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BASIC INFORMATION ON REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

Agreements Notified to the GATT/WTO and in Force as of 14 July 2000

Note by the Secretariat

1. Since February 1998, the Secretariat has informally provided the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) with basic information on regional trade agreements (RTAs) notified to the GATT/WTO and in force, on a regular basis. During the Twenty-Sixth Session of the CRTA, it was decided that such information should be distributed as a periodically updated document.
2. This note lists RTAs notified to the GATT/WTO under GATT Article XXIV, the Enabling Clause and GATS Article V, which were in force as of 14 July 2000.

**BASIC INFORMATION ON REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS NOTIFIED
TO THE GATT/WTO AND IN FORCE AS OF 14 JULY 2000**

A. AGREEMENTS NOTIFIED UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXIV

Parties and Agreements	Type of Agreement	Transition Period	Date of Entry into Force	Notification Date	Examination Report		Latest Periodic Report		Standard Format
					Reference	Date	Reference	Period Covered	
1. Austria/Belgium/Denmark/Finland/France/Germany/Greece/Ireland/Italy/Luxembourg/Netherlands/Portugal/Spain/Sweden/United Kingdom									
Treaty of Rome, establishing the European Communities -EC ^I	CU	End 1970 (EC-6)	01.01.58	24.04.57	6S/70 & 6S/109	29.11.57	L/3332	1969-70	---
2. EC/Algeria	Cooperation	none	01.07.76	28.07.76	24S/80	11.11.77	WT/REG105/R/B/1	1980-98	---
3. EC/Andorra	CU	End 1996	01.07.91	25.2.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG53/3
4. EC/Bulgaria	FTA	End 2002	31.12.93	23.12.94	consultations on report		---	---	---
5. EC/Cyprus	CU	End 1983	01.06.73	13.06.73	21S/94	21.06.74	WT/REG97/R/B/1	1980-98	---
6. EC/Czech Republic	FTA	End 2002	01.03.92	13.05.96	consultations on report		---	---	---
7. EC/Egypt	Cooperation	none	01.07.77	15.07.77	25S/114	17.05.78	WT/REG98/R/B/1	1980-98	---
8. EC/Estonia	FTA	none	01.01.95	30.06.95	consultations on report		---	---	---
9. EC/Faroe Islands	FTA	none	01.01.97	19.02.97	under examination		---	---	WT/REG21/3
10 EC/Hungary	FTA	End 2002	01.03.92	03.04.92	consultations on report		---	---	---
11. EC/Iceland	FTA	End 1979 (Iceland)	01.04.73	24.11.72	20S/158	19.10.73	WT/REG95/R/B/1	1980-98	---
12. EC/Israel	FTA	End 1985 (Israel)	01.07.75	03.07.75	23S/55	15.07.76	WT/REG99/R/B/1	1980-98	---
13. EC/Jordan	Cooperation	none	01.07.77	15.07.77	25S/133	17.05.78	WT/REG100/R/B/1	1980-98	---
14. EC/Latvia	FTA	End 1999 (Latvia)	01.01.95	30.06.95	consultations on report		---	---	---
15. EC/Lebanon	Cooperation	none	01.07.77	15.07.77	25S/142	17.05.78	WT/REG100/R/B/1	1980-98	---
16. EC/Lithuania	FTA	End 2001 (Lithuania)	01.01.95	26.09.95	consultations on report		---	---	---
17. EC/Malta	CU	End 1981	01.04.71	24.03.71	19S/90	29.05.72	WT/REG102/R/B/1	1980-98	---
18. EC/Morocco	Cooperation	none	01.07.76	28.07.76	24S/88	11.11.77	WT/REG103/R/B/1	1980-98	---
19. EC/Norway	FTA	End 1977	01.07.73	13.07.73	21S/83	28.03.74	awaiting receipt of biennial report		---
20. EC/Palestinian Authority	FTA	End 2001		30.06.97	examination on hold		---	---	---

¹ Also notified were the accessions of Denmark/Ireland/United Kingdom (1972), Greece (1979), Portugal/Spain (1985), and Austria/Finland/Sweden (1995; currently under examination).

