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EC REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

Tables I and II list all preferential trade agreements that the EC has notified under either Article XXIV of the GATT or Article V of the GATS and where the GATT/WTO notification has not been overtaken by later notifications of successor agreements.

Table III lists EPAs under preparation.

I. Agreements notified under GATT Article XXIV (Free Trade Areas and Customs Unions covering Trade in Goods)

Partners	Nature of agreement	OJ Reference	Date of entry into force	Date of notification to GATT/WTO	Status of GATT/WTO examination	Comments
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European Community

EC Member States (EC12)	Treaty of Rome		01.01.58	24.04.57	Examination concluded in 1957. Subsequent accessions of Denmark/Ireland/UK, Greece and Portugal/ Spain were also all notified and examined.	
EC - Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden (EC15)		C/241, 29.08.94	01.01.95	19.01.95	WTO consideration concluded.	

EC – Accession of : Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia (EC25)		L/236, 23.09.03	01.05.04	26.04.04	WTO consideration concluded.	
EC – Accession of Bulgaria and Romania (EC27)		L/157, 21.06.05	01.01.07	27.09.06	WTO consideration ongoing.	

Customs Union

Andorra	Customs Union	L/374, 31.12.90	01.07.91	25.02.98	Factual examination concluded	Exchange of Letters.
Turkey	Customs Union	L/35, 13.02.96	31.12.95	22.12.95	Factual examination concluded	Decision 1/95 of the EC-Turkey Association Council.
San Marino	Customs Union	L/359, 09.12.92	01.12.92			Interim agreement, pending entry into force of Customs Union also signed on 16.12.91. MFN exemption for customs regime with Italy recognised by the GATT Havana Conference.

Free Trade Agreements

(a) Europe

Faroe Islands	Free Trade Agreement	L/53, 22.2.97	01.01.97	19.02.97	Factual examination concluded	Replaces earlier (1991) trade agreement.
Norway	Free Trade Agreement	L/171, 27.06.73	01.07.73	13.07.73	Working Party report adopted	
Iceland	Free Trade Agreement	L 301, 31.12.72	01.04.73	24.11.72	Working Party report adopted	
Switzerland	Free Trade Agreement	L/300, 31.12.72	01.01.73	27.10.72	Working Party report adopted	FTA also covered Liechtenstein, which now participates in EEA.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA)	L/084, 20.03.04 L/085, 23.03.04 C/213e, 31.07.01	01.05.04	23.10.01	Factual examination concluded	Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement.
Croatia	Stabilisation and Association Agreement	L/26, 25.01.05	01.02.05	20.12.02	Factual examination concluded	Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement.
Albania	Stabilisation and Association Agreement	L 104 (24/04/2009) L 300 (31/10/2006) L 107 (28/04/2009)	01.04.2009	07.03.07(goods) 07.10.09(services)	Factual examination concluded for trade in goods, on going for trade in services	Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement.
Montenegro	Stabilisation and Association Agreement	L 108 (29/04/2010)	01.05.2010	16.01.08(goods) 18.06.10(services)	Factual examination ongoing for trade in goods and services	Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Interim Agreement on trade and trade related matters	L 186 (15/07/2008) L 233 (30/08/2008) L 169 (30/06/2008)	01.07.08	11.07.08	Factual examination ongoing for trade in goods	Interim agreement, pending entry into force of SAA.
Serbia	Interim Agreement on trade and trade related matters	L28/2, 30.01.10	01.02.10	31.05.2010	Factual examination ongoing for trade in goods	Interim agreement, pending entry into force of SAA.

(b) **Mediterranean**

Algeria	Association Agreement	L/265, 10.10.05	01.09.05	24.07.06	Factual examination not started	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement replaces co-operation agreement (L/263, 27.09.78) notified to GATT on 28.07.76 (report adopted 11.11.77)
Egypt	Association Agreement	L/345, 31.12.03	01.06.04	04.10.04	WTO consideration on-going.	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement; replaces co-operation agreement (L/266, 27.09.78) notified to GATT on 15.07.77 (report adopted 17.05.78)

Israel	Association Agreement	L/147, 21.06.00	01.06.00	20.09.00	Factual examination concluded	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement; trade provisions initially applied under Interim (1995) Agreement
Jordan	Association Agreement	L/129, 15.05.02	01.05.02	20.12.02	Factual examination concluded	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, signed on 24.11.97
Lebanon	Interim Agreement	L/262, 30.09.02	01.03.03	04.06.03	WTO consideration not started.	Between 01.03.03 and 31.03.06 trade and related parts of the Association Agreement were implemented under an interim Agreement.
Morocco	Association Agreement	L/70, 18.03.00	01.03.00	13.10.00	Factual examination concluded	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement
Palestinian Authority	Association Agreement	L/187, 16.07.97	01.07.97	30.06.97	Factual examination not started	Interim Euro-Mediterranean Agreement
Syria	Co-operation Agreement	L/269, 27.09.78	01.07.77	15.07.77	Working Party report adopted 17.05.78	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement initialled in December 2008. It has not been signed.
Tunisia	Association Agreement	L/97, 30.03.98	01.03.98	23.03.99	Factual examination concluded	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement

