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EC REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

Tables I and II list all preferential trade agreements that the EC has notified under either Article XXIV of the GATT or Article V of the GATS and where the GATT/WTO notification has not been overtaken by later notifications of successor agreements.

Table III lists EPAs under preparation.

I. Agreements notified under GATT Article XXIV (Free Trade Areas and Customs Unions covering Trade in Goods)

| Partners | Nature of agreement | OJ Reference | Date of entry into force | Date of notification to GATT/WTO | Status of GATT/WTO examination | Comments |
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| EC Member States (EC12) | Treaty of Rome | | 01.01.58 | 24.04.57 | Examination concluded in 1957. Subsequent accessions of Denmark/Ireland/UK, Greece and Portugal/ Spain were also all notified and examined. | |
| EC - Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden (EC15) | | C/241, 29.08.94 | 01.01.95 | 19.01.95 | WTO consideration concluded. | |

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| EC – Accession of : Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia (EC25) | | L/236, 23.09.03 | 01.05.04 | 26.04.04 | WTO consideration concluded. | |
| EC – Accession of Bulgaria and Romania (EC27) | | L/157, 21.06.05 | 01.01.07 | 27.09.06 | WTO consideration ongoing. | |

Customs Union

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| Andorra | Customs Union | L/374, 31.12.90 | 01.07.91 | 25.02.98 | Factual examination concluded | Exchange of Letters. |
| Turkey | Customs Union | L/35, 13.02.96 | 31.12.95 | 22.12.95 | Factual examination concluded | Decision 1/95 of the EC-Turkey Association Council. |
| San Marino | Customs Union | L/359, 09.12.92 | 01.12.92 | | | Interim agreement, pending entry into force of Customs Union also signed on 16.12.91. MFN exemption for customs regime with Italy recognised by the GATT Havana Conference. |

Free Trade Agreements

(a) Europe

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| Faroe Islands | Free Trade Agreement | L/53, 22.2.97 | 01.01.97 | 19.02.97 | Factual examination concluded | Replaces earlier (1991) trade agreement. |
| Norway | Free Trade Agreement | L/171, 27.06.73 | 01.07.73 | 13.07.73 | Working Party report adopted | |
| Iceland | Free Trade Agreement | L 301, 31.12.72 | 01.04.73 | 24.11.72 | Working Party report adopted | |
| Switzerland | Free Trade Agreement | L/300, 31.12.72 | 01.01.73 | 27.10.72 | Working Party report adopted | FTA also covered Liechtenstein, which now participates in EEA. |

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| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) | L/084, 20.03.04 L/085, 23.03.04 C/213e, 31.07.01 | 01.05.04 | 23.10.01 | Factual examination concluded | Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement. |
| Croatia | Stabilisation and Association Agreement | L/26, 25.01.05 | 01.02.05 | 20.12.02 | Factual examination concluded | Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement. |
| Albania | Stabilisation and Association Agreement | L 104 (24/04/2009) L 300 (31/10/2006) L 107 (28/04/2009) | 01.04.2009 | 07.03.07(goods) 07.10.09(services) | Factual examination concluded for trade in goods, on going for trade in services | Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement. |
| Montenegro | Stabilisation and Association Agreement | L 108 (29/04/2010) | 01.05.2010 | 16.01.08(goods) 18.06.10(services) | Factual examination ongoing for trade in goods and services | Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Interim Agreement on trade and trade related matters | L 186 (15/07/2008) L 233 (30/08/2008) L 169 (30/06/2008) | 01.07.08 | 11.07.08 | Factual examination ongoing for trade in goods | Interim agreement, pending entry into force of SAA. |
| Serbia | Interim Agreement on trade and trade related matters | L28/2, 30.01.10 | 01.02.10 | 31.05.2010 | Factual examination ongoing for trade in goods | Interim agreement, pending entry into force of SAA. |

(b) **Mediterranean**

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| Algeria | Association Agreement | L/265, 10.10.05 | 01.09.05 | 24.07.06 | Factual examination not started | Euro-Mediterranean Agreement replaces co-operation agreement (L/263, 27.09.78) notified to GATT on 28.07.76 (report adopted 11.11.77) |
| Egypt | Association Agreement | L/345, 31.12.03 | 01.06.04 | 04.10.04 | WTO consideration on-going. | Euro-Mediterranean Agreement; replaces co-operation agreement (L/266, 27.09.78) notified to GATT on 15.07.77 (report adopted 17.05.78) |

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| Israel | Association Agreement | L/147, 21.06.00 | 01.06.00 | 20.09.00 | Factual examination concluded | Euro-Mediterranean Agreement; trade provisions initially applied under Interim (1995) Agreement |
| Jordan | Association Agreement | L/129, 15.05.02 | 01.05.02 | 20.12.02 | Factual examination concluded | Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, signed on 24.11.97 |
| Lebanon | Interim Agreement | L/262, 30.09.02 | 01.03.03 | 04.06.03 | WTO consideration not started. | Euro-Mediterranean Agreement signed on 17.06.02; replaces cooperation agreement (L/267, 27.09.78) notified to GATT on 15.07.77 (report adopted 17.05.78) |
| Morocco | Association Agreement | L/70, 18.03.00 | 01.03.00 | 13.10.00 | Factual examination concluded | Euro-Mediterranean Agreement |
| Palestinian Authority | Association Agreement | L/187, 16.07.97 | 01.07.97 | 30.06.97 | Factual examination not started | Interim Euro-Mediterranean Agreement |
| Syria | Co-operation Agreement | L/269, 27.09.78 | 01.07.77 | 15.07.77 | Working Party report adopted 17.05.78 | Euro-Mediterranean Agreement signed in October 2004. It has not entered into force yet. |
| Tunisia | Association Agreement | L/97, 30.03.98 | 01.03.98 | 23.03.99 | Factual examination concluded | Euro-Mediterranean Agreement |

