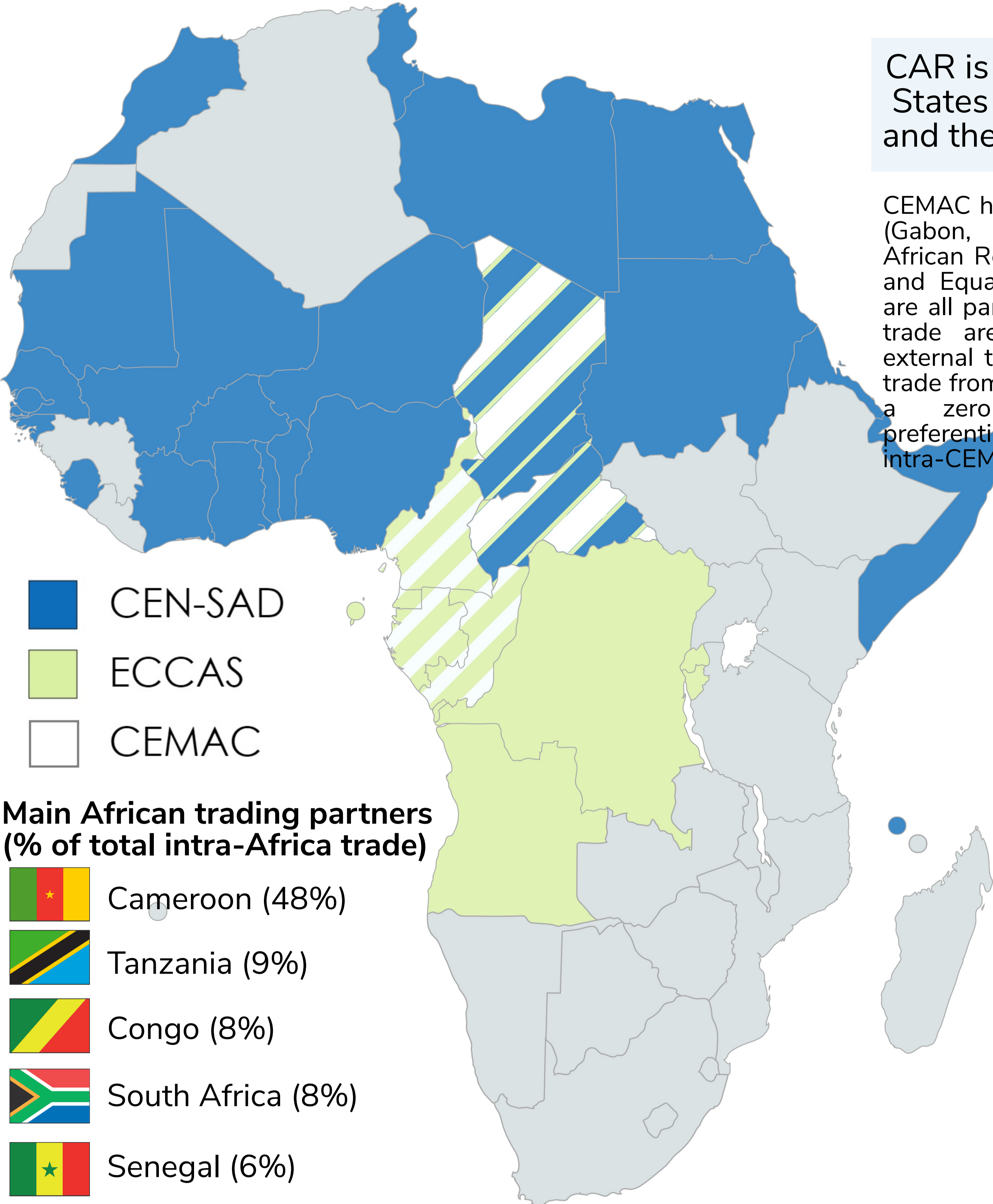


# Central African Republic



## Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile 2018



CAR is a member state of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) and the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC).

