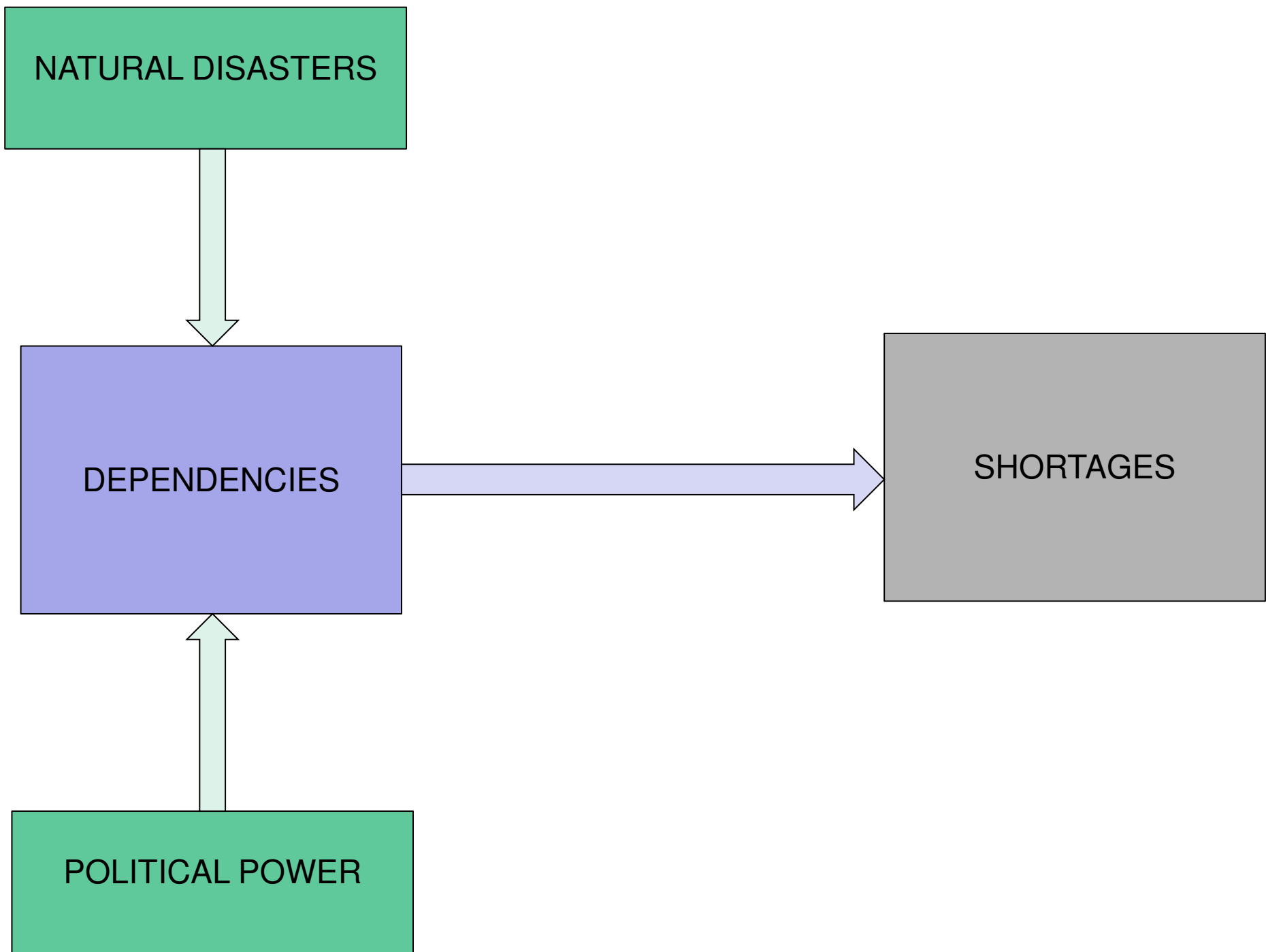


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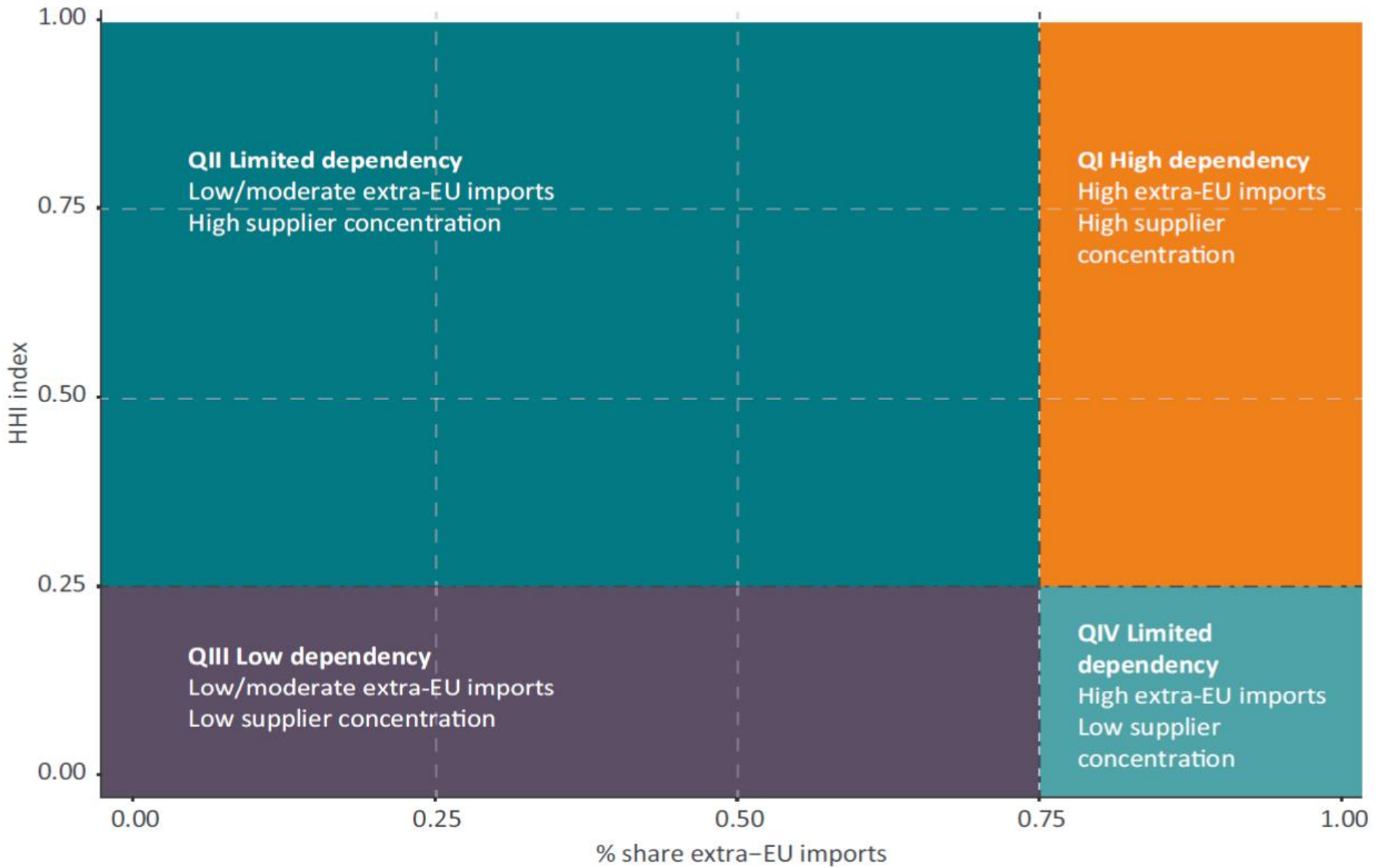
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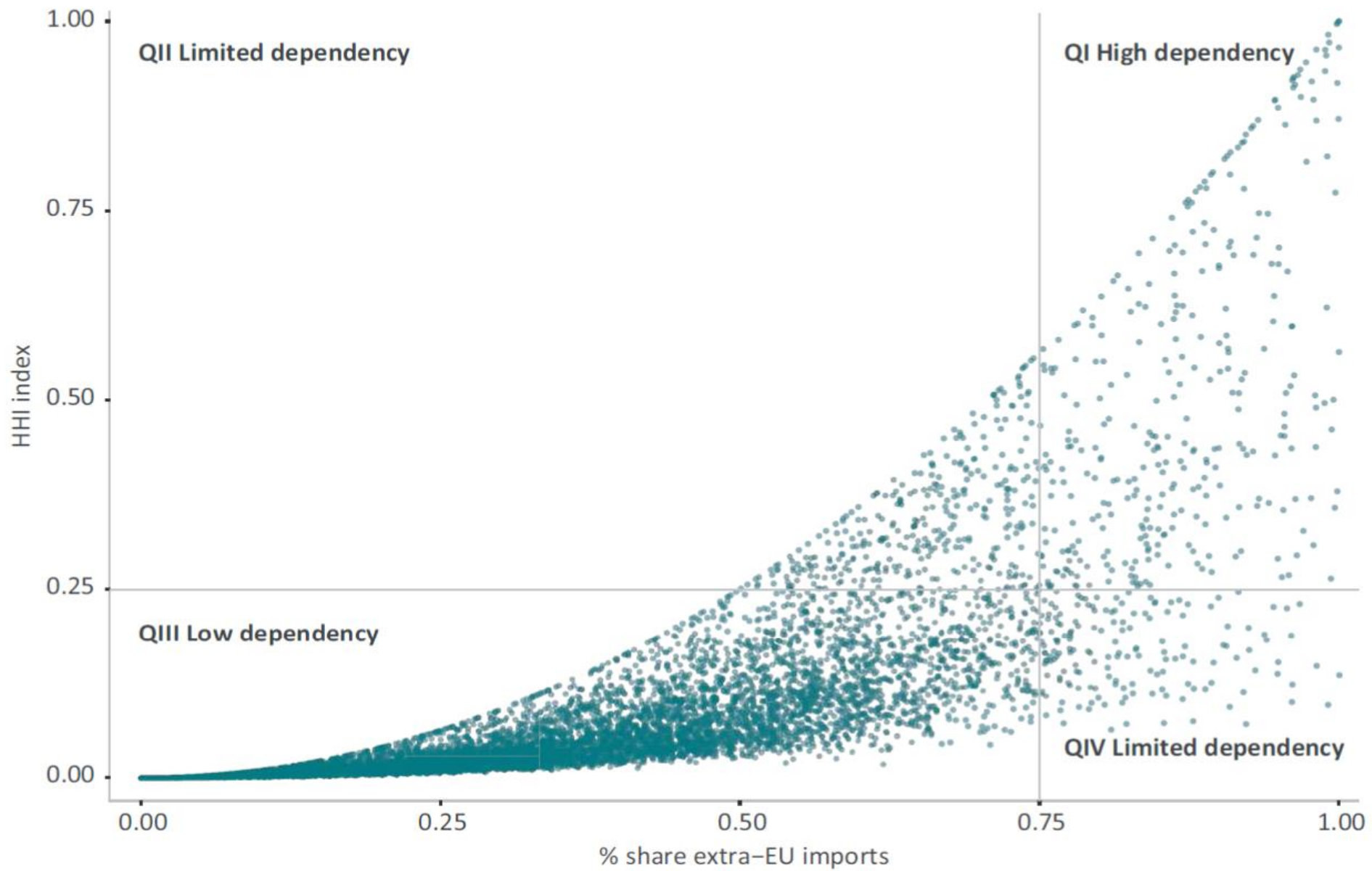
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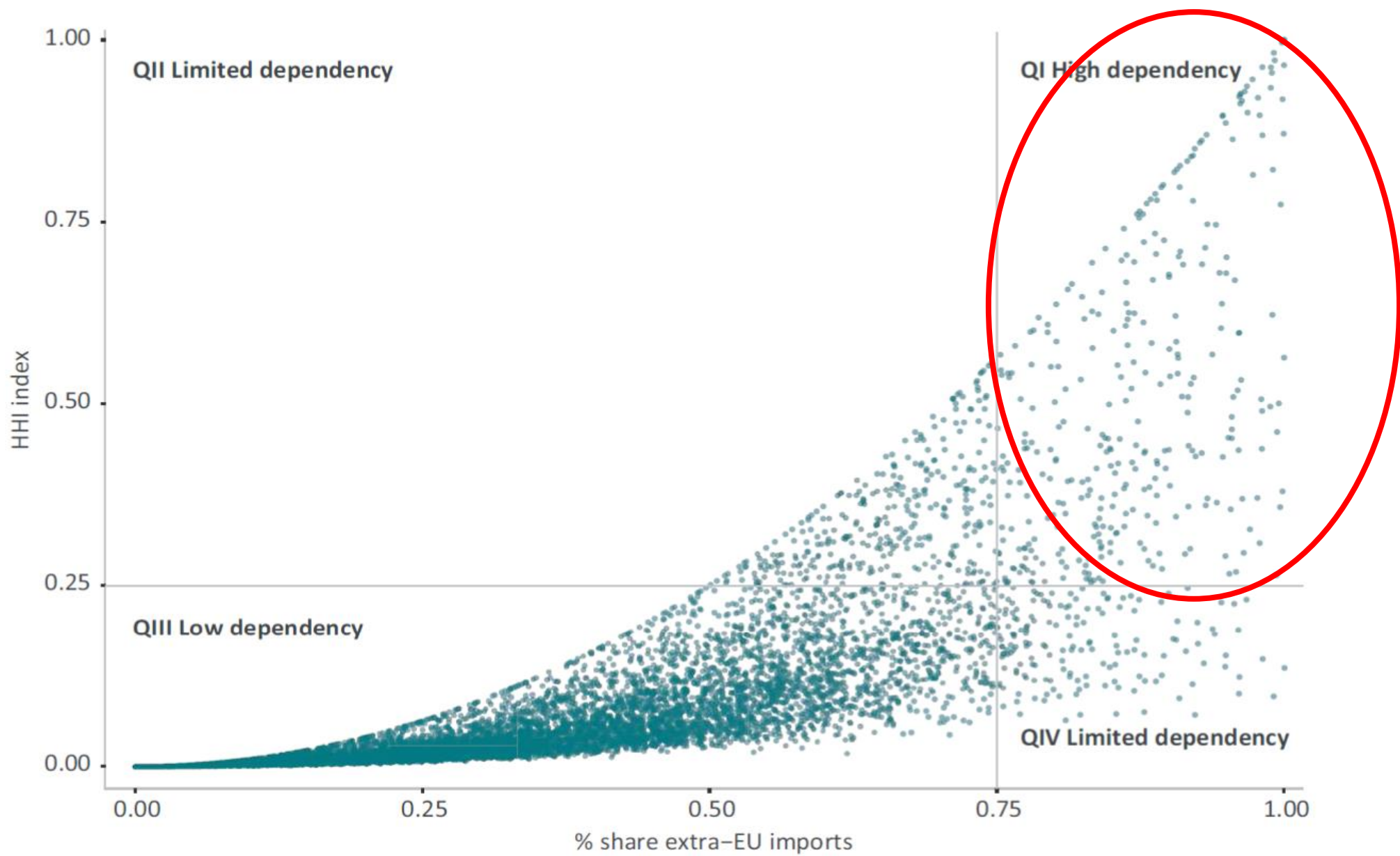
