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**Impact of EU green directives on China's exports**



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## **Abstract**

With China's economic rapid development, the China-EU economic and trade relations has stepped to a new stage. At present, the EU is China's largest trading partner. The status of China replaced the United States and become EU's largest source of imports. However, there also have many problems in the EU and China's trade development. EU successively issued green directives. Green Directives have become a serious barrier to trade on the China's exports. Such as: WEEE, RoHS, EuP directives and so on.

The purpose of green directives is for the protection of the environment. However, those green directives also lead to increased costs of production which made in China. The China's exports is facing increasingly difficult situation. This thesis study what impact the green directives had on the China's export, and what were China's responses to EU's green directives and their implications.

There has been gap of environmental level between the EU and China. EU's green directives have become one of the main restraining factors for China's exports. As a new trade barrier, the green directive has a dual role and become one of the biggest challenges for China's export trade. We should not only recognize negative effects of economic and trade, but also recognize its role in pushing for a change in China's export structure. Under the globalization trend, China need active responds to the green directives, so that it may achieve sustainable development.

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