CEMAC has six member states (Gabon, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo and Equatorial Guinea) which are all part of the CEMAC free trade area with a common external tariff (CET) applied to trade from outside CEMAC and a zero-rated generalised preferential tariff applicable to intra-CEMAC trade.

ECCAS has 11 member states. Although the legal instruments of the ECCAS FTA were signed in 2004, the FTA is not yet in force; only three of the member states (Cameroon, Congo and Gabon) have adopted the ECCAS Preferential Tariff for intra-ECCAS trade.

CEN-SAD currently has 24 member states. CEN-SAD was revived in 2013 with a revision of the CEN-SAD Treaty. The revised Treaty focuses on cooperation activities to foster peace, security and sustainable development and measures to adapt to climate change but has not yet entered into force, there is still no free trade agreement in place.

**18%** of total trade is intra-Africa

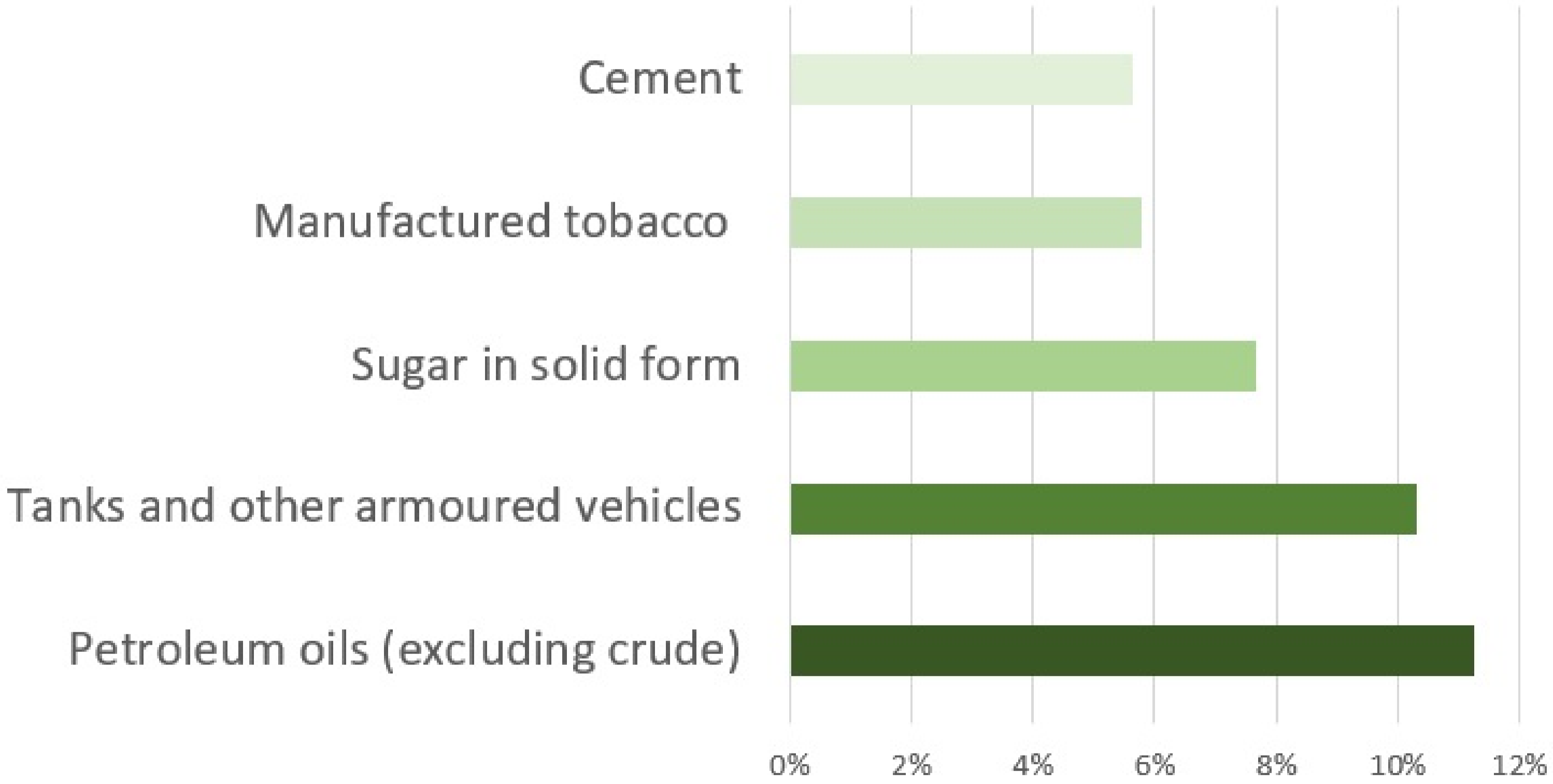
Intra-Africa exports: 22% of world exports

