

Report on Trade and Investment Barriers (1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018)

LIST OF BARRIERS COVERED

1. NEW TRADE AND INVESTMENT BARRIERS REPORTED IN 2018

	COUNTRY	BARRIER	SECTOR	MADB¹
1.	Algeria	Suspension of imports of certain products	Various industries	14103
2.	Algeria	Increase in custom duties on certain products	Various industries	14104
3.	Algeria	VAT obligation	Horizontal	14362
4.	Algeria	Restrictions on dry ports in the port of Algiers	Horizontal	14487
5.	Algeria	Request for certification of free movement	Horizontal	14142
6.	Australia	Lack of recognition of regionalization in the EU for African swine fever	Agriculture and fisheries	14524
7.	Brazil	TAX exemption for domestic cars	Automotive	14082
8.	Brazil	Labelling for wines and spirits	Wines and Spirits	13342
9.	China	Draft Cybersecurity Multi-Level Protection Scheme	ICT	14563
10.	China	Culinary gas-filled whippers and chargers	Agriculture and fisheries	14488
11.	China	Restrictive standards into food regulation	Agriculture and fisheries	14485

¹ More details about the barriers can be found at this reference number under the Barriers Section of the EU's Market Access Database.

12.	China	Salt monopoly rules	Mineral products	14484
13.	Egypt	Restrictive labelling requirements for ceramics	Ceramics and Glass	14042
14.	India	Registration process of cosmetics	Cosmetics	14282
15.	India	Increase of import tariffs on polished diamonds	Precious metals	14343
16.	India	Automotive duties and standards	Automotive	14262
17.	India	Standards for distilled alcoholic beverages, wine and beer	Wines and Spirits	14123
18.	India	Mandatory veterinary certificates for importing leather	Textiles and Leather	14382
19.	Indonesia	Tax discrimination on alcoholic beverages	Wines and Spirits	13722
20.	Indonesia	Import quotas on alcoholic beverages	Wines and Spirits	13762
21.	Indonesia	Lack of transparency and undue delays for approval procedures for animal products	Agriculture and fisheries	14482
22.	Iran	Olive pomace oil and olive oil imports	Agriculture and fisheries	14102
23.	Iran	Farsi labelling requirements	Cosmetics	14242
24.	Iran	Registration blockage	Cosmetics	14243
25.	Iraq	Fine amounting to import duty equivalent charge	Wines and Spirits	14589
26.	Japan	Additives for food and beverages	Wines and Spirits	14182
27.	Pakistan	Import duties on luxury products under Pakistan mini-budget	Various industries	14543
28.	Peru	Tax discrimination on spirits	Wines and Spirits	14124
29.	Philippines	Ban on imports of pigs and pork products from 7 EU Member States due to African Swine Fever	Agriculture and fisheries	14402
30.	Russian Federation	Prohibition of using Belarusian-Russian border check-point – Krasnaya Gorka	Horizontal	14527
31.	Saudi Arabia	Introduction of (oxo-biodegradable) certification for plastic products	Plastics	14529
32.	South Africa	Health warning regulation for alcohols	Wines and Spirits	13743

33.	Thailand	New certification requirement (certificate of analysis) for alcoholic beverages	Wines and Spirits	13742
34.	Tunisia	Non-Automatic Import Licences and Technical Controls	Various industries	14422
35.	Turkey	Application of artificial exchange rate instead of actual exchange rate for pharmaceutical products	Pharmaceuticals	14532
36.	Turkey	Additional documentation requirement imposed in the context of surveillance of imports by registration	Textiles and Leather	14545
37.	Ukraine	Lack of VAT refund on exports of soybeans and rapeseed	Agriculture and fisheries	14528
38.	United Arab Emirates	New standards dairy and fruit juices (ECAS certification) including food safety requirements	Agriculture and fisheries	14442
39.	United Arab Emirates	ESMA Technical Regulation for Motor Vehicles Spare Parts	Automotive	14525
40.	United Arab Emirates	New labelling requirements for cosmetics	Cosmetics	14531
41.	USA	"Section 232" duties on steel and aluminium imports	Steel and aluminium	14162
42.	USA	US Tax Cuts and Jobs Act	Horizontal	13982
43.	USA	Classification of multilayer parquet for customs purposes	Wood, Pulp and Paper	14202
44.	USA	"Formaldehyde Act"	Various industries	14183
45.	Vietnam	Draft procurement rules	Pharmaceuticals	13922

2. TRADE AND INVESTMENT BARRIERS RESOLVED IN 2018²

	COUNTRY	BARRIER	SECTOR	MADB³
1.	Algeria	Suspension of letters of credit	Various industries	13024
2.	Algeria	Request for certification of free circulation	Horizontal	14142
3.	Angola	Tax discrimination on wines and spirits	Wines and Spirits	14122
4.	Argentina	EU exports of bovine semen and embryos	Agriculture and fisheries	10685
5.	Argentina	Pork meat and pork meat products (Aujeszky 's disease)	Agriculture and fisheries	10701
6.	Brazil	Fisheries and Plant (blue fin tuna - Thunnus thynnus)	Agriculture and fisheries	10063
7.	Brazil	Export taxes on hides and skins	Textiles and Leather	11362
8.	Chile	Swordfish - Access to Chilean ports for EU vessels	Agriculture and fisheries	12120
9.	China	Import conditions related to milk and dairy products	Agriculture and fisheries	10881
10.	China	Import ban imposed on bovine/ovine genetic material	Agriculture and fisheries	10921
11.	Colombia	Discriminatory alcohol monopoly practices	Wines and Spirits	14623
12.	Dominican Republic	Lack of EUR 1 recognition	Automotive	13122
13.	Ecuador	Customs service fee	Automotive	13242
14.	Egypt	Duties on cars	Automotive	14526
15.	Egypt	Labelling requirements for textiles	Textiles and Leather	11241
16.	Egypt	Handling of mixed invoices containing preferential and non-preferential goods	Textiles and Leather	10409
17.	India	Mandatory veterinary certificates for	Textiles and	14602

² Fully resolved or partially resolved barriers

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		importing leather	Leather	
18.	India	Import and re-export of used telecommunications equipment	ICT	14583
19.	Japan	Additives for food and beverages	Wines and Spirits	14182
20.	Lebanon	Additional duties on import	Mineral Products	13026
21.	Malaysia	Import conditions related to pork and pork products	Agriculture and fisheries	10683
22.	Pakistan	Discriminatory sales taxes	Horizontal	14544
23.	Philippines	Maritime Transport Services	Horizontal	11145
24.	Russian Federation	Violation of WTO bound rates for import tariffs	Various industries	11960
25.	Russian Federation	Anti-dumping measures on Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs)	Automotive	12420
26.	Serbia	Waste export ban	Various industries	13102
27.	South Korea	Ground clearance	Automotive	14622
28.	South Korea	Repaired goods	Aircraft Parts	14582
29.	Thailand	Unjustified beef import restrictions due to BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy)	Agriculture and fisheries	11601
30.	Turkey	Excise discrimination on imported spirits	Wines and Spirits	10104
31.	Turkey	Transit ban	Horizontal	12680
32.	United Arab Emirates	New labelling requirements for cosmetics	Cosmetics	14531
33.	United States	"Formaldehyde Act"	Various industries	14183
34.	Uruguay	Microbiological criteria for cured pork products	Agriculture and fisheries	11420
35.	Vietnam	Price controls on dairy products	Agriculture and fisheries	12170