

GTAP Policy on Input-Output Table and Dataset Contributors

Definitions:

1. Principal I-O Table Contributor

The principal I-O table contributor is the person who has worked closely with staff at the Center for Global Trade Analysis to ensure the contribution of an acceptable I-O table for incorporation into the GTAP Data Base.

2. I-O Table Co-Contributors

An I-O table co-contributor is any person who provided substantial assistance in contributing an I-O table to the GTAP Data Base. The principal contributor is responsible for notifying the Center for Global Trade Analysis of any co-contributors. All co-contributors and their contributions should be recognized in the I-O table documentation.

3. Acceptable I-O Table

An acceptable I-O table must be accepted by the Center for Global Trade Analysis as having satisfied all conditions set out in GTAP Technical Paper No. 1 and of sufficient quality to be considered for incorporation into the GTAP Data Base.

4. Principal Dataset Contributor

The person who contributes an acceptable dataset¹ for incorporation into the GTAP Data Base.

5. Dataset Co-Contributors

A dataset co-contributor is any person who provided substantial assistance in contributing an acceptable dataset to the GTAP Data Base. The principal contributor is responsible for notifying the Center for Global Trade Analysis of any co-contributors. All co-contributors and their contributions should be recognized in the dataset documentation.

6. Acceptable Datasets

Acceptable datasets must satisfy the following conditions. The dataset must:

- a) be considered a significant contribution by the Center for Global Trade Analysis;
- b) be provided in an acceptable format specified by the Center for Global Trade Analysis; and
- c) be of sufficient quality to be considered for incorporation into the GTAP Data Base.

Conditions:

Unless otherwise agreed, the principal contributor (of an I-O table or a dataset) will receive a copy of the version of the GTAP Data Base to which they contributed. They will also receive access to all interim releases of the version to which they contributed via a secured website.

¹ This refers to data other than I-O tables and includes international datasets on macroeconomic data, trade data, protection data, energy data and parameter-related data.

The principal contributor may choose to relinquish his/her access to the GTAP Data Base by nominating a co-contributor, or a funding body, or the division in which he/she is employed, as the owner of the Data Contributor License. It is the responsibility of the principal contributor to make a written request to the Center for a change in ownership of the GTAP Data Base license.

A written request may be made by the principal I-O or dataset contributor for additional copies of the GTAP Data Base for co-contributors. The Center will consider the extent to which the principal and co-contributors were responsible for preparing the I-O table or dataset into an acceptable GTAP format in deciding whether or not to grant additional copies of the GTAP Data Base.

The principal contributor may also make a written request for additional flexibility to collaborate with individuals within their own department or designated division. All requests are reviewed on a case by case basis and the Center reserves the right to deny a request or charge a fee.

Unless otherwise stated by the Principal Contributor in writing, the Center reserves the right to share the contributed data and any reports on this data with the GTAP Advisory Board.

The Center reserves the right to share the contributed data with other selected agencies/persons for peer review purposes or if sharing the contributed data could result in an improved contribution. The Center will make every attempt to contact the Principal Contributor before sharing the contributed data; and will work with the Principal Contributor to ensure that both parties agree with the person/agency undertaking any peer review of the data.

Unless otherwise stated by the Principal Contributor in writing, the Center reserves the right to release any reports it produces on the quality of the original data to the public. The Principal Contributor will be given the opportunity to respond to all reports which specifically comment on the quality of their contributed data.

Receipt of the GTAP Data Base is also conditional on acceptance of the Conditions of Use and Supply of the GTAP Data Base. The Data Contributor license is a single user license which entitles the licensee² to use and install the GTAP Data Base on his/her PC. The Data Contributor license is not upgradeable.

These conditions may be changed at the discretion of the Center for Global Trade Analysis.

² To be specified by the owner of the data contributor license and noted on the “Conditions of Use and Supply of the GTAP Data Base”.