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					Reference	Date	Reference	Period Covered	
21. EC/Poland	FTA	End 2001 (Poland)	01.03.92	03.04.92	consultations on report		---	---	---
22. EC/Certain Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT/PTOM II)	Association	none	01.01.71	14.12.70	18S/143	09.11.71	WT/REG106/R/B/1	1980-98	---
23. EC/Romania	FTA	End 2003	01.05.93	23.12.94	consultations on report		---	---	
24. EC/Slovak Republic	FTA	End 2002	01.03.92	13.05.96	consultations on report		---	---	
25. EC/Slovenia	FTA	End 2002	01.01.97	11.11.96	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG32/2
26. EC/Switzerland and Liechtenstein	FTA	End 1977	01.01.73	27.10.72	20S/196	19.10.73	WT/REG94/R/B/1	1980-98	---
27. EC/Syria	Cooperation	none	01.07.77	15.07.77	25S/123	17.05.78	WT/REG104/R/B/1	1980-98	---
28. EC/Tunisia	FTA	End 2010 (Tunisia)	01.03.98	23.03.99	under examination		WT/REG96/R/B/1	1980-98	WT/REG69/2
29. EC/Turkey ²	CU	End 2001 (Turkey)	01.01.96	22.12.95	under examination		---	---	WT/REG22/5
30. Iceland/Norway/Switzerland/Liechtenstein									
Stockholm Convention, establishing the European Free Trade Association - EFTA ³	FTA	End 1970	03.05.60	14.11.59	9S/70	04.06.60	WT/REG85/R/B/1	1986-97	---
31. EFTA/Bulgaria	FTA	End 2002 (Bulgaria)	01.07.93	30.06.93	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG12/2
32. EFTA/Czech Republic ⁴	FTA	End 2002	01.07.92	03.07.92	L/7570	08.12.94	WT/REG87/R/B/1	1994-97	---
33. EFTA/Slovak Republic	FTA	End 2002	01.07.92	03.07.92	L/7570	08.12.94	WT/REG88/R/B/1	1994-97	---
34. EFTA/Estonia	FTA	none	01.06.96	25.07.96	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG28/2
35. EFTA/Hungary	FTA	End 2003 (Hungary)	01.10.93	23.12.93	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG13/3
36. EFTA/Israel	FTA	none	01.01.93	01.12.92	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG14/2
37. EFTA/Latvia	FTA	End 2000 (Latvia)	01.06.96	25.07.96	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG29/2
38. EFTA/Lithuania	FTA	End 2000 (Lithuania)	01.08.96	25.07.96	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG30/2
39. EFTA/Morocco	FTA	End 2002 (Morocco)	01.12.99	20.02.00.	under examination		---	---	WT/REG91/3
40. EFTA/Palestinian Authority	FTA	---	01.07.99	21.09.99	not yet transmitted to CRTA		---	---	---
41. EFTA/Poland	FTA	End 2001 (Poland)	15.11.93	20.10.93	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG15/2
42. EFTA/Romania	FTA	End 2002 (Romania)	01.05.93	24.05.93	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG16/2
43. EFTA/Slovenia	FTA	End 2001 (Slovenia)	01.07.95	18.10.95	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG20/2

² See also Ankara Agreement (1986), Additional Protocol (1971), Association Agreement (1973).

³ Accession of Iceland to EFTA (1970)

⁴ Notified as EFTA/Czech and Slovak Federal Republic. After dissolution of the CSFR in 1993, two separate succession protocols were signed which formed the basis of the continued application of the Agreement between the EFTA states and the Czech and Slovak Republics.

Parties and Agreements	Type of Agreement	Transition Period	Date of Entry into Force	Notification Date	Examination Report		Latest Periodic Report		Standard Format
					Reference	Date	Reference	Period Covered	
44. EFTA/Turkey	FTA	End 1995	01.04.92	06.03.92	40S/48	17.12.93	WT/REG86/R/B/1	1994-97	---
45. Faroe Islands/Iceland	FTA	none	01.07.93	23.01.96	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG23/3
46. Faroe Islands/Norway	FTA	none	01.07.93	13.03.96	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG25/3
47. Faroe Islands/Switzerland	FTA	none	01.03.95	08.03.96	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG24/3
48. Croatia/Slovenia	FTA	End 2000	01.01.98	25.03.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG55/2
49. Bulgaria/Czech Republic/Hungary/Poland/Romania/Slovak Republic/Slovenia									
Central European Free Trade Area - CEFTA ⁵	FTA	End 2001	01.03.93	30.06.94	consultations on report		---	---	WT/REG11/2
50. Bulgaria/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	FTA	End 2004	01.01.00	21.01.00	under examination				WT/REG90/3
51. Czech Republic/Estonia	FTA	none	12.02.98	03.08.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG62/2
52. Czech Republic/Israel	FTA	End 1998	01.12.97	30.03.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG56/4
53. Czech Republic/Latvia	FTA	End 2000 (Czech R.)	01.07.97	13.11.97	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG45/3
54. Czech Republic/Lithuania	FTA	End 1997	01.09.97	13.11.97	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG46/3
55. Czech Republic/Slovak Republic	CU	none	01.01.93	30.04.93	L/7501	15.07.94	WT/REG89/R/B/1	1994-98	---
56. Estonia/Faroe Islands	FTA	---	01.12.98	26.01.99	under examination		---	---	WT/REG64/3
57. Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	FTA	none	01.04.94 ⁶	15.06.99	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG77/3
58. Hungary/Israel	FTA	End 2000	01.02.98	24.03.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG54/3
59. Hungary/Latvia	FTA	End 2000 (Hungary)	01.01.00	20.12.99	examination not started		---	---	
60. Hungary/Lithuania	FTA	End 2000	01.03.00	20.12.99	examination not started		---	---	
61. Poland/Faroe Islands	FTA	End 2001	01.06.99	18.08.99	examination not started		---	---	---
62. Poland/Israel	FTA	End 2000	01.03.98	25.2.99	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG65/3
63. Poland/Latvia	FTA	End 2000	01.06.99	29.09.99	under examination		---	---	WT/REG80/3
64. Poland/Lithuania	FTA	End 2000	01.01.97	30.12.97	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG49/4
65. Romania/Moldova	FTA	none	01.01.95	24.09.97	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG44/2