- Cameroon (48%)
- Niger (20%)
- Morocco (16%)
- Senegal (2%)

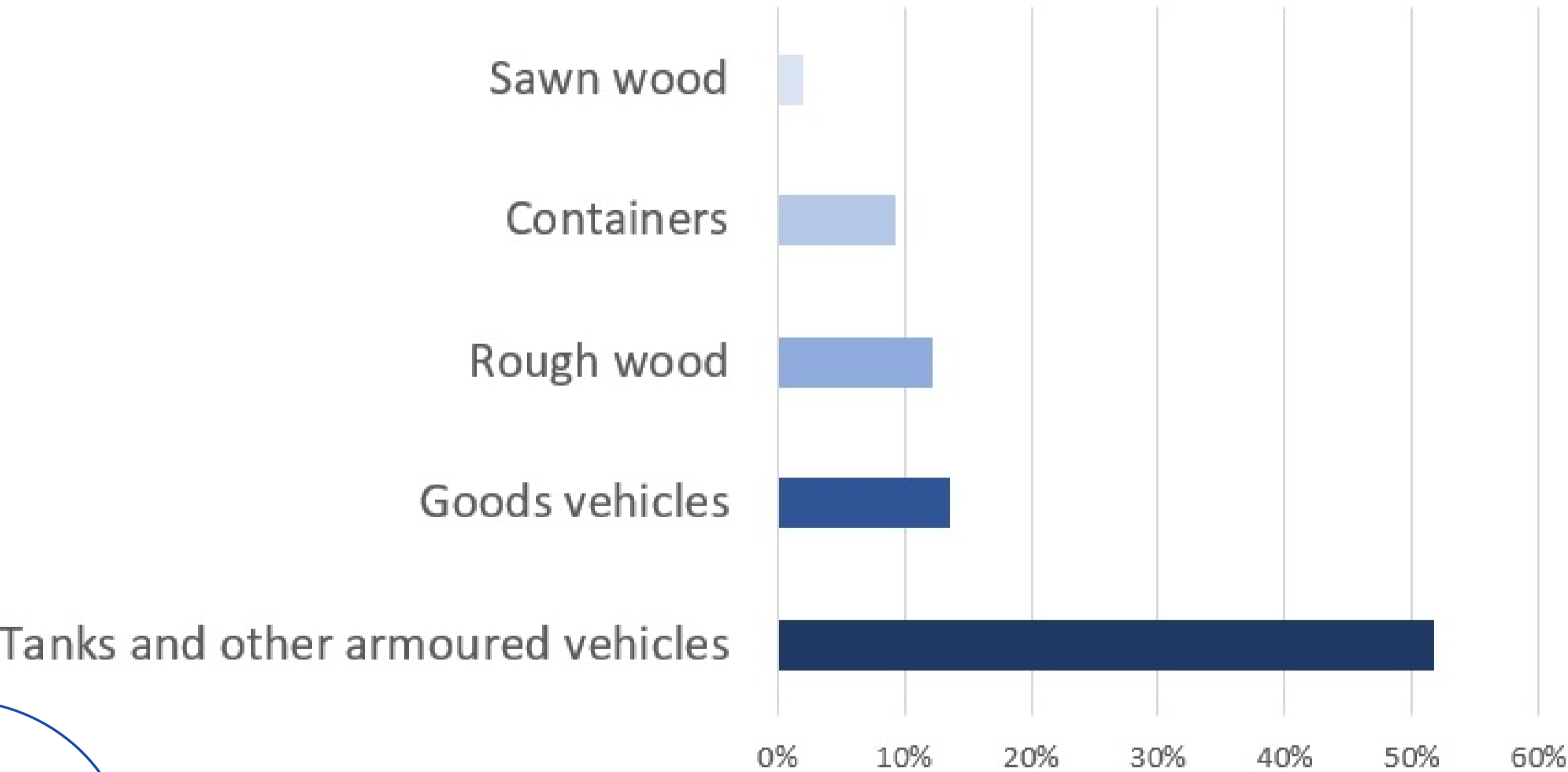
Intra-Africa imports: 17% of world imports

