



Trade facilitative tools: EU Trade Helpdesk

**The EU-Singapore
FTA Outreach Series II**

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EU Tools: Exports – Imports



Market Access Database

To export from the EU to
Singapore:

<https://madb.europa.eu/>

Trade Helpdesk

To export to the EU from
Singapore:

<https://trade.ec.europa.eu/tradehelp/>

Trade Helpdesk



The screenshot shows the EU Trade Helpdesk interface. At the top, there is a search bar and the text 'TRADE HELPDESK'. Below this is a navigation menu with options: 'The European Market', 'Requirements', 'Import Duties', 'Internal taxes', 'Rules of Origin', 'Statistics', and 'Help'. The main content area features a large heading 'I want to export to the EU' and three input fields: 'I want to export from:' (with 'Singapore' selected), 'To an EU Member State:' (with 'Lithuania' selected), and 'Product code:'. A blue button labeled 'Find my product code' is positioned below the product code field. At the bottom, a yellow button labeled 'View rates and requirements' is visible.

- Allows for exporters to find out about the exact **conditions and requirements** necessary to export their products to the EU
- It is **public and completely free**
- In **English, French, Spanish and Portuguese**

Guide to the EU market

Your guide to the EU market's import rules and taxes

The European Union (EU) is the world's largest single market and the EU Trade Helpdesk is your one-stop-shop to access it. The EU is committed to helping exporters like you in its trade partner countries with the information you need to:

- Make the most of the trade agreements we have put in place;
- Bring your products onto the EU market.

[Read more...](#)



The European market

Learn about basic rules, import procedures and documents required to access the European single market of 28 countries and over 500 million consumers...

[Read more on how the EU classifies products](#)



Rules of Origin

Find out if your exports can benefit from one of many trade agreements the EU has signed with countries throughout the world.

- [Rules of Origin](#)
- [How to claim a reduced duty under the Generalised Scheme of Preferences](#)



Statistics

Check how much of your product the EU has imported since 2002 and from where.

[Statistics](#)



Import duties

Whatever entry point into Europe you choose, the duties will be collected only once. Check whether you qualify for import duty relief or discount.

[Read more about import duties](#)



Requirements

Goods imported into Europe need to fulfil technical, safety and labelling requirements and regulations as defined by EU laws. Find out more about them here.

- [Policy areas](#)
- [Product related requirements and regulations](#)



Internal taxes

Value Added Tax and excise duties vary in the 28 EU countries. Find out more and check specific tax levels.

[Read more about EU tax](#)



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USEFUL TRADE TOOLS AND INFORMATION

EU TRADE HELPDESK

The EU supports businesses wanting to import into the EU by providing clear facts on the rules and requirements for importing into the EU.

The EU's Trade Helpdesk provides comprehensive information for trade partner countries on how to access the EU market and benefit from preferential trade agreements, including:

- Information on import tariffs and other import measures
- Information on EU preferential conditions for imports from trade partner countries
- Trade statistics for the EU and its individual Member States
- Rules of origin
- Information on EU and Member States' import requirements and internal taxes on products.
- Links to other authorities and international organisations involved in trade promotion and the practical aspects of trade
- The possibility to ask for information about your own particular situation and product(s)
- A "What's New" section with import related news.

<http://tradehelpdesk.europa.eu>

EXPORT TO THE EU IN SIX EASY STEPS



1

Check the customs code for your product:

- Open the search box
- Browse the classification tree or type a keyword
- Define your product, the exporting country and the importing country.



2

The results for your product are right there:

Check 'Requirements':

- the health, safety or technical standards your product needs to meet

Check the 'Internal taxes':

- the VAT or excise duties for your product in the importing country.



