

**EFTA-JORDAN (GOODS)  
Summary Fact Sheet  
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**Table 1: Background Information**

Parties	EFTA States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), Jordan	
Date of signature	21 June 2001	
Date of entry into force	1 September 2002	
Transition period for full implementation	12 years	
Date of full implementation	1 September 2014	
Website addresses or points of contact	EFTA: <a href="http://www.efta.int/content/free-trade/fta-countries/jordan">http://www.efta.int/content/free-trade/fta-countries/jordan</a> Jordan: <a href="http://www.mit.gov.jo/Default.aspx?tabid=707">http://www.mit.gov.jo/Default.aspx?tabid=707</a>	
List of related GATT/WTO documents	WT/REG133/N/1	Notification
	WT/REG133/1	Agreement
	WT/REG133/2	Terms of Reference
	WT/REG133/3	Standard Format
	WT/REG133/M/1-3,	Summary Records
	WT/REG133/4-5	Questions and Replies

**Table 2: Internal Trade Liberalization**

Import duties and charges	Article 5 (Customs duties on imports and charges having equivalent effect) Article 6 (Basic Duties) Article 7 (Customs duties of a fiscal nature) Article 22 (Structural Adjustment) Annex III (dismantling lists for periods of up to twelve years from the entry into force of the Agreement)
Export duties and charges	Article 8 (Customs duties on exports and charges having equivalent effect) Annex IV (exceptions)
Non-tariff measures	Article 9 (Quantitative restrictions on imports or exports and measures having equivalent effect) Article 14 (Internal taxation and regulations) Annex V (exceptions)
Sector-specific rules	Article 13 (Trade in basic agricultural products is covered in bilateral agreements) HS Chapters 25 to 97 (industrial products) Protocol A (processed agricultural products) Annex II (fish and marine products)
Product exclusions	Annex I (industrial product exceptions) Annex II (fish and marine product)

**Table 3: Common External Tariff**

Provisions	None
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**Table 4: Provisions of the Agreement**

Provision	Relevant Article(s)	Additional Information
Rules of Origin	Article 4 and Protocol B	In general, origin is confirmed when the good is wholly obtained or produced in the territory of a Party; or when each of the non-originating materials used in the production of the good undergoes an applicable requirement as set out in the specific rule for that good, and the good satisfies any other applicable requirement set out in that rule, as a result of production in the territory of a Party. The rules of origin enable bilateral and diagonal cumulation of origin. Protocol B was amended by Joint Committee decision 1-06 to reflect the Pan-Euro-Mediterranean system for Rules of Origin.
Standards-related measures	Article 12	The Parties shall co-operate in the field of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment and through appropriate measures promote international

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SPS measures	Article 13.3	solutions. The Joint Committee shall establish guidelines for the implementation of this paragraph. The Parties shall apply their SPS regulations in a non-discriminatory manner and shall not introduce any new measures that have the effect of unduly obstructing trade.
Safeguard mechanisms (intra-trade)	Articles 21-25	The Agreement establishes procedures for the application of safeguards between the Parties in instances of emergency actions between the Parties; sectoral difficulties; re-export and serious shortage; and balance of payments difficulties.
Anti-dumping and countervailing measures	Article 20	Governed by Article VI and the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994.
Subsidies and state aid	Article 19	Governed by Article XVI of the GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. The Agreement provides for consultations before a Party initiates an investigation under the WTO SCM Agreement to determine the existence, degree and effect of any alleged subsidy.
Customs-related procedures	Article 4 and Protocol B	The Agreement establishes the rules of origin and methods of administrative co-operation in customs procedures.
IPR	Article 17 and Annex VI	The Parties shall grant and ensure adequate, effective and non-discriminatory protection of intellectual property rights in accordance with the provisions listed in the Agreement and the international agreements referred to therein.
Government procurement	Article 16	An integral objective of the Agreement is considering the effective liberalisation of their respective public procurement markets on the basis of non-discrimination and reciprocity.
Competition	Articles 11 and 18 and Protocol C	The Parties shall ensure that after a period of five years any state monopoly of a commercial character be adjusted so that no discrimination regarding the conditions under which goods are procured and marketed exists between nationals of the Parties. There are also provisions detailing the rules of competition concerning undertakings, as well as a list of exceptions.
Investment	Article 28	The Joint Committee will discuss cooperation related to services and investments with a view to developing and deepening the Parties' relations under this Agreement.
General exceptions	Article 10 and Article 26	This Agreement shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or goods in transit on grounds of public morality, public policy or public security; the protection of health and life of humans, animals and plants and the environment; the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value; the protection of intellectual property; rules related to gold, silver or the conservation of exhaustive natural resources. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Party to it from taking any measures which it considers necessary to prevent the disclosure of information contrary to its essential security interests, or for the protection of its essential security interests, for the implementations of certain international obligations or national policies.
Accession	Articles 38	Any State that is a member of the European Free Trade Association may accede to the Agreement, subject to approval by the Joint Committee.
Dispute resolution	Article 31 and Annex VII	The Agreement includes procedures for disputes between the Parties relating to the interpretation and application of the Agreement. Disputes which have not been settled through

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Relation with other trade agreements	Articles 16-17, 19-20, 24, 36 and Annex VI	direct consultations or in the Joint Committee within 90 days may be referred to arbitration. This Agreement shall not prevent the maintenance or establishment of customs unions, free trade areas, arrangements for frontier trade and other preferential agreements.
Institutional provisions	Articles 29-30	The Agreement established a Joint Committee to supervise and administer the implementation of the Agreement. The Joint Committee may take decisions in cases provided for in the Agreement or make recommendations. The Joint Committee is to keep under review the removal of further barriers to trade between the parties. The Joint Committee shall normally meet once a year.

**Table 5a: Imports by EFTA from Jordan, 2002-2007**  
(US\$ '000s)

	2002	% of total	2003	% of total	2004	% of total	2005	% of total	2006	% of total	2007	% of total
<b>Imports</b>	<b>273</b>		<b>6,451</b>		<b>615</b>		<b>3,759</b>		<b>11,354</b>		<b>5,978</b>	
Agriculture (HS 1-24*)	18	6.6	84	1.4	95	15.9	166	4.4	156	1.4	185	3.1
Industrial products	255	93.4	6367	98.6	520	84.1	3593	95.6	11198	98.6	5793	96.9

\* excluding fish and fish products

**Table 5b: Imports by Jordan from EFTA in 2007**  
US\$

	Value	Share of Total
<b>Imports</b>	<b>118,900,701</b>	
Of which covered by the Agreement	118,483,445	99.60%
Agricultural imports (HS 1-24)	19,108,981	15.70%
Industrial imports (HS 25-97)	102,888,968	84.30%
Duty free imports	24,226,019	20.38%
Imports subject to reduced duties	94,257,426	79.27%