- Cameroon (46%)
- Tanzania (10%)
- South Africa (10%)
- Congo (9%)

### Main intra-Africa import products

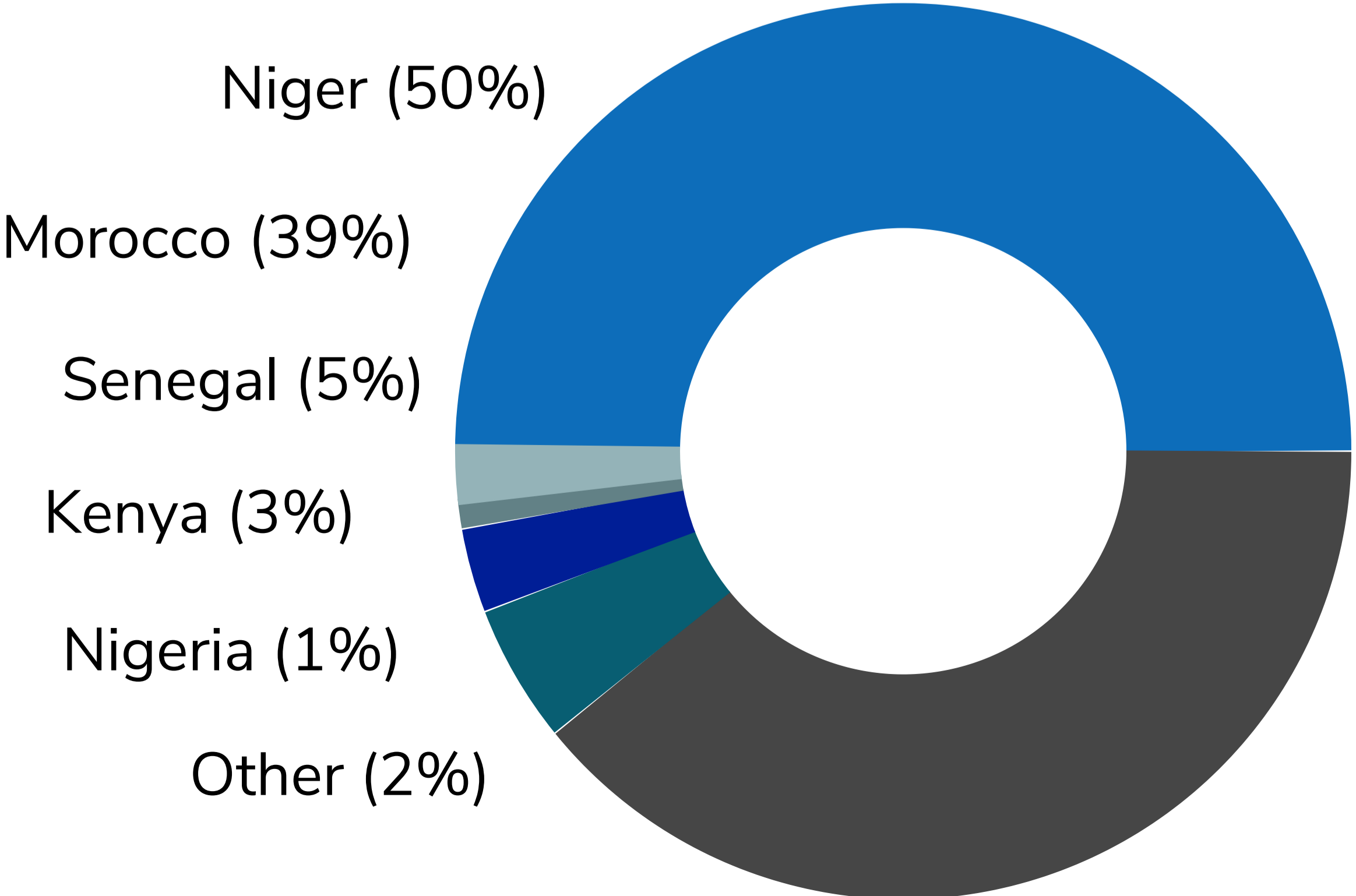


