

## Melanesian Spearhead Group (Goods) Summary Fact Sheet

**Table 1: Background Information**

Parties	Fiji; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands; Vanuatu	
Date of signature	22 July 1993	
Date of entry into force	01 January 1994	
Transition period for full implementation	Not available	
Date of full implementation	Not available	
Website addresses or points of contact	Not available	
List of related GATT/WTO documents	WT/COMTD/N/9 WT/COMTD/21	Notification Agreement

**Table 2: Internal trade liberalization provisions**

Import duties and charges	Article 6 and Schedule (Customs duties)
Export duties and charges	Article 8 (Quantitative export restrictions)
Non-tariff measures	Article 7 (Quantitative import restrictions) Article 8 (Quantitative export restrictions) Article 9 (Revenue duties or taxes)
Sector-specific rules	Schedule 1
Product exclusions	Not available.

**Table 3: Common External Tariff**

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

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Rules of Origin	Article 13 and Annex I	Goods shall be accepted as originating in a Party if they have been either wholly obtained or sufficiently worked or processed in a Party territory.
Standards-related measures	None	
SPS measures	None	
Safeguard mechanisms (intra-trade)	Articles 10-12	Provisions for the adoption of safeguard measures, include deflection of trade, development of industry and temporary suspension of obligations, in cases where the import of goods causes serious injury to the producers of like or directly competitive goods.
Anti-dumping and countervailing measures	Article 14	If a Party considers that goods imported from the other Parties are being dumped so as to cause or threaten material injury to and industry, or to materially retard the establishment of an industry, producing like or directly competitive goods, it may request consultations with the other Parties on measures to reduce or prevent such injury or retardation. If a mutually acceptable solution is not reached within sixty days, the importing Party may, after giving notice to the other Parties, levy dumping or countervailing duties on the goods concerned.
Subsidies and state aid	Article 14	If in the opinion of a Party goods being imported into it from the other Parties are being subsidized by the other Parties so as to cause or threaten material injury to an industry

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		producing like or directly competitive goods or to materially retard the establishment of an industry to produce like or directly competitive goods, it may request the other Parties to consult with it on measures to reduce or prevent such injury or retardation. If a mutually acceptable solution is not reached within sixty days, the Importing Party may, after giving notice to the other Parties, levy dumping or countervailing duties on the goods concerned.
Customs-related procedures	Article 17	The Parties shall take appropriate measures, including arrangements relating to administrative co-operation, to promote the effective and harmonious application of the provisions of the Agreement.
IPR	None	
Government procurement	None	
Competition	Article 3	The Parties will ensure as far as possible that bilateral trade takes place under conditions of fair competition.
Investment	None	
General exceptions	Article 15	The Agreement does not prevent the adoption or enforcement by a Party of measures necessary: for the protection of its essential security interests; to protect public morals; for the prevention of public disorder or crime; for the protection of its national treasures or artistic, historical, anthropological geological, paleontological or archaeological value; to reserve for approval purposes the use of the national and provincial costs of arms, flags and seats; to protect human, animal or plant life or health; to protect its indigenous flora and fauna; undertaken in pursuance of obligations in international commodity agreements; to prevent or relieve critical shortages of foodstuffs or other essential goods; for the conservation of limited natural resources; to protect industrial property or copyrights or prevent deceptive practices; for the application of standards or of regulations for the classifications, grading or making of goods; or relating to the products of prison labour.
Accession	Article 16	The Parties may agree to the association of any other member of the MSG or any other country, which is a member of the South Pacific Forum.
Dispute resolution	Article 19	Consultation shall take place between the Parties if a Party believes that any benefits conferred on it by the Agreement are not being achieved and if it requests such consultation in writing. In such consultations, which shall take place as soon as practicable, the Parties shall consider appropriate measures to remedy the situation, which has prompted the request.
Relation with other trade agreements	None	
Transparency	None	
Institutional provisions	Article 18	The Parties shall utilize the existing MSG Institutional framework for the purposes of overseeing the implementation of this Agreement. The Annual Summit of Heads of Governments of the MSG shall provide policy directions with respect to the implementation of the Agreement. Trade officials of the Parties shall meet annually prior to the Annual Summit of Heads of Governments to jointly review trade among parties including goods not listed in Schedule 1 to this Agreement including the inclusion of additional items in the Schedule. The Annual Summit of the Heads of Governments may decide from time to time to establish technical committees to oversee the implementation of specific fields

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		of activity of the Agreement such as quarantine, customs and trade.

**Trade and tariff data are not available.**