

Comments to Inequality of e-commerce presentation (som.mint.namsom)

According to the presentation, it is clear that each e-commerce platform in the presentation has different rate of burden. The import tax benefits the dominant firm that cannot sustain themselves against competition in the local market. However, not only the tariff hurts the foreigners, it also hurts local consumers. We could say the tariff creates the deadweight loss and discourage the social welfare. For Singapore and USA, the government imposed the tax-exempt policy which advantages the foreigner, but protected the local sellers by launching the law which requires foreign operators that provide the digital service to pay VAT. I agree that Thailand should also impose the appropriate policy to equalize the local and foreign sellers.