3

Check 'Customs duties':

- the standard rate of EU import for your product
- a possibly reduced rate if the exporting country has a trade agreement with the EU or benefits from a preferential scheme
- Any quota or anti-dumping duties



4

Check the 'Rules of origin' for your product:

- they indicate the minimum processing your product must undergo in your country to be considered as 'originating' there
- the origin depends also on where the inputs you use for your final product are from
- the customs offices at EU borders will verify your origin certificate



5

Check the 'Statistics':

- find out how much other countries are already exporting your kind of product to the EU



6

Click on 'Resources' to find:

- more on product codes
- chambers of commerce and customs offices in each EU country or
- additional information for your country

EU Classification system

Harmonized System (HS):

- ✓ Sections
- ✓ Chapters (2 digits)
- ✓ Headings (4 digits)
- ✓ Sub-headings (6 digits)

EU Classification:

- ✓ Combined Nomenclature (8 digits)
- ✓ Integrated Tariff (10 digits)





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Example of classification:



-	Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, lasagne, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni; couscous, whether or not prepared	19	02		
-	-	19	02	11 00 00 - 19 00 00	
-	-	19	02	11 00 00	
-	-	19	02	11 00 20	
-	-	19	02	11 00 90	
-	-	19	02	19 00 00	
-	-	19	02	19 10 00	
-	-	19	02	19 10 20	
-	-	19	02	19 10 90	
-	-	19	02	19 90 00	
-	-	19	02	19 90 20	
-	-	19	02	19 90 90	
+	Stuffed pasta, whether or not cooked or otherwise prepared	19	02	20 00 00	
-	-	19	02	30 00 00	
-	-	19	02	30 10 00	
-	-	19	02	30 10 10	
-	-	19	02	30 10 20	
-	-	19	02	30 10 80	
-	-	19	02	30 90 00	
-	-	19	02	30 90 20	

✓ Check updated
Classification

✓ Check preferential
tariff

✓ Check additional
duties



1806 10 90	-- Containing 80 % or more by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as sucrose) or isoglucose expressed as sucrose	8 + 41,9 €/100 kg/net	3	
1806 20 10	-- Containing 31 % or more by weight of cocoa butter or containing a combined weight of 31 % or more of cocoa butter and milkfat	8,3 + EA MAX 18,7 + AD S/Z	5	
1806 20 30	-- Containing a combined weight of 25 % or more, but less than 31 % of cocoa butter and milkfat	8,3 + EA MAX 18,7 + AD S/Z	5	
1806 20 50	--- Containing 18 % or more by weight of cocoa butter	8,3 + EA MAX 18,7 + AD S/Z	5	
1806 20 70	--- Chocolate milk crumb	15,4 + EA	5	
1806 20 80	--- Chocolate flavour coating	8,3 + EA MAX 18,7 + AD S/Z	5	
1806 20 95	--- Other	8,3 + EA MAX 18,7 + AD S/Z	5	
1806 31 00	-- Filled	8,3 + EA MAX 18,7 + AD S/Z	5	
1806 32 10	--- With added cereal, fruit or nuts	8,3 + EA MAX 18,7 + AD S/Z	5	
1806 32 90	--- Other	8,3 + EA MAX 18,7 + AD S/Z	5	
1806 90 11	---- Containing alcohol	8,3 + EA MAX 18,7 + AD S/Z	5	
1806 90 19	---- Other	8,3 + EA MAX 18,7 + AD S/Z	5	



Additional duties:

EA: Agricultural component

ADSZ: Additional duty on sugar content

ADFM: Additional duty on flour content

Tariff preference EUSFTA

Example TARIC 1806.20.10.20

Import Procedures	Product requirements	EU Import duties	Internal taxes	Rules of Origin FTA	Statistics	Show all
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EU Import duties

Origin	Measure Type	Tariff	Conditions	Footnote	EU Law
Any Country	Third country duty	8.30% + EA MAX 18.70% +ADSZ			R2204/99
Any Country	Non preferential tariff quota [01/07/2019 - 30/06/2020]	38.00%			R0050/15
Any Country	Non preferential tariff quota [01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020]	43.00%			R0928/06
Any Country	Restriction on entry into free circulation		Show	CD597	R1793/19
Singapore	Tariff preference	6.90% + EAR MAX 15.50% +ADSZR			D1875/19

