



Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) EPA

- **ESA CONFIGURATION**

The region is composed of 11 countries:

Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Seychelles, Sudan, Zambia and Zimbabwe

- **EPA STATE OF PLAY (MARCH 2013)**

Interim EPA negotiations and agreements:

The interim EPA was initialled on 28 November 2007 with Seychelles, Zambia and Zimbabwe, on 4 December 2007 with Mauritius and on 11 December 2007 with Comoros and Madagascar. On 30 September 2008 Zambia initialled its market access offer.

The interim EPA was signed by: Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles and Zimbabwe on 29 August 2009.

Comoros have required some time to further examine the agreement and Zambia wanted to consult other LDCs in the region. Their signature is expected soon. The Seychelles ratified the agreement in May 2010 and Madagascar and Mauritius notified provisional application in July 2011. Zimbabwe completed its ratification progress in April 2012 and the agreement is provisionally applied since 14 May 2012. Early steps to put this EPA into practice included organising an EPA committee on 19 October 2012 which discussed implementation in the area of producers, customs and Rules of Origin, as well as development cooperation. The European Parliament gave its consent to the agreement on 17 January 2013.

Progress in negotiations on full EPA

Full EPA negotiations to reach a more comprehensive and inclusive agreement progressed during 2011. In 2012, parties focused first on the implementation of the existing interim EPA.

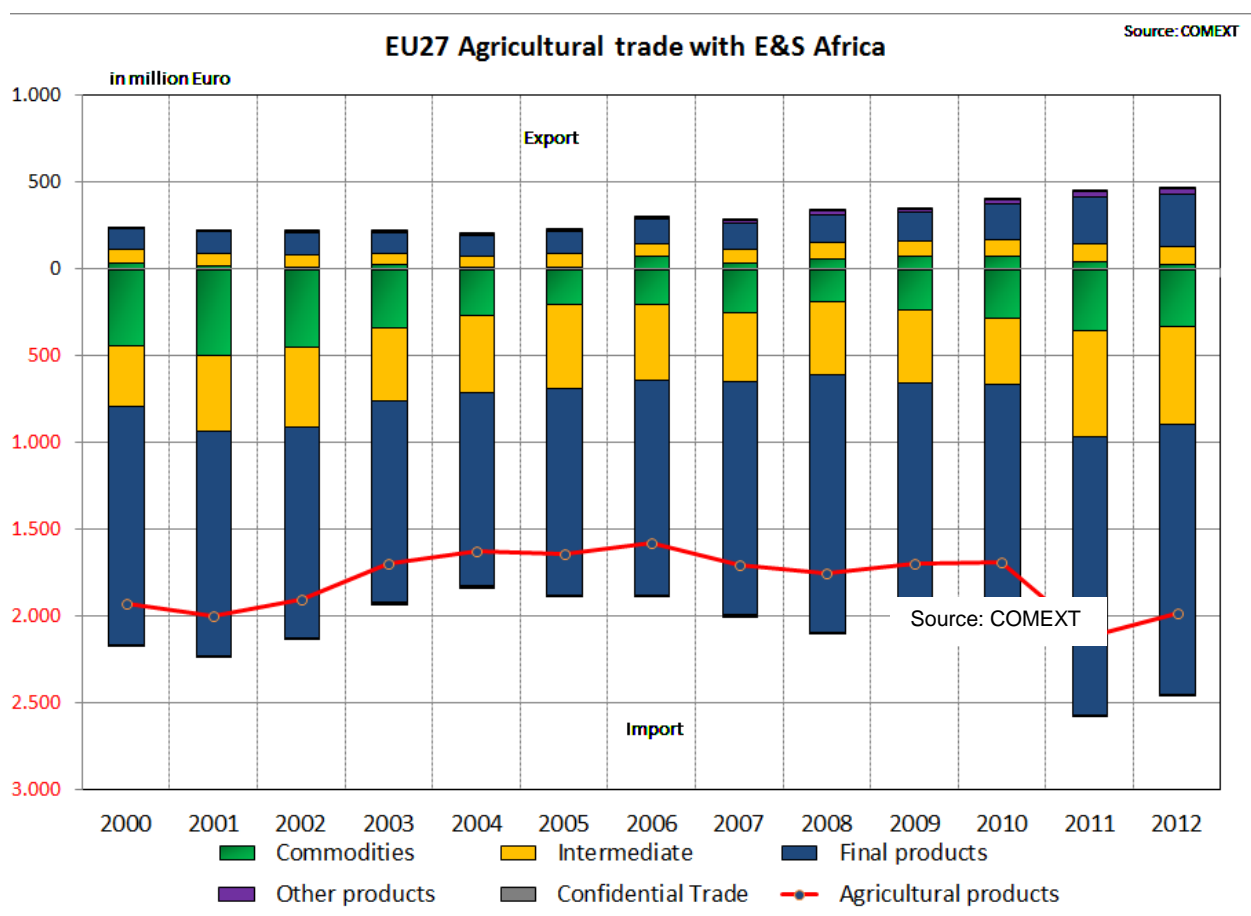
More information about state of play of negotiations:

- **IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE IN ESA REGION**

Country	Population (millions)	GNI per capita Atlas (\$)	Value added, agriculture (% of GDP)
Comoros	0.735	750	46
Djibouti	0.889	1270	4
Eritrea	5.3	340	15
Ethiopia	83.0	390	48
Madagascar	20.7	430	29
Malawi	14.9	330	31
Mauritius	1.3	7750	4
Seychelles	0.087	9710	2
Sudan	43.6	1270	24
Zambia	12.9	1070	9
Zimbabwe	12.6	460	17

Source: The Little Data Book 2012. The World Bank

- **AGRICULTURE TRADE**



- **AGRICULTURE ISSUES IN EPA**

Chapter on Agriculture: The EU and ESA agreed to negotiate agriculture as a stand-alone chapter. It does not cover market access issues, e.g. tariffs or safeguards, which are included into Trade in Goods part of EPA.

Rules of Origin:

EPA Rules of origin are included into Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation. In comparison with "Cotonou" EPA includes relaxed rules of origin for many agricultural products that were identified by the region as important in their trade with the EU. Rules of origin that will be used in full EPA still need to be negotiated.



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