

**EC-MOROCCO (Goods)**  
**Summary Fact Sheet**  
**June 2007**

**Table 1: Background Information**

Parties	European Communities, Morocco	
Date of signature	26 February 1996	
Date of entry into force	1 March 2000	
Transition period for full implementation	12 years	
Date of full implementation	1 March 2012	
Website addresses or points of contact	EC: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/trade/issues/bilateral/countries/morocco/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/trade/issues/bilateral/countries/morocco/index_en.htm</a> Morocco: <a href="http://www.mce.gov.ma/Home.asp">http://www.mce.gov.ma/Home.asp</a>	
List of related GATT/WTO documents	WT/REG112/N/1 WT/REG112/1 WT/REG112/2-Corr.1 WT/REG112/3-Corr.1 WT/REG112/M/1 – M/3 WT/REG112/4	Notification Agreement Terms of Reference Standard Format Summary Records Questions and Replies

**Table 2: Internal Trade Liberalization**

Import duties and charges	Articles 8-14 (industrial products). Article 10 (Tariff Rates Quotas). Articles 15-18 (agricultural products and fisheries). Articles 19-30 (common provisions).
Export duties and charges	The Agreement prohibits the application of customs duties or measures having equivalent effect on exports between the EC and Morocco. Quantitative restrictions on exports and measures having equivalent effect between Morocco and the EC are also prohibited.
Non-tariff measures	Article 19 (Abolition of quantitative restrictions).
Sector-specific rules	Article 12 (Textiles). Provisions relating to industrial products are set out in Annex 1 and 2. Provisions relating to agricultural and fishery products are set out in Protocols 1, 2 and 3.
Product exclusions	The products excluded from the coverage of the Agreement (Annex I to the Agreement) are products originally falling within Chapters 1 to 24 ("agricultural products") in the nomenclature preceding the Harmonised Description and Coding System, but which were transferred at the time of its introduction HS Chapters 25 to 97 ("industrial products").

**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 29 and Protocol 4	Title II of Protocol 4 of the Agreement sets out the definition of the concept of 'originating products.' Evidence of the originating status of products is furnished by the EUR.1 movement certificate. Bilateral cumulation of working or processing carried out in the Community, Algeria, Morocco or Tunisia are treated in Articles 3, 4 and 5 respectively of Title II of Protocol 4.
Standards-related measures	Article 40	The Parties shall take appropriate steps to promote the use by Morocco of Community technical rules and European standards for industrial and agri-food products and certification procedures. Morocco has incorporated as national standards ISO 9000 and ISO 14000 standards. A system of accreditation of conformity assessment bodies based on international and European standards is under preparation.
SPS measures	None	
Safeguard mechanisms (intra-trade)	Article 14 and Article 35	Safeguard measures may be used for infant industries or industries facing serious difficulties for a period not exceeding five years unless a longer duration is authorised by the Association Committee. They shall cease to

