# Senegal

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#### 1. Introduction

Senegal is part of two Regional Economic Communities (RECs) - the Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS) and the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD).

- ECOWAS has 15 member states. All member states are part of the ECOWAS Free Trade Area (FTA), 14 of which are in the process of implementing the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET). Qualifying imports from approved ECOWAS producers are imported into Senegal duty-free, and Senegal does apply the ECOWAS CET on imports from outside the REC.
- CEN-SAD currently has 24 member states aspiring to establish an Economic Union which includes the free movement of goods, services and commodities. There is currently no free trade agreement in place.



Benin Burkina Faso Central Africa Ghana Republic Chad Comoros Ivory Coast Djibouti Egypt

Eritrea Gambia Guinea-Bissau Libya Mali Mauritania Morocco

Niger Nigeria Senegal Sierra Leone Somalia Sudan Togo Tunisia

#### **ECOWAS**

All are members of the **ECOWAS FTA** 

Cape Verde

Members implementing the

Burkina Faso Ivory Coast Ghana Gambia Guinea Guinea-Bissau Liberia Mali Niger Nigeria Senegal Sierra Leone

**ECOWAS CET** 

Benin

2. Intra-Africa trade

For 2019, 43% of Senegal's world exports & 13% of world imports were to and from the rest of Africa. Intra-Africa exports