### Main intra-Africa export products



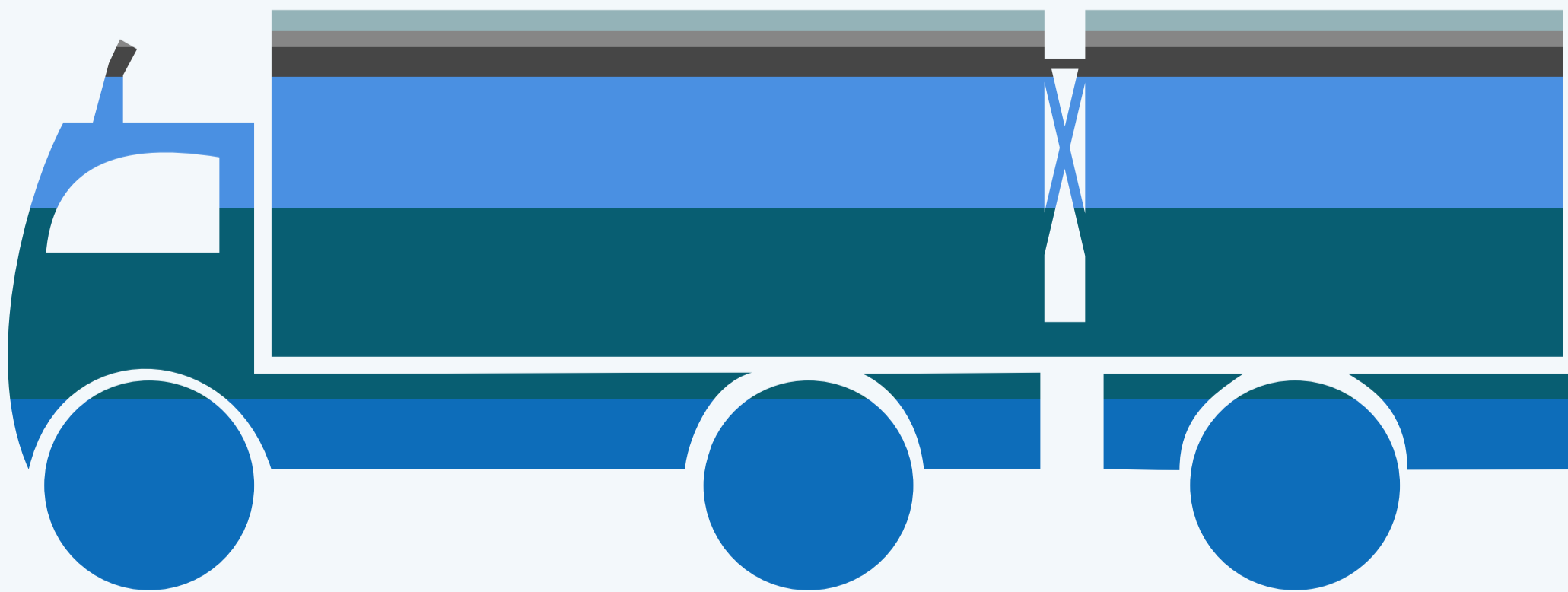
**40%** of intra-Africa exports are to countries outside CEMAC