(c) Others

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| Certain Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT/PTOM II) | Association Agreement | | 01.01.71 | 14.12.70 | Working Party reported adopted 09.11.71 | Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories, as foreseen under Part Four of the Treaty of Rome |
| Chile | Association Agreement, and Additional Protocol | L/352, 30.12.02 L/38, 10.02.05 | 01.02.03 (trade) 01.03.05 (full) | 03.02.04 | Factual examination concluded | Association Agreement signed in November 2002 |

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| Mexico | Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement | L/276, 28.10.00 L/157, 30.06.00 L/245, 30.09.00 | 01.07.00 | 25.07.00 | Factual examination concluded | Decision 2/2000 on EC-Mexico free trade area in the context of global agreement signed in December 1997 |
| South Africa | Trade, Development and Co-operation Agreement | L/311, 04.12.99 | 01.01.00 | 02.11.00 | WTO consideration ongoing. | Under an Exchange of Letters, the provisions establishing an FTA in Goods are applied provisionally from 01.01.00 pending entry into force of the full agreement. |
| CARIFORUM States (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago) | Economic Partnership Agreement | L/289, 30.10.08 | Pending | 16.10.08 | WTO consideration ongoing. | Succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Date of signature: 15 October 2008 (Haiti signed on 11 December 2009) |
| Ivory Coast | Interim Economic Partnership Agreement | L/59, 03.03.09 | Pending | 11.12.08 | WTO consideration ongoing. | Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Date of signature: 26 November 2008 |
| Cameroon | Interim Economic Partnership Agreement | L/57, 28.02.09 | Pending | 24.09.09 | WTO consideration ongoing. | Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Date of signature: 15 January 2009 |

II. Agreements notified under GATS Article V (Regional Economic Integration Agreements covering Trade in Services)

| Partners | Nature of agreement | OJ Reference | Date of entry into force | Date of notification to GATT/WTO | Status of GATT/WTO examination | Comments |
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| EC Member States (EC 12) | Treaty of Rome | | 01.01.58 | 10.11.95 | Factual examination concluded | |
| EC 15 Enlargement | | C/241, 29.08.94 | 01.01.95 | 19.01.95 | Factual examination concluded | |
| EC 25 Enlargement | | L/236, 23.09.03 | 01.05.04 | 26.04.04 | WTO consideration concluded | |
| EC 27 Enlargement | | L/157, 21.06.05 | 01.01.07 | 26.06.07 | WTO consideration ongoing | |

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| Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway | European Economic Area | L/1, 03.01.94 | 01.01.94 | 10.10.96 | Factual examination concluded | EEA replaces previous FTA agreements with these countries (L/300-301, 31.12.72 and L/171, 27.06.73) which were notified to GATT on 27.10.72, 24.11.72 and 13.07.73. (reports adopted on 19.10.73 and 28.03.74) |
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| Chile | Association Agreement | L/352, 30.12.02 | 01.03.05 | 28.10.05 | WTO consideration concluded | |
| Mexico | Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement | L/276, 28.10.00 | 01.10.00 | 21.06.02 | WTO consideration not started. | Decision 2/2001 of EC-Mexico Joint Council, in context of EC-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement signed 8 December 1997 |
| CARIFORUM States (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago) | Economic Partnership Agreement | L/289, 30.10.08 | Pending | 16.10.08 | WTO consideration on-going. | Date of signature: 15 October 2008 (Haiti signed on 11 December 2009) |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Stabilisation and Association Agreements | L/84, 20.03.04 | 01.04.04 | 06.10.09 | WTO consideration not started | |
| Croatia | Stabilisation and Association Agreements | L/26, 28.01.05 | 01.02.05 | 13.10.09 | WTO consideration not started | |
| Albania | Stabilisation and Association Agreements | L/107, 28.04.09 | 01.04.09 | 07.10.09 | WTO consideration not started | |

III. EPAs under preparation

| Partners | Nature of agreement | Comments |
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| EAC (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda) | Interim Economic Partnership Agreement | Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Negotiations on a more comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ongoing. |
| ESA (Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zambia, Zimbabwe) | Interim Economic Partnership Agreement | Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Signed on 29 August 2009 by Mauritius, Seychelles, Zimbabwe and Madagascar. Negotiations on a more comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ongoing. |
| Pacific (Papua New Guinea, Fiji) | Interim Economic Partnership Agreement | Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Papua New Guinea signed on 30 July 2009. Fiji signed on 11 December 2009. Negotiations on a more comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ongoing. |
| SADC (Botswana , Lesotho, Namibia, Mozambique, Swaziland) | Interim Economic Partnership Agreement | Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique signed in June 2009. Negotiations on a more comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ongoing. |
| West Africa (Ghana) | Interim Economic Partnership Agreement | Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Negotiations on a more comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ongoing. |