(c) Others

Certain Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT/PTOM II)	Association Agreement		01.01.71	14.12.70	Working Party reported adopted 09.11.71	Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories, as foreseen under Part Four of the Treaty of Rome
Chile	Association Agreement, and Additional Protocol	L/352, 30.12.02 L/38, 10.02.05	01.02.03 (trade) 01.03.05 (full)	03.02.04	Factual examination concluded	Association Agreement signed in November 2002
Mexico	Economic Partnership,	L/276, 28.10.00	01.07.00	25.07.00	Factual examination	Decision 2/2000 on EC-

	Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement	L/157, 30.06.00 L/245, 30.09.00			concluded	Mexico free trade area in the context of global agreement signed in December 1997
South Africa	Trade, Development and Co-operation Agreement	L/311, 04.12.99	01.01.00	02.11.00	WTO consideration ongoing.	Under an Exchange of Letters, the provisions establishing an FTA in Goods are applied provisionally from 01.01.00 pending entry into force of the full agreement.
CARIFORUM States (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago)	Economic Partnership Agreement	L/289, 30.10.08	Pending	16.10.08	WTO consideration ongoing.	Succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Date of signature: 15 October 2008 (Haiti signed on 11 December 2009)
Ivory Coast	Interim Economic Partnership Agreement	L/59, 03.03.09	Pending	11.12.08	WTO consideration ongoing.	Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Date of signature: 26 November 2008
Cameroon	Interim Economic Partnership Agreement	L/57, 28.02.09	Pending	24.09.09	WTO consideration ongoing.	Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Date of signature: 15 January 2009

Korea, Republic of	Free Trade Agreement	L/127, 14.05.11	Pending	7.07.11	Pending	The FTA is provisionally applied since 1 July 2011.
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II. Agreements notified under GATS Article V (Regional Economic Integration Agreements covering Trade in Services)

Partners	Nature of agreement	OJ Reference	Date of entry into force	Date of notification to GATT/WTO	Status of GATT/WTO examination	Comments
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European Community

EC Member States (EC 12)	Treaty of Rome		01.01.58	10.11.95	Factual examination concluded	
EC 15 Enlargement		C/241, 29.08.94	01.01.95	19.01.95	Factual examination concluded	
EC 25 Enlargement		L/236, 23.09.03	01.05.04	26.04.04	WTO consideration concluded	
EC 27 Enlargement		L/157, 21.06.05	01.01.07	26.06.07	WTO consideration ongoing	

Europe

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway	European Economic Area	L/1, 03.01.94	01.01.94	10.10.96	Factual examination concluded	EEA replaces previous FTA agreements with these countries (L/300-301, 31.12.72 and L/171, 27.06.73) which were notified to GATT on 27.10.72, 24.11.72 and 13.07.73. (reports adopted on 19.10.73 and 28.03.74)
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Others

Chile	Association Agreement	L/352, 30.12.02	01.03.05	28.10.05	WTO consideration concluded	
Mexico	Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement	L/276, 28.10.00	01.10.00	21.06.02	WTO consideration not started.	Decision 2/2001 of EC-Mexico Joint Council, in context of EC-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement signed 8 December 1997
CARIFORUM States (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago)	Economic Partnership Agreement	L/289, 30.10.08	Pending	16.10.08	WTO consideration on-going.	Date of signature: 15 October 2008 (Haiti signed on 11 December 2009)
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Stabilisation and Association Agreements	L/84, 20.03.04	01.04.04	06.10.09	WTO consideration not started	
Croatia	Stabilisation and Association Agreements	L/26, 28.01.05	01.02.05	13.10.09	WTO consideration not started	
Albania	Stabilisation and Association Agreements	L/107, 28.04.09	01.04.09	07.10.09	WTO consideration not started	

III. EPAs under preparation

Partners	Nature of agreement	Comments
EAC (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda)	Interim Economic Partnership Agreement	Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Negotiations on a more comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ongoing.
ESA (Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zambia, Zimbabwe)	Interim Economic Partnership Agreement	Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Signed on 29 August 2009 by Mauritius, Seychelles, Zimbabwe and Madagascar. Negotiations on a more comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ongoing.
Pacific (Papua New Guinea, Fiji)	Interim Economic Partnership Agreement	Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Papua New Guinea signed on 30 July 2009. Fiji signed on 11 December 2009. Negotiations on a more comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ongoing.
SADC (Botswana , Lesotho, Namibia, Mozambique, Swaziland)	Interim Economic Partnership Agreement	Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique signed in June 2009. Negotiations on a more comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ongoing.
West Africa (Ghana)	Interim Economic Partnership Agreement	Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Negotiations on a more comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ongoing.