Source: [DG Taxation and Customs Union](#), [Taric](#) : 29/01/2020

Additional duty calculation

Milk fat

$\geq 0 < 1.5$

$\geq 1.5 < 3$

$\geq 3 < 6$

$\geq 6 < 9$

$\geq 9 < 12$

Milk proteins

$\geq 0 < 2.5$

$\geq 2.5 < 6$

$\geq 6 < 18$

$\geq 18 < 30$

$\geq 30 < 60$

Starch/ Glucose

$\geq 0 < 5$

$\geq 5 < 25$

$\geq 25 < 50$

$\geq 50 < 75$

≥ 75

Sucrose/ Invert sugar/ Isoglucose

$\geq 0 < 5$

$\geq 5 < 30$

$\geq 30 < 50$

$\geq 50 < 70$

≥ 70

Example 1 (yellow):

• MFN:

8.30 % + 16.63 EUR/100kg MAX 18.70 % + 0 EUR/100kg

• Singapore:

6.90 % + 13.85 EUR/100kg MAX 15.50 % + 0 EUR/100kg

Example 2 (green):

• MFN:

8.30 % + 28.71 EUR/100kg MAX 18.70 % + 18.87 EUR/100kg

• Singapore:

6.90 % + 23.92 EUR/100kg MAX 15.50 % + 15.72 EUR/100kg

Website:

https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/taric_consultation.jsp?Lang=en

Measure publication start date must be before:

Legal base:

SECTION IV PREPARED FOODSTUFFS; BEVERAGES, SUBSTITUTES

CHAPTER 18 COCOA AND COCOA PREPARATIONS

1806 Chocolate and other food preparations

1806 10 - Cocoa powder, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter:

1806 20 - Other preparations in blocks, slabs, granular or other bulk form in contact with air:

1806 20 10 - - - Containing 31 % or more by weight of cocoa butter and milkfat:

1806 20 10 20 - - - containing 65 % or more by weight of cocoa butter and milkfat:

Additional Code:

ERGA OMNES (ERGA OMNES 1011)

→ Restriction on entry into free circulation (14-12-2019 -) (CD808)
Excluding: Iceland (IS), Liechtenstein (LI), Norway (NO)
[Show conditions]

→ Import control of organic products (01-01-2017 -) (CD808)
Excluding: Switzerland (CH), Iceland (IS), Liechtenstein (LI), Norway (NO)
[Show conditions]

→ Third country duty (01-07-2000 -): **8.30 % + EA(1) MAX 18.70 % + ADSZ(1)**
8.30 % + 26.48 EUR/100kg MAX 18.70 % + 0 EUR/100kg [R2204/99](#)

→ Non preferential tariff quota (01-07-2019 - 30-06-2020) : **38.00 %** (Order number: 090052) [R0050/15](#)

→ Non preferential tariff quota (01-01-2020 - 31-12-2020) : **43.00 %** (Order number: 090085) [R0928/06](#)

All third countries (ALLTC 1008)

→ Veterinary control (14-12-2019 -) (CD624) (CD626) (CD686) (CD737)
Excluding: Andorra (AD), Switzerland (CH), Faroe Islands (FO), Greenland (GL), Iceland (IS), Liechtenstein (LI), Norway (NO), San Marino (SM)
[Show conditions] [D0275/07](#)

Singapore (SG)

→ Tariff preference (21-11-2019 - 20-11-2020) : **6.90 % + EAR(1) MAX 15.50 % + ADSZR(1)**
6.90 % + 22.06 EUR/100kg MAX 15.50 % + 0 EUR/100kg [D1875/19](#)

Goods Composition

Milk fat	Milk proteins	Starch / Glucose	Sucrose / Invert sugar / Isoglucose
$\geq 0 < 1.5$	$\geq 0 < 2.5$	$\geq 0 < 5$	$\geq 0 < 5$
$\geq 1.5 < 3$			
$\geq 3 < 6$			
$\geq 6 < 9$			
$\geq 9 < 12$			
$\geq 12 < 18$			
$\geq 18 < 26$			
$\geq 26 < 40$			
$\geq 40 < 55$			
$\geq 55 < 70$			
$\geq 70 < 85$			
≥ 85			