### Main destination markets



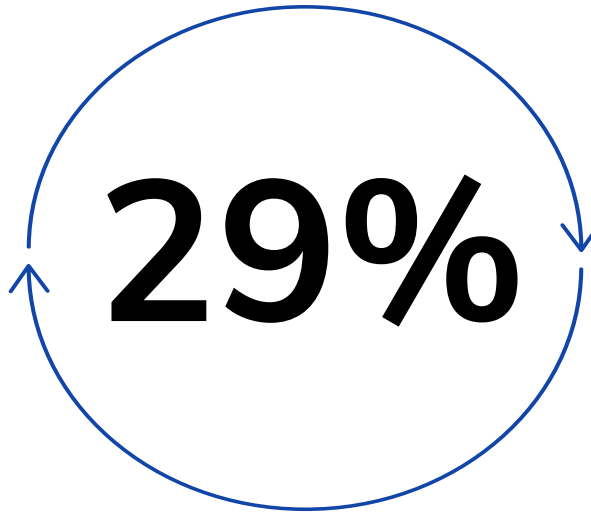
### Main export products

- Goods vehicles (33%)
- Tanks and other armoured vehicles (33%)
- Containers (23%)
- Tropical wood (5%)
- Gold (3%)
- Other (4%)



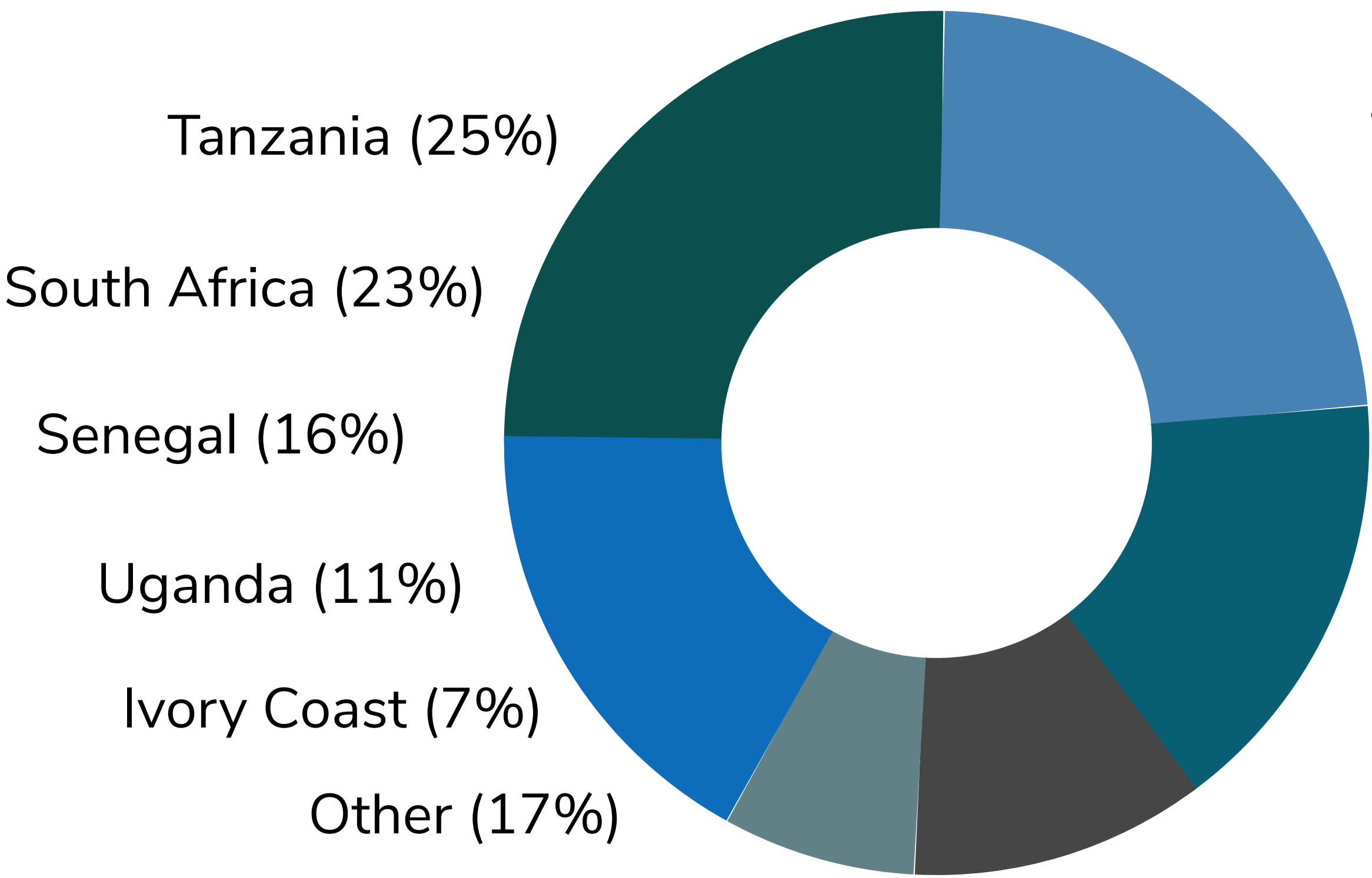
# Intra-Africa tariffs

CAR levies the intra-CEMAC generalised preferential tariff on imports from other CEMAC members (duty-free) and the CEMAC CET on imports from outside the CEMAC region. This means that goods imported from ECCAS and CEN-SAD member states which are not members of CEMAC (including Benin, Senegal, Mauritania and Ivory Coast) are levied the CEMAC CET. However, currently ECCAS and CEMAC member states are consolidating a proposal of a single CET for both communities to facilitate a customs union across CEMAC and ECCAS. The CEMAC CET five tariff bands – duty-free, 5%, 10%, 20% and 30%. The majority of tariffs levied are 10% and 30% duties.