⁵ Also notified were the accessions of Slovenia (1996), Romania (1997) and Bulgaria (1998).

⁶ Free Trade Agreement on trade in agricultural products came into force on 01.01.97 and the Agreement on Abolition of Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade came into force on 01.07.98.

Parties and Agreements	Type of Agreements	Transition Period	Date of Entry into Force	Notification Date	Examination Report		Latest Periodic Report		Standard Format
					Reference	Date	Reference	Period Covered	
66. Slovak Republic/Estonia	FTA	none	12.02.98	03.08.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG63/2
67. Slovak Republic/Israel	FTA	End 1998	01.01.97	30.03.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG57/4
68. Slovak Republic/Latvia	FTA	End 1998	01.07.97	14.11.97	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG47/3
69. Slovak Republic/Lithuania	FTA	End 2000	01.07.97	14.11.97	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG48/3
70. Slovenia/Estonia	FTA	none	01.01.97	20.02.97	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG37/3
71. Slovenia/Israel	FTA	End August 2000	01.09.98	08.03.99	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG66/3
72. Slovenia/Latvia	FTA	End 1998	01.08.96	20.02.97	under examination		---	---	WT/REG34/3
73. Slovenia/Lithuania	FTA	End 2000	01.03.97	20.02.97	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG35/3
74. Slovenia/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	FTA	End 2000	01.09.96	20.02.97	under examination		---	---	WT/REG36/2/Rev.1
75. Turkey/Bulgaria	FTA	End 2001	01.01.99	04.05.99	under examination		---	---	WT/REG72/3
76. Turkey/Czech Republic	FTA	End 2000	01.09.98	24.04.99	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG67/2
77. Turkey/Estonia	FTA	none	01.06.98	23.03.99	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG70/2
78. Turkey/Hungary	FTA	End 2000	01.04.98	12.05.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG58/3
79. Turkey/Israel	FTA	End 1999	01.05.97	18.05.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG60/3
80. Turkey/Lithuania	FTA	End 2000	01.03.98	08.06.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG61/3
81. Turkey/Poland	FTA		01.05.00	14.05.00	not yet transmitted to CRTA				
82. Turkey/Romania	FTA	End 2001	01.02.98	18.05.98	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG59/3
83. Turkey/Slovak Republic	FTA	End 2000	01.09.98	24.03.99	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG68/2
84. Belarus/Kazakhstan/Kyrgyz Republic/Russian Federation									
Interim Agreements for the establishment of a Customs Union ⁷	CU	2003 (proposed)	08.10.97	06.04.99	examination not started		---	---	---
85. Kyrgyz Republic/Kazakhstan	FTA	---	---	29.09.99	examination not started		---	---	---
86. Kyrgyz Republic/Moldova	FTA	---	21.11.96	15.06.99	examination not started		---	---	---
87. Kyrgyz Republic/Russian Fed.	FTA	---	24.04.93	15.06.99	examination not started		---	---	---
88. Kyrgyz Republic/Ukraine	FTA	---	19.01.98	15.06.99	examination not started		---	---	---
89. Kyrgyz Republic/Uzbekistan	FTA	---	20.03.98	15.06.99	examination not started		---	---	---

⁷ As appeared in the notification of the accession of the Kyrgyz Republic on 06.04.1999.

