

EC-PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA (GOODS)
Summary Fact Sheet

Table 1: Background Information

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| Parties | European Communities, Principality of Andorra | |
| Date of signature | 28 June 1990 | |
| Date of entry into force | 1 July 1991 | |
| Transition period for full implementation | 5 years | |
| Date of full implementation | 1 July 1996 | |
| Website addresses or points of contact | http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/andorra/index_en.htm | |
| List of related GATT/WTO documents | WT/REG53/N/1 WT/REG53/1 WT/REG53/2 WT/REG53/3 WT/REG53/M/1-Corr.1/3 WT/REG53/4 | Notification Agreement Terms of Reference Standard Format Summary Records Questions and Replies |

Table 2: Internal Trade Liberalization

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| Import duties and charges | Import duties and charges having an equivalent effect are to be abolished by the Parties according to a schedule established under Article 6. Tariff Rates Quotas are established under Article 13. |
| Export duties and charges | The Agreement requires the Parties to refrain from introducing any new customs duties on exports or charges having equivalent effect, and from increasing those already applied to their trade with each other on 1 January 1989. |
| Non-tariff measures | Quantitative restrictions and all measures having equivalent effect between the Community and Andorra are prohibited from 1 January 1991. |
| Sector-specific rules | Except for the distinction between products covered by the Customs Union and those not covered by the Customs Union, there are no sector specific provisions in the Agreement. Title I applies to products of HS Chapters 25 to 97 (within the customs union) Title II provides arrangements for products not covered by the customs union (HS Chapters 1 to 24) Title III covers common provisions applicable to all products. |
| Product exclusions | None |

Table 3: Common External Tariff

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| Provisions | Common External Tariff for HS Chapters 25-97 |
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Table 4: Provisions of the Agreement

| Provision | Relevant Article(s) | Additional Information |
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| Rules of Origin | Article 3 and Article 11 | The Customs Union applies to all products which are in free circulation in either Andorra or the EC, whether or not they are produced in Andorra, the EC or in third countries. Rules of origin applicable to trade between the EC and Andorra and methods of administrative co-operation are set out in the Appendix (currently for HS Chapters 1 to 24). The general criterion is that of wholly obtained products either in Andorra or in the EC (Article 1 of the Appendix). There are no cumulation rules. |
| Standards-related measures | None | |
| SPS measures | None | |
| Safeguard mechanisms (intra-trade) | Article 10 | For products falling under HS Chapters 25 to 97 covered by the customs union - if one Party considers that disparities arise from the other Party's application, it can bring the matter before the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee can make recommendations for |

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| | | appropriate measures. In emergency cases, where deflections occur or economic difficulties arise and the Party concerned considers that they call for immediate action, that party may itself take the necessary surveillance or protection measures. It must notify this to the Joint Committee without delay. |
| Anti-dumping and countervailing measures | Article 7 | The Agreement requires Andorra to adopt, for products covered by the Customs Union, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions applicable to customs matters in the Community and necessary for the proper functioning of the customs union. Consequently, the EC and Andorra apply a common anti-dumping and countervailing regime vis-à-vis third countries. |
| Subsidies and state aid | None | |
| Customs-related procedures | Article 7 and Article 8 | For products covered by the customs union, Andorra shall adopt, with effect from 1 January 1991 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions applicable to customs matters in the Community and necessary for the proper functioning of the customs union. At the end of the 5 year period the Principality of Andorra may exercise right of entry into free circulation for its goods, following agreement by the Contracting Parties. Entry into free circulation will be effected by the Community customs offices listed in Annex I. |
| IPR | None | |
| Government procurement | None | |
| Competition | None | |
| Investment | None | |
| General exceptions | Article 16 | A standard exceptions clause applies to all products with measures to, <i>inter alia</i> , protect public morals, health, imports or exports of gold or silver, public security, animals or plants, national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value and the protection of intellectual and commercial property. |
| Accession | None | |
| Dispute resolution | Article 18 | Any disputes arising between the Parties over the interpretation of the Agreement shall be put before the Joint Committee. If the Joint Committee does not succeed in settling the dispute at its next meeting, each Party may notify the other of the designation of an arbitrator. Decisions by the arbitrators shall be taken by majority vote and each Party involved in any dispute is required to take the measures needed to ensure the application of the arbitrators' decision. |
| Relation with other trade agreements | Article 25 | The provisions of the Agreement shall replace those applied by the Community, and in particular France and Spain, prior to the Agreement's entry into force, under the 1867 Exchange of Letters with Andorra |
| Institutional provisions | Article 17 | A Joint Committee shall be set up to administer the Agreement and ensure that it is properly implemented. To that end it has the power to formulate recommendations. It shall take decisions in the cases provided for in the Agreement. |

**Table 5a: Trade and tariff Data (Share of EU imports from Andorra), 1993-1997
billion ECU**

| Year | Extra-EU | | | Andorra | | |
|------|----------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| | Exports | Imports | Total | Exports | Imports | Total |
| 1993 | 409.1 | 445.8 | 854.9 | 0.708 | 0.027 | 0.766 |
| 1994 | 453.5 | 489.6 | 943.1 | 0.665 | 0.034 | 0.699 |
| 1995 | 476.8 | 491.8 | 968.6 | 0.697 | 0.031 | 0.728 |
| 1996 | 523.5 | 522.8 | 1046.3 | 0.675 | 0.027 | 0.702 |
| 1997 | 608.2 | 604.3 | 1212.5 | 0.830 | 0.039 | 0.869 |

Table 5b: Trade and tariff data (share of Andorra in Total EU trade), 1993-1997
Percent

| Year | Extra-EU | | | Andorra | | |
|------|----------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-------|
| | Exports | Imports | Total | Exports | Imports | Total |
| 1993 | 47.85 | 52.15 | 100 | 0.08 | 0.0 | 0.09 |
| 1994 | 48.09 | 51.91 | 100 | 0.07 | 0.0 | 0.07 |
| 1995 | 49.23 | 50.77 | 100 | 0.07 | 0.0 | 0.08 |
| 1996 | 50.03 | 49.97 | 100 | 0.06 | 0.0 | 0.07 |
| 1997 | 50.16 | 49.84 | 100 | 0.07 | 0.0 | 0.07 |

Source: Standard format