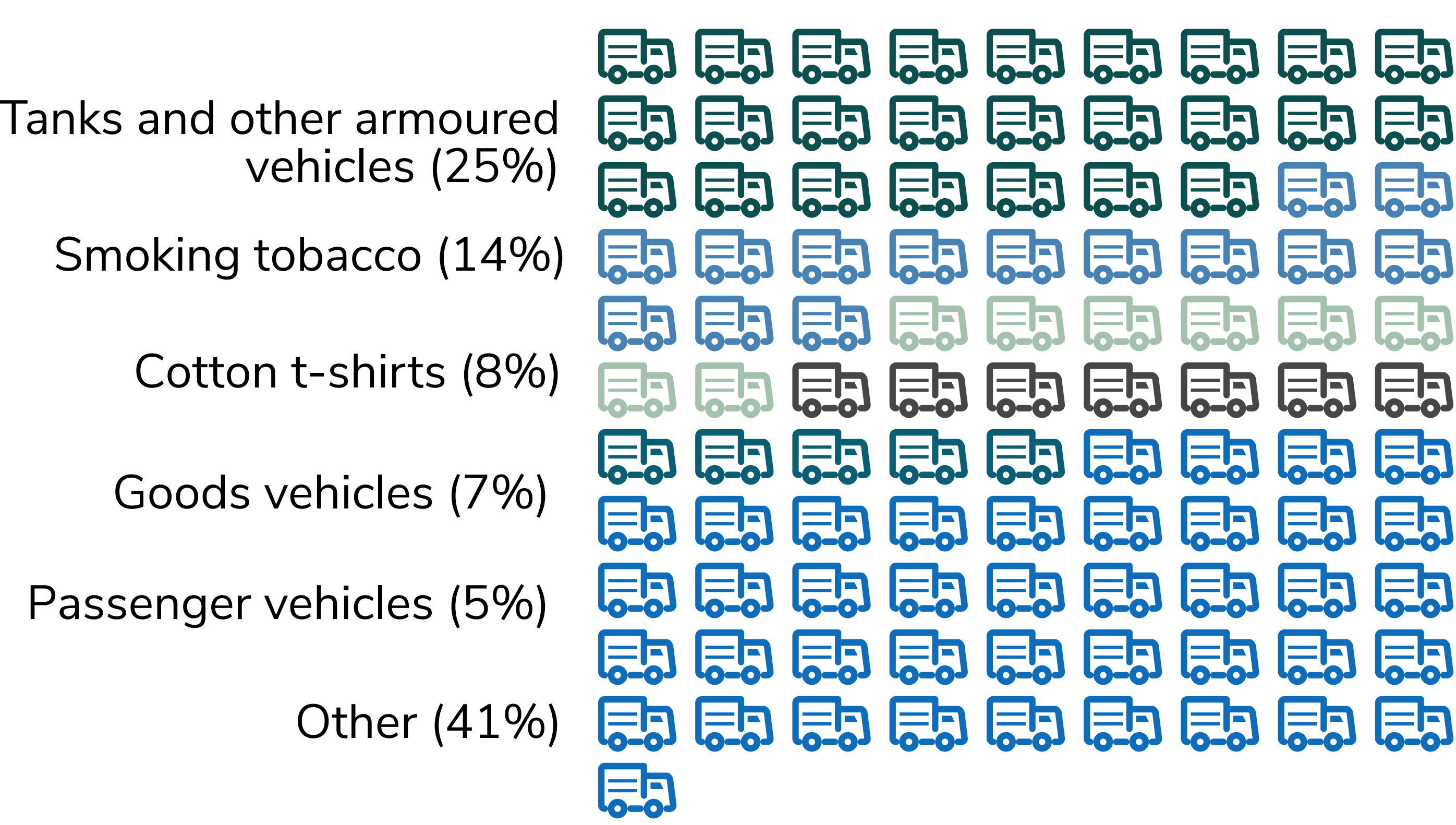


of intra-Africa imports are from countries outside ECOWAS

Main source markets



Main import products



African imports from outside CEMAC are levied MFN applied duties (CEMAC CET)

Of the top 20 products CAR imports from African countries outside CEMAC the majority are levied 10% import duties, and none are duty-free imports or imports levied 5% duties. 10% duties are levied on imports of tanks and other armoured vehicles, certain transformers and electric conductors; prefabricated buildings; petroleum bitumen and paper boxes and cartons. 20% import duties are levied on smoking tobacco, diesel goods vehicles, frozen tunas, unspecified food preparations and other wire cables. T-shirts, diesel passenger vehicles, tarpaulin, plastic flexible tube, footwear and special purpose garment imports are all levied 30% import duties.

## Highest MFN applied duties

- Cotton t-shirts and vests (30%)
- Diesel passenger vehicles (30%)
- Special garments for professional, sporting or other purposes (30%)
- Tarpaulins, awnings and sunblinds (30%)
- Trade advertising material (30%)
- Diesel goods vehicles (20%)
- Waters (30%)
- Burglar or fire alarms (20%)
- Frozen tuna (20%)
- Vehicle parts and accessories (20%)

## Lowest MFN applied duties

- Printed books (duty-free)
- Aircraft parts (duty-free)
- Fertilisers (5%)
- Concentrated milk and cream (5%)
- Tanks and other armoured vehicles (10%)
- Paper cartons and boxes (10%)
- Prefabricated buildings (10%)
- Pneumatic tyres for motor vehicles (10%)
- Rubber (10%)
- Tractors, dumpers and diesel goods vehicles weighing more than 20 tons (10%)