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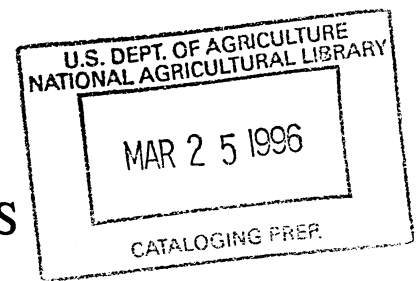
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**FORECASTING IMPORT DEMAND OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:
AN ALMOST IDEAL DEMAND SYSTEM APPROACH**

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This study applies the AIDS methodology to analyze the import demand of developing countries from the Delaware River Port System (DRPS). Import demand for six products from ten countries, seven of which are developing, were estimated. The results show that income and price elasticities of the DRPS trading partners are generally elastic suggesting excellent potential for the DRPS to expand its market shares. Moreover, import forecasts of commodities traded through the DRPS indicate that commodities such as chemicals, corn, crude minerals and wood are expected to increase.