



Letter of Editors-in-Chief

The article "Granger Causality Between Exports, Imports and GDP in France: Evidence From Using Geostatistical Models" by Arhisa Amiri and Ulf-G. Gerdtham has been **retracted** from *Economic Research Guardian* with approval of both Co-Chief-Editors. Please see EcRG Copyright policy (<http://www.ecrg.ro/authors.html>).

Reason: This article was submitted on February 15, 2012 to *Economic Research Guardian* and published online on May 04, 2012. At notification of RePEc plagiarism committee, we also found that this paper it's a clear case of plagiarism of Ribeiro Ramos, Francisco F. (2001). "Exports, imports, and economic growth in Portugal: evidence from causality and cointegration analysis," *Economic Modelling*, Elsevier, vol. 18(4), pages 613-623, December.

Moreover, the main author - Arshia Amiri, requested us to correct some reference issues in online published version (see [http://www.ecrg.ro/files/p2012.2\(1\)6y3.pdf](http://www.ecrg.ro/files/p2012.2(1)6y3.pdf)) and didn't inform the EcRG's editors about previous plagiarism notification received from RePEc plagiarism committee in respect to this paper content.

This article represents a severe abuse of the scientific publishing system and Arshia Amiri violated the academic integrity with his actions. The second author - Ulf-G. Gerdtham - doesn't have any implications on this issue, as the whole responsibility was assumed by Arhsia Amiri (<http://plagiarism.repec.org/amiri-gerdtham.html>).

As Economic Research Guardian has *no tolerance* to plagiarism and violation of academic integrity, the editors-in-chief **decided**: to retract the paper from 2012, Vol.2, Issue 1 of EcRG, and to ban any submission by Arhia Amiri to EcRG for a period of 3 years. Also, all previous submitted papers of Arhia Amiri at EcRG are considered rejected.

We apologize to all readers of our journal that this abuse was not detected before.

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