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		apply at the expiration of the 12 year transitional period. In case of serious balance of payment difficulties restrictive procedures complying with GATT and Articles VIII and XIV of the International Monetary Fund Agreement may be exercised.
Anti-dumping and countervailing measures	Articles 24-27	If one of the Parties finds that dumping is taking place in its trade with the other Party, appropriate measures may be taken in accordance with the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of GATT 1994, its related internal legislation and respecting the information exchange procedures established by the Agreement. If it is found that a particular practice is incompatible with the provisions on state aid, under certain circumstances appropriate countervailing measures can be taken while respecting the information exchange procedures established by the Agreement.
Subsidies and state aid	Article 36	Any official aid which distorts or threatens to distort competition by favouring certain undertakings or the production of certain goods is incompatible except for derogations authorised by virtue of the ECSC Treaty. Morocco is authorised during the five years after the entry into force of the Agreement to grant State-aid for restructuring purposes in the steel sector.
Customs-related procedures	Article 59	The Parties will simplify customs checks and procedures through a single administrative document and create a link between the EC and Moroccan transit systems. Contracting Parties' administrative authorities shall provide mutual assistance in accordance with the terms of Protocol 5.
IPR	Article 39	The Parties shall provide suitable and effective protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property in line with the highest international standards. Implementation of Article 39 and of Annex 7 shall be regularly assessed by the Parties. If difficulties affecting trade arise in connection with intellectual, industrial and commercial property rights, either Party may request urgent consultations to find mutually satisfactory solutions
Government procurement	Article 41	The Association Council shall take the steps necessary to implement the objective of gradual liberalisation of public procurement contracts.
Competition	Articles 36-41	A cooperation mechanism is established under the Agreement and reports to the Association Committee.
Investment	Article 50	The Agreement aims to create a favourable climate for flows of investment, simplified procedures, co-investment machinery, methods of identifying and providing information on investment opportunities, and a legal framework to promote investment, through investment protection agreements and agreements preventing double taxation.
General exceptions	Article 28	The Agreement does not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or goods in transit justified on grounds of public morality, public policy or public security; the protection of health and life of humans, animals or plants; the protection of national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value or the protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property or rules relating to gold and silver. Such prohibitions or restrictions shall not, however, constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between the Parties.
Accession	None	
Dispute resolution	Article 86	Either Party may refer to the Association Council any dispute relating to the application or interpretation of this Agreement. The Association Council may settle the dispute by means of a decision or either Party may notify the appointment of an arbitrator to the other Party, which must then appoint a second arbitrator within two months. The Association Council shall appoint a third arbitrator. The arbitrators' decisions are taken by majority vote.
Relation with other trade agreements	Article 23	Nothing precludes the maintenance or establishment of customs unions, free trade areas or arrangements for frontier trade insofar as they do not have the effect of altering the trade arrangements provided for in the Agreement The Agreement provides for consultations between the Parties in the Association Committee where appropriate.
Institutional provisions	Article 78	An Association Council, meeting at Ministerial level at least once a year, examines any significant problems arising in the framework of the Agreement.

**Table 5.a: Trade data (EC 15 exports to Morocco), 2000**

	<b>Value (million Euros)</b>	<b>Percentage of total</b>
<b>Total</b>	7,689	100%
By HS Section		
Animals and animal products	120	1.6
Vegetable products	397	5.2
Animal or vegetable fats	61	0.8
Prepared foodstuffs	93	1.2
Mineral products	343	4.5
Chemical products	488	6.4
Plastics and rubber	265	3.5
Hides and skins	56	0.7
Wood and wood products	70	0.9
Wood pulp products	194	2.5
Textiles and textile articles	1682	21.9
Footwear, headgear	60	0.8
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	73	0.9
Pearls (semi-) precious stones and metals	3	0.0
Base metals and articles thereof	424	5.5
Machinery and mechanical appliances	2409	31.3
Transportation equipment	644	8.4
Instruments-measuring, musical	119	1.5
Arms and ammunition	4	0.1
Miscellaneous	114	1.5
Works of art	2	0.0
Other	68	0.9

Source: data provided by the Parties

**Table 5.b: Trade data (EC15imports from Morocco), 2000**

	<b>Value (million Euros)</b>	<b>Percentage of total</b>
<b>Total</b>	5,994	100%
By HS Section		
Animals and animal products	387	6.5
Vegetable products	491	8.2
Animal or vegetable fats	1	0.0
Prepared foodstuffs	283	4.7
Mineral products	511	8.5
Chemical products	342	5.7
Plastics and rubber	35	0.6
Hides and skins	63	1.1
Wood and wood products	55	0.9
Wood pulp products	48	0.8
Textiles and textile articles	2457	41.0
Footwear, headgear	179	3.0
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	37	0.6
Pearls (semi-) precious stones and metals	36	0.6
Base metals and articles thereof	148	2.5
Machinery and mechanical appliances	607	10.1
Transportation equipment	184	3.1
Instruments-measuring, musical	29	0.5
Arms and ammunition	0	0.0
Miscellaneous	32	0.5
Works of art	1	0.0
Other	69	1.1

Sources: data provided by the Parties