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EUSFTA Product specific rules of origin

Import Procedures	Product requirements	EU Import duties	Internal taxes	Rules of Origin FTA	Statistics	Show all
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Rules of Origin FTA

Harmonized System classification	Product specific rule for sufficient production pursuant to Article 5	
ex Chapter 29	Organic chemicals, except for:	Manufacture from materials of any heading, except that of the product. However, materials of the same heading as the product may be used, provided that their total value does not exceed 20 % of the ex-works price of the product or Manufacture in which the value of all the materials used does not exceed 40 % of the ex-works price of the product
ex2905	Metal alcoholates of alcohols of this heading and of ethanol, except for:	Manufacture from materials of any heading, including other materials of heading 2905. However, metal alcoholates of this heading may be used, provided that their total value does not exceed 20 % of the ex-works price of the product or Manufacture in which the value of all the materials used does not exceed 40 % of the ex-works price of the product
290543; 290544; 290545	Mannitol; D-glucitol (sorbitol); Glycerol	Manufacture from materials of any subheading, except that of the product. However, materials of the same subheading as the product may be used, provided that their total value does not exceed 20 % of the ex-works price of the product or Manufacture in which the value of all the materials used does not exceed 40 % of the ex-works price of the product
2906, 2909, 2910, 2912-2918, 2920, 2924, 2931, 2933, 2934, 2942		Manufacture from materials of any heading, except that of the product. However, materials of the same heading as the product may be used, provided that their total value does not exceed 20 % of the ex-works price of the product or Manufacture in which the value of all the materials used does not exceed 50 % of the ex-works price of the product

[How to read the rules of origin?](#)

1. The two columns in the list describe the product obtained. The first column gives the heading number or chapter number used in the Harmonised System and the second column gives the description of goods used in that system for that heading or chapter. 2.
2. Where several heading numbers are grouped together in column 1 or a chapter number is given and the description of products in column 2 is therefore given in general terms, the adjacent rules apply to all products which, under the Harmonised System, are classified in headings of the chapter or in any of the headings grouped together in column 1.

Asian Food Quota

Example TARIC 1604.16.00.10 Spicy crispy anchovies (sambal ikan bilis) made of anchovies, onion, chilli paste, tamarind, belachan, brown sugar, and salt

Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates 16

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Tariffs - Details					
Product Code		1604160010			
Country of origin		Singapore			
Q1	Presentation of an endorsed certificate/licence: U177	Apply the mentioned duty			
Q2	Presentation of an endorsed certificate/licence:	Measure not applicable			
Additional information/Documents produced/Certificates and authorisations					
U177		Proof of origin containing the following statement in English: "Derogation — Annex B(a) of Protocol Concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation of the EU-Singapore FTA".			
Any Country	Third country duty	25.00%			R2658/87
Singapore	Preferential tariff quota [01/01/2020 - 20/11/2020]	20.80%	Show	CD742	R1927/19
Singapore	Tariff preference	20.80%			D1875/19

Source: DG Taxation and Customs Union, Taric : 29/01/2020



Manufactured from materials of any heading except that of the product

TARIC Consultation



TAXATION AND CUSTOMS UNION

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Last TARIC update: 29-01-2020

Tariff quota details

<i>Order number</i>	097952
<i>Validity period</i>	01-01-2020 - 31-12-2020
<i>Origin</i>	Singapore
<i>Initial amount</i>	400000 Kilogram
<i>Amount</i>	400000 Kilogram
<i>Balance</i>	400000 Kilogram
<i>Transferred Amount</i>	
<i>Exhaustion date</i>	
<i>Critical</i>	Yes
<i>Last import date</i>	
<i>Last allocation date</i>	
<i>Total awaiting allocation (indicative)</i>	0
<i>Blocking period</i>	
<i>Suspension period</i>	
<i>Allocated percentage at the exhaustion date</i>	0
<i>Associated TARIC code</i>	1604 16 00 10 1604 20 10 05 1604 20 30 05 1604 20 40 05 1604 20 50 05 1604 20 90 05