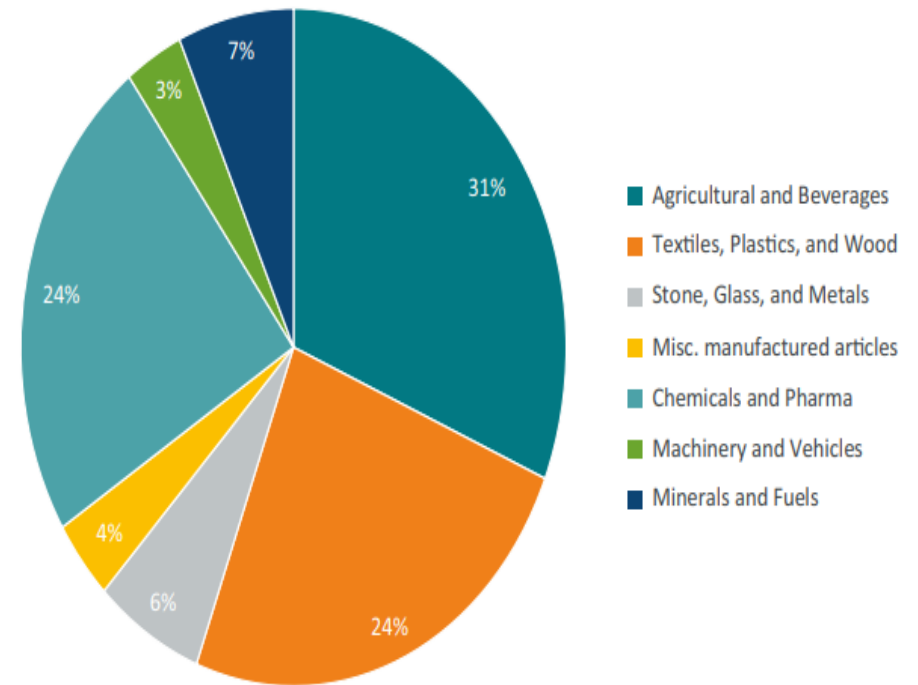


FIGURE 5: SHARE OF EU IMPORTS VALUE OF DEPENDENT PRODUCTS (QI) IN 2020 BY COUNTRY



FIGURE 4: EU IMPORTS OF DEPENDENT PRODUCTS (QI) IN 2020 BY ECONOMIC SECTOR<sup>23</sup>





# What can we do?

Stockpiling

Produce domestically

Diversify our sources of imports

# Final thoughts

1. Final goods versus intermediate goods.
2. Supply chains matter.
3. We need a surgical approach based on the most detailed information.
4. Dependencies are a problem for some specific products and sectors. But trade dependencies should not be used as a reason to justify so many other policy interventions and regulation.
5. Free Trade Agreements (Mercosur, Chile, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand) are valuable for its market access and a way to diversify its imports.

*Thank you for your attention!*

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