Parties and Agreements	Type of Agreement	Transition Period	Date of Entry into Force	Notification Date	Examination Report		Latest Periodic Report		Standard Format
					Reference	Date	Reference	Period Covered	
90. Azerbaijan/Armenia/Belarus/Georgia/Moldova/Kazakhstan/Russian Fed./Ukraine/Uzbekistan/Tajikistan/Kyrgyz Republic	FTA	---	30.12.94 ⁸	01.10.99	examination not started		---	---	---
91. United States/Israel	FTA	End 1995	19.08.85	13.09.85	34S/58	14.05.87	awaiting receipt of biennial report		---
92. Canada/Chile	FTA	End 2013 (Chile)	05.07.97	26.08.97	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG38/2
93. Canada/Israel	FTA	none	01.01.97	23.01.97	report to be drafted		---	---	WT/REG31/4 and Add.1
94. Canada/Mexico/United States									
North American Free Trade Agreement – NAFTA	FTA	End 2009	01.01.94	01.02.93	consultations on report		---	---	---
95. Costa Rica/El Salvador/Guatemala/Honduras/Nicaragua									
Central American Common Market - CACM	CU	End 1976	12.10.61	24.02.61	10S/98	23.11.61	WT/REG93/R/B/1	up to 1998	---
96. Antigua and Barbuda/Bahamas/Barbados/Belize/Dominica/Grenada/Guyana/Haiti/Jamaica/Montserrat/Trinidad and Tobago/St. Kitts and Nevis/St. Lucia/St. Vincent and the Grenadines/Surinam									
Caribbean Community and Common Market – CARICOM	CU	End 1981	01.08.73	14.10.74	24S/68	02.03.77	WT/REG92/R/B/1	1984-1997	---
97. Australia/Papua New Guinea									
PATCRA	FTA	none	01.02.77	20.12.76	24S/63	11.11.77	awaiting receipt of biennial report		---
98. Australia/New Zealand									
Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement – ANZCERTA	FTA	End 1988	01.01.83	14.04.83	31S/170	02.10.84	awaiting receipt of biennial report		---

⁸ The Agreement came into force with respect to: Moldova, Kazakstan, and Uzbekistan on 30.12.94, the Kyrgyz Republic on 28.12.95, the Republic of Azerbaijan on 18.12.96 and Tadjikistan on 07.05.97.

B. AGREEMENTS NOTIFIED UNDER THE ENABLING CLAUSE

Parties and Agreements	Type of Agreement	Transition Period	Date of Entry into Force	Notification Date	GATT/WTO Process		Latest Regular Report/ Review	
					Reference	Date	Reference	Period Covered
99. Argentina/Bolivia/Brazil/Chile/Colombia/Cuba/Ecuador/Mexico/Paraguay/Peru/Uruguay/Venezuela								
Montevideo Treaty (1980), establishing the Latin American Integration Association – LAIA	mutual reduction/ elimination of tariffs	none	18.03.81	01.07.82	---	---	WT/COMTD/11	1995 - 1996
Argentina/Brazil/Paraguay/Uruguay Asunción Treaty – MERCOSUR	CU	End 1994	29.11.91	05.03.92	under examination		---	---
100. Bolivia/Colombia/Ecuador/Venezuela/Peru								
Cartagena Agreement - Andean Group	mutual reduction/ elimination of tariffs	---	25.05.88	(12.10.92)	---	---	L/7089	1990 - 1992
101. Egypt/India/Yugoslavia								
Tripartite Agreement	mutual reduction/ elimination of tariffs	none	01.04.68	23.02.68	16S/83	14.11.68	---	---
102 Bahrain/Kuwait/Oman/Qatar/Saudi Arabia/United Arab Emirates								
Unified Economic Agreement among member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council – GCC	CU	End 1989		11.10.84	---	---	---	---
103 Angola/Burundi/Comoros/Democratic Republic of Congo/Djibouti/Egypt/Eritrea/Ethiopia/Kenya/ Madagascar/Malawi/Mauritius/ /Namibia/Rwanda/Seychelles/ Sudan/Swaziland/Tanzania/Uganda/Zambia/Zimbabwe								
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)	CU	End 2004	08.12.94	29.6.95	---	---	---	---
104 Iran/Pakistan/Turkey								
Preferential Tariffs among members of the Economic Cooperation Organization – ECO	mutual reduction/ elimination of tariffs	none		22.7.92	C/M/257	10.07.92	---	---
105. Bangladesh/Bhutan/India/Maldives/Nepal/Pakistan/Sri Lanka								
South Asian Preferential Trade Arrangement – SAPTA	mutual reduction/ elimination of tariffs	End 2001	07.12.95	22.09.93	C/M/266	07.10.93	---	---
106. Bangladesh/India/Republic of Korea/Sri Lanka/Laos								
Bangkok Agreement	mutual reduction/ elimination of tariffs	none	17.06.76	02.11.76	25S/109	14.03.78	L/6718	1981-87

