imports arrival, and distribution of revenues among key operators of supply chains. The findings of this paper provide market managers with timely and actionable insights into the logistical complexities of FCFS TRQ systems and shed light on the tariff and non-tariff barriers associated with such systems.

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