

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

Parties	EFTA States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), Morocco	
Date of signature	19 June 1997	
Date of entry into force	1 December 1999	
Transition period for full implementation	12 years	
Date of full implementation	1 December 2011	
Website addresses or points of contact	EFTA: http://www.efta.int/free-trade/free-trade-agreements/morocco.aspx Morocco: www.douane.gov.ma	
List of related GATT/WTO documents	WT/REG91/N/1 WT/REG91/1 WT/REG91/2 WT/REG91/3, Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1 WT/REG91/M/1-3, and M/3/Corr.1 WT/REG91/4 and Add.1 WT/REG91/5	Notification Agreement Terms of Reference Standard Format Summary Records Questions and Replies Communication

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 elimination 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) Annex IV (Exceptions for quantitative restrictions – removed as agreed by the Parties)
Sector-specific rules	Annex II (fish and marine products) Protocol A (process agricultural goods) HS Chapters 25 to 97 (industrial goods) Article 12 (Trade in agricultural products are covered by separate bilateral agreements)
Product exclusions	Annex I (excluded products HS Chapters 25-97)

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 non-originating materials used in the production of the good meet the requirements set out in the specific rules for that good, and the good satisfies any other applicable requirement contained in that rule. Bilateral cumulation is permitted.
Standards-related measures	Article 11	The Parties shall co-operate in the field of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment.
SPS measures	Article 12.3	The Parties will apply their regulations in sanitary and phytosanitary matters in a non-discriminatory fashion and are not to introduce any new measures that have the effect of unduly obstructing trade.
Safeguard mechanisms (intra-trade)	Articles 17, 20, 21-23, 25 and 32	The Agreement establishes procedures for the application of safeguards in areas such as rules of competition concerning undertakings, emergency action on imports of

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		particular products, re-export and serious shortage, balance of payment difficulties and failure to fulfil an obligation.
Anti-dumping and countervailing measures	Articles 18, 19 and 25	This issue is governed by Article VI and the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 except as provided under Article 25 of the Agreement. Governed by Article XVI of the GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing measures except as provided under Articles 18 and 25 of the Agreement.
Subsidies and state aid	Articles 18 and 25	Governed by Article XVI of the GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing measures except as provided under Articles 18 and 25 of the Agreement. Any aid granted by a Party or through State resources which distorts or threatens to distort competition by favouring certain undertakings or the production of certain goods in trade between the Parties is incompatible with the proper functioning of the Agreement.
Customs-related procedures	Article 3 and Protocol B	Areas of co-operation include communication of stamps and addresses, verification of movement certificates EUR.1 and invoice declarations, dispute settlement, penalties and free zones.
IPR	Article 16 and Annex V	The Parties must 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	An integral objective of the Agreement is the effective liberalisation of their respective public procurement markets on the basis of non-discrimination and reciprocity.
Competition	Articles 10, and 17 and Protocol C	The EFTA States are to ensure that 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. (Morocco was given a five year transition period to reach this goal). There are also provisions detailing the rules of competition concerning undertakings.
Services and Investment	Article 28	The Joint Committee will review developments related to services and investment with a view to developing and deepening the Parties' relations under this Agreement.
General exceptions	Articles 9 and 26	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 the environment; the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value; the protection of intellectual property; or 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 or for the implementations of certain international obligations or national policies.
Accession	Article 39	Any State that is a member of the European Free Trade Association may accede to the Agreement, provided that the Joint Committee decides to approve its accession.
Dispute resolution	Article 24 and Annex VIII	The Agreement includes arbitration procedures for disputes between the Parties on the interpretation of the

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		Agreement. Disputes that are not settled through direct consultations or in the Joint Committee within six months may be referred to arbitration.
Relation with other trade agreements	Articles 11, 13, 15, 16, 19, 33 and 37	The Agreement shall not prevent the maintenance or establishment of other free trade agreements. The Parties commit themselves to ensure the consistency of the Agreement with their rights and obligations under the WTO. The Agreement also incorporates various aspects of WTO provisions on issues such as balance of payment difficulties, anti-dumping, subsidies and countervailing measures, intellectual property rights, and public procurement.
Institutional provisions	Articles 30-31	The Agreement establishes a Joint Committee which is to supervise and administer the Agreement. The Joint Committee can take decisions in cases provided for by 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 convene once a year.

EFTA's trade with Morocco (EFTA as the reporting States) (US\$, '000s)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Imports	81,080	93,187	136,287	163,903	186,571	140,139
Agriculture*	22,135	28,381	41,074	40,486	44,479	46,869
Industrial products	58,945	64,806	95,213	123,417	142,092	93,270
Exports	98,398	124,897	159,707	230,009	280,399	249,439
Agriculture *	2,251	2,906	1,589	1,782	3,639	4,479
Industrial products	96,147	121,991	158,118	228,227	276,760	244,960

*HS 1-24, excluding fish and fish products