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## Revealed Comparative Advantage of Footwear Industry: An Empirical Analysis for Selected African Countries

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**Abstract:** The article examined the vitality of revealed comparative advantage (RCA) of the footwear sector within the selected African countries, namely Ethiopia, Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda during 2003-14 utilizing 2-digit Harmonized System code 64. The study used Balassa's index (1965) to investigate and identify those countries which exhibit RCA among the selected countries. The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) and Scheffe Post Hoc multiple comparisons method also used to test the significant difference between the countries's RCA and analyse the multiple comparisons between the RCA. The result highlights there is a significant difference in the pattern and between the RCA of the selected economy. Kenya has showed stronger RCA than Ethiopia and Uganda. In contrast other selected countries namely, Egypt, Nigeria and Tanzania have no RCAs. Finally, the study suggests that selected economies need very active strategies for this particular sector to have RCA and competitive in the international market.

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