Parties and Agreements		Type of Agreement	Transition Period	Date of Entry into Force	Notification Date	GATT/WTO Process		Latest Regular Report/ Review	
						Reference	Date	Reference	Period Covered
107. Brunei Darussalam/Cambodia/Indonesia/Laos/Malaysia/Myanmar/Philippines/Singapore/Thailand/Vietnam									
Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trade Arrangements		mutual reduction/elimination of tariffs	none	31.08.77	01.11.77	26S/321	29.01.79	L/7111	1987-89
Common Effective Preferential Tariff Scheme for the ASEAN Free trade area (AFTA)		mutual reduction/elimination of tariffs	End 2001	28.01.92	30.10.92	39S/20	03.12.92	L/7111/Add.1	1993-2003
108. Laos/Thailand		non-reciprocal concessions	none	20.06.91	29.11.91	---	---	---	
109. Australia/New Zealand/Cook Islands/Fiji/Kiribati/Nauru/Niue/Papua New Guinea/Solomon Islands/Tonga/Tuvalu/Vanuatu/Western Samoa									
South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement – SPARTECA		non-reciprocal access	none	01.01.81	20.02.81	C/M/148	11.6.81	L/6279	1982-86
110. Bangladesh/Brazil/Chile/Egypt/Israel/Mexico/Pakistan/Peru/Republic of Korea/Romania/Tunisia/Turkey/Uruguay									
Protocol relating to Trade Negotiations among Developing Countries		mutual reduction/elimination of tariffs	none	11.02.73	09.11.71	---	---	L/6921	1988-90
111.	Algeria/Angola/Argentina/Bangladesh/Benin/Bolivia/Brazil/Cameroon/Chile/Colombia/Cuba/Democratic People's Republic of Korea/Ecuador/Egypt/Ghana/Guinea/Guyana/Haiti/India/Indonesia/Islamic Republic of Iran/Iraq/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malaysia/Mexico/Morocco/Mozambique/Nicaragua/Nigeria/Pakistan/Peru/Philippines/Qatar/Republic of Korea/Romania/Singapore/Sri Lanka/Sudan/Thailand/Trinidad and Tobago/Tunisia/United Republic of Tanzania/Uruguay/Venezuela/Viet Nam/Yugoslavia/Zaire/Zimbabwe								
	Global System of Trade Preferences – GSTP	mutual reduction/elimination of tariffs	none	19.04.89	25.09.89	36S/49	04.12.89	---	---
112. Fiji/Papua New Guinea/Solomon Islands/ Vanuatu									
Trade Agreement among the Melanesian Spearhead Group Countries		mutual reduction/elimination of tariffs	---	---	07.10.99	---	---	---	---
113. Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo									
West African Economic and Monetary Union		CU	---	01.01.00	27.10.99	---	---	---	---

C. AGREEMENTS NOTIFIED UNDER GATS ARTICLE V

Parties and Agreements		Date of Entry into Force	Notification Date	Examination Report		Standard Format
				Reference	Date	
114.	Austria/Belgium/Denmark/Finland/France/Germany/Greece/Ireland/Italy/Luxembourg/Netherlands/Portugal/Spain/Sweden/United Kingdom					
	Treaty of Rome ⁹	01.01.58	10.11.95	consultations on report		WT/REG39/1
115.	EC/Iceland/Norway/Liechtenstein					
	European Economic Area – EEA	01.01.94	10.10.96	not transmitted to CRTA		---
116.	Canada/Mexico/United States					
	North American Free Trade Agreement – NAFTA	01.04.94	01.07.82	consultations on report		---
117.	Canada/Chile	05.07.97	13.11.97	not transmitted to CRTA		---
118.	EC/Bulgaria	01.02.95	25.04.97	not transmitted to CRTA		---
119.	EC/Czech Republic	01.02.95	09.10.96	not transmitted to CRTA		---
120.	EC/Hungary	01.02.94	27.08.96	consultations on report		WT/REG50/1
121.	EC/Poland	01.02.94	27.08.96	consultations on report		WT/REG51/1
122.	EC/Romania	01.02.95	09.10.96	not transmitted to CRTA		---
123.	EC/Slovak Republic	01.02.95	27.08.96	consultations on report		WT/REG52/1
124.	Australia/New Zealand					
	ANZCERTA	01.01.89	22.11.95	consultations on report		WT/REG40/1

⁹ A separate examination is underway for the Enlargement of the European Union, Services (Austria, Sweden and Finland); consultations on the report are in process.