

EFTA-the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (GOODS)
Summary Fact Sheet
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Table 1: Background Information

Parties	EFTA States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)	
Date of signature	19 June 2000	
Date of entry into force	1 May 2002	
Transition period for full implementation	Nine years	
Date of full implementation	1 May 2011	
Website addresses or points of contact	EFTA: http://www.efta.int/free-trade/free-trade-agreements/macedonia.aspx	
List of related GATT/WTO documents	WT/REG117/N/1 WT/REG117/1 and Add.1 WT/REG117/2 and Corr.1 WT/REG117/3 WT/REG117/M/1-2 WT/REG117/4	Notification Agreement Terms of Reference Standard Format Summary Records Questions and Replies

Table 2: Internal Trade Liberalization

Import duties and charges	Article 4 (Customs Duties on Imports and Charges having Equivalent Effect) Article 6 (Customs Duties of a Fiscal Nature) Annex III (Tariff schedule)
Export duties and charges	Article 7 (Customs Duties on Exports and Charges having Equivalent Effect)
Non-tariff measures	Article 8 (Quantitative Restrictions on Imports or Exports and Measures having Equivalent Effect) Article 13 (Internal Taxation and Regulations)
Sector-specific rules	HS Chapters 25-97 (industrial products) Article 12 (Trade in basic agricultural products are covered in bilateral agreements) Annex II (fish and marine products) Protocol A (processed agricultural products)
Product exclusions	Annex I (HS Chapters 25-97 exclusions)

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 3 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 change in tariff classification set out in the specific rule for that good. The rules of origin enable bilateral cumulation between the Parties.
Standards-related measures	Article 11	The Parties shall co-operate in the field of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment and through appropriate measures promote in particular Europe-wide solutions
SPS measures	Article 12.3	The Parties shall apply their SPS regulations in a non-discriminatory manner and not introduce any new measures that have the effect of unduly obstructing trade.
Safeguard mechanisms (intra-trade)	Articles 17,20-24 and 32	Safeguard measures can be implemented in cases of anti-competitive practices, re-export and serious shortage, balance of payment difficulties and failure to fulfill obligations. FYROM is also granted exceptions for structural adjustment.

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Anti-dumping and countervailing measures	Article 19	This issue is governed by Article VI of GATT 1994.
Subsidies and state aid	Article 18	This issue is 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.
Customs-related procedures	Article 3 and Protocol B	The Agreement establishes rules of origin, methods of administrative co-operation, and rules for mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.
IPR	Article 16 and Annex V	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 15	The effective liberalisation of their respective public procurement markets on the basis of non-discrimination and reciprocity is an integral objective of the Agreement. This issue is governed by the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement.
Competition	Articles 10 and 17	Any state monopoly of a commercial character directly or indirectly controlled by the State must be adjusted, with the exceptions laid down in Protocol C, so that no discrimination regarding the conditions under which goods are procured and marketed exists between nationals of the Parties. The Agreement also provides for rules of competition concerning undertakings.
Services and Investment	Article 27	The Joint Committee will review developments related to services and investment with a view to developing and deepening the Parties' relations in these fields.
General exceptions	Articles 9 and 25	This Agreement shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or goods in transit on grounds of public morality, public health or public security; the protection of health and life of humans, animals and plants, and of 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, for the protection of its essential security interests or for the implementation of certain international obligations or national policies.
Accession	Article 38	Any State that is a member of the European Free Trade Association may accede to the Agreement, provided that the Joint Committee approves the accession.
Dispute settlement	Article 31 and Annex VI	If a Party considers that a measure by another Party might affect the operation of the Agreement it may request consultations with that Party. Consultations may be direct or in the Joint Committee. Disputes between the Parties which are not settled through consultation within 90 days of the receipt of the request for consultation may be referred to arbitration.
Relation with other trade agreements	Article 11, Article 15, Article 16 Article 19,	Bilateral agreements on agriculture between the Parties supplement this Agreement. The Agreement shall not prevent the maintenance or establishment of customs unions, free trade areas, arrangements for frontier trade and other

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	Article 23, Article 36 and Annex V	preferential agreements to the extent that these do not negatively affect the trade regime of the Agreement. The Agreement also incorporates various aspects of GATT and WTO agreements on issues such as standards, safeguard measures, balance of payment difficulties, public procurement, anti-dumping and IPR.
Institutional provisions	Article 29 and Article 30	The Agreement establishes a Joint Committee, which shall be responsible for the administration 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 meet whenever necessary but normally once a year.

Table 5: EFTA's trade with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (US\$, '000s)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Imports	7,661	5,215	5,375	10,879	12,707	18,158
Agriculture (HS 1-24, excl. fish and fish products)	1,207	1,221	2,004	3,135	2,421	2,809
Industrial products	6,454	3,994	3,371	7,744	10,286	15,349
Exports	24,348	23,844	34,806	37,392	34,895	40,751
Agriculture	2,793	2,807	4,078	2,276	3,004	2,855
Industrial products	21,555	21,037	30,728	35,116	31,891	37,896
Total trade	32,009	29,059	40,181	48,271	47,602	58,909