

**CANADA-COSTA RICA (GOODS)**  
**Summary Fact Sheet**  
**June 2007**

**Table 1: Background Information**

Parties	Canada, Costa Rica	
Date of signature	23 April 2001	
Date of entry into force	1 November 2002	
Transition period for full implementation	15 years	
Date of full implementation	1 January 2016	
Website addresses or points of contact	Costa Rica: <a href="http://www.comex.go.cr/acuerdos/comerciales/TLC%20Canada/default0.htm">http://www.comex.go.cr/acuerdos/comerciales/TLC%20Canada/default0.htm</a> Canada: <a href="http://www.international.gc.ca/tna-nac/costa_rica-en.asp">http://www.international.gc.ca/tna-nac/costa_rica-en.asp</a>	
List of related GATT/WTO documents	WT/REG147/N/1 WT/REG147/1 WT/REG147/2 WT/REG147/3 WT/REG147/M/1-2 WT/REG147/4 -5	Notification Agreement Terms of Reference Standard Format Summary Records Question and Replies

**Table 2: Internal Trade Liberalization provisions**

Import duties and charges	Section II (Tariffs) Annex III.3.1 (Tariff Elimination Schedule) Canada: <a href="http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/tna-nac/documents/canada_schedule-e.pdf">http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/tna-nac/documents/canada_schedule-e.pdf</a> Costa Rica: <a href="http://www.comex.go.cr/acuerdos/comerciales/TLC%20Canada/espanol/Anexo%20III-3-1%20programa.PDF">http://www.comex.go.cr/acuerdos/comerciales/TLC%20Canada/espanol/Anexo%20III-3-1%20programa.PDF</a>	
Export duties and charges	Article III.10 (Export Taxes) Annex III.10 (Export Taxes) Article III.11 (Other Export Measures)	
Non-tariff measures	Section III (Non-Tariff Measures)	
Sector-specific rules	Article III.8 (Wine and Distilled Spirits) Article III.13 (Domestic Support for Agricultural Goods) Chapter III (National Treatment and Market Access of Goods, which addresses sector specific provisions for textiles and apparel goods in Annex III-1) Annex III.1 (Textile and Apparel Goods)	
Product exclusions	Annex III.2 (products excluded from the obligation to provide national treatment)	

**Table 3: Common External Tariff**

Provisions	Not applicable
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**Table 4: General trade-related provisions**

Provision	Relevant Article(s)	Additional Information
Rules of origin	Chapter IV and Annex IV.1	In general, origin is conferred when goods are wholly obtained or produced in the free-trade area as defined in Article IV.15.
Standards-related measures	Article IX.6	TBT relations between the Parties are governed by the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.
SPS measures	Article IX.5	SPS relations are governed by the WTO SPS Agreement. A committee on SPS which seeks to provide a regular forum for consultations and cooperation is established. The Parties agree to use the WTO dispute settlement procedures for any formal disputes regarding SPS measures.
Safeguard mechanisms (intra-trade)	Chapter VI and Annex III.3.2	To be used only during the transition period (15 years following the entry into force of the Agreement) unless consent of the other party is given. Measures to be maintained for up to three years. Less stringent conditions apply to bilateral safeguard actions on textiles and apparel, i.e. 'serious damage' rather than 'serious injury' is the trigger.

Provision	Relevant Article(s)	Additional Information
Anti-dumping and countervailing measures	Chapter VII	All disputes between Parties arising in respect of the application of antidumping measures by either Party shall be settled in accordance with the WTO Agreement. The Agreement does not include provisions regarding the imposition of countervailing duties.
Subsidies and state aid	Article III.12 and III.13	The Parties agree to cooperate to eliminate export subsidies for agricultural goods at a multilateral level. Bilaterally, the Parties agreed to eliminate in their reciprocal trade any form of export subsidy for agricultural products and to prevent the reintroduction of these subsidies in any form.
Customs-related procedures	Article III.15 and Chapter V	The Customs Valuation Agreement governs the customs valuation rules applied by the Parties to their reciprocal trade. Chapter V provides a general reference framework of principles to be followed, the objective being to reduce the burden of customs procedures; it includes rules regulating customs procedures for the purposes of determining the origin of goods.
IPR	Article III.9	As a component of protecting the geographical indications for their products, the Parties will use the Agreement on Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights, Annex 1C of the WTO Agreement.
Government procurement	Article IX.7	The Parties will cooperate to further liberalise public procurement markets and achieve greater transparency in this area through technical cooperation and a review of this Article within three years of the Agreement's entry into force.
Competition	Part V	Each Party shall adopt or maintain measures to proscribe anticompetitive activities and shall take appropriate enforcement action pursuant to those measures.
Investment	Chapter VIII	The Parties noted the existence of the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Costa Rica for the Promotion and Protection of Investment, signed in 1998.
General exceptions	Chapter XIV	This chapter incorporates any exemptions under GATT Article XX and exceptions for, <i>inter alia</i> , national security, taxation, balance of payments, disclosure of information, and cultural industries.
Accession	None	There is no specific provision for other countries to accede to the Agreement.
Dispute resolution	Chapter XIII, Sections II and III, Article VI.4	This section establishes the dispute resolution process. There are also provisions for dispute settlement in the case of emergency actions. Parties have the choice of forum of either the dispute resolution process or the WTO dispute settlement mechanism.
Relation with other trade agreements	Article I.1, Article I.3 and Article I.4	Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of the Agreement prevail in the event of any inconsistency with other international agreements. However, obligations deriving from the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal prevail in the event of any inconsistency with the Agreement.
Institutional provisions	Chapter XIII, Section I	These establish a Committee on Trade in Goods and Rules of Origin (with subcommittees on Customs and Agriculture), a Fair Trade Commission, Fair Trade Coordinators, and a Secretariat.
Other	Chapter IX	There is a significant chapter on Trade Facilitation. There are also two parallel accords between Canada and Costa Rica on the environment and labour rights which are intended to operate in tandem with this agreement. See <a href="http://www.ec.gc.ca/international/costarica/index_e.htm">http://www.ec.gc.ca/international/costarica/index_e.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/lp/spila/ialc/08canada_costa_rica_agreement.shtml">http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/lp/spila/ialc/08canada_costa_rica_agreement.shtml</a> .

**Table 5a: Tariff Data (Canada's imports from Costa Rica)**

<b>Liberalization schedule</b>	<b>Percentage of Tariff Lines</b>
Immediate liberalization	82.8
Deferred	3.5
five years after EIF	0.8
eight years after EIF	10.8
nine years after EIF	0.1
Excluded	1.9

**Table 5b: Tariff Data (Costa Rica's imports from Canada)**

<b>Liberalization schedule</b>	<b>Percentage of Tariff Lines</b>
Immediate liberalization	65.1
Deferred	
eight years after EIF	18.7
nine years after EIF	0.03
fifteen years after EIF	14.6
under TRQs	0.4
Excluded	1.1