Tanzania is a member of the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC).

The EAC is a customs union (Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania) with duty-free intra-EAC trade and a common external tariff (CET). A Common Market Protocol was adopted in 2009, which came into effect in 2010. However, the Protocol has not yet been fully implemented.

SADC is a Regional Economic Community with 16 member states, including all SACU countries, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mauritius, Mozambique, Malawi, Seychelles and Comoros. 13 SADC members are in a Free Trade Agreement (FTA); Comoros, DRC and Angola are yet to join the FTA.

21% of total trade is intra-Africa

42% is intra-Africa exports
- South Africa (46%)
- Kenya (14%)
- Uganda (7%)

12% is intra-Africa imports
- South Africa (88%)
- Uganda (5%)
- Kenya (25%)

3% of intra-Africa exports are to countries outside EAC and SADC

Main destination markets
- Ghana (30%)
- Nigeria (13%)
- Egypt (10%)
- Morocco (10%)
- Ethiopia (7%)
- Other (30%)

Main export products
- Articles for interior furnishing (11%)
- Coffee (8%)
- Tea (7%)
- Twine and cables (7%)
- Machines and mechanical appliances (6%)
- Kraft paper and paperboard (5%)
- Soaps (5%)
- Sugar (4%)
- Maize or corn (3%)
- Beauty or make-up preparations (2%)
- Flat-rolled iron or steel products not clad (2%)
- Hot-rolled iron or steel products not clad (2%)
Intra-Africa tariffs

Products from EAC and SADC enjoy preferential access into Tanzania. Goods imported from countries outside the EAC customs union and SADC free trade area do not enjoy preferential access into Tanzania. They are levied the MFN applied duty.

8% of intra-Africa imports are from countries outside EAC and SADC

Main source markets
- Egypt (50%)
- Morocco (37%)
- Tunisia (3%)
- Liberia (2%)
- Mauritania (2%)
- Other (6%)

Main import products
- Diammonium (31%)
- Sugar (14%)
- Fungicides (6%)
- Double salts and mixtures of calcium nitrate (5%)
- Other (44%)

African imports from outside EAC and SADC are levied MFN applied duties (EAC CET)

Most of the top 10 products Tanzania imports from outside the EAC and SADC are duty-free, except for sugar imports which have a specific duty of 100% or US$460/MT whichever is higher. Groats and meal of wheat attract the highest ad valorem duty (25% average tariff). Boards and cabinets are imported at 10% average tariff, while medium oils and preparations of petroleum or bituminous minerals are imported at 5.5% average tariff.

High average MFN applied duties
- Dairy products (60%)
- Clothing and textile (50%)
- Maize and wheat (50%)
- Honey and eggs (42.5%)
- Matches (40%)
- Plain woven fabrics (37.5%)
- Manufactured tobacco (35%)
- Bed linen (31.7%)

Low average MFN applied duties
- Tractors (0.6%)
- Inorganic chemical (0.7%)
- Pharmaceutical products (0.8%)
- Insecticides (1.3%)
- Mechanical appliances (1.3%)
- Telephone sets (1.4%)

Sources: ITC TradeMap (2019); ITC MacMap (2019); WTO Tariff Database (2019) and tralac calculations