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First-come first-served basis

Three quota lists:

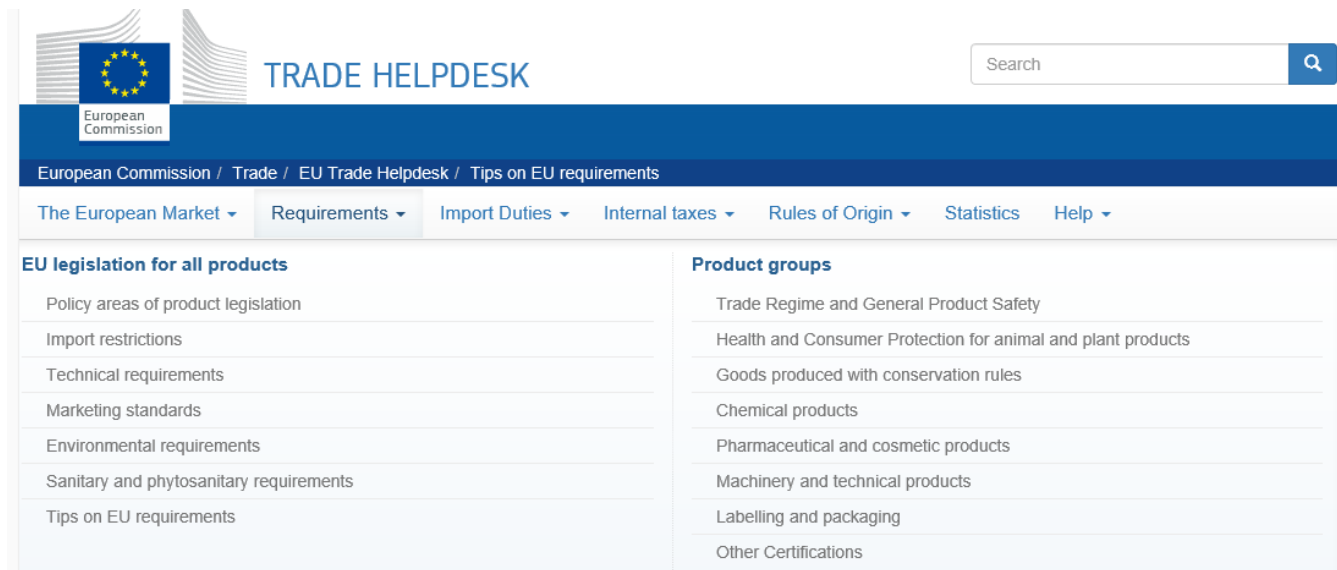
Order No. 097951 → 500t
 Order No. 097952 → 400t
 Order No. 097953 → 350t

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1927 of 19 November 2019

Website:

https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/quota_consultation.jsp?Lang=en

Requirements



The screenshot shows the 'TRADE HELPDESK' website. At the top left is the European Commission logo. To its right is the text 'TRADE HELPDESK'. Further right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: 'The European Market', 'Requirements', 'Import Duties', 'Internal taxes', 'Rules of Origin', 'Statistics', and 'Help'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'EU legislation for all products' and lists: 'Policy areas of product legislation', 'Import restrictions', 'Technical requirements', 'Marketing standards', 'Environmental requirements', 'Sanitary and phytosanitary requirements', and 'Tips on EU requirements'. The right column is titled 'Product groups' and lists: 'Trade Regime and General Product Safety', 'Health and Consumer Protection for animal and plant products', 'Goods produced with conservation rules', 'Chemical products', 'Pharmaceutical and cosmetic products', 'Machinery and technical products', 'Labelling and packaging', and 'Other Certifications'.



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Exporting from the EU - what you need to know

The Market Access Database (MADB) gives information to companies exporting from the EU about import conditions in third country markets:



Brexit

The European Commission has included in its Market Access Database detailed information on rules adopted by UK authorities that would apply on UK imports from the EU in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

How does this help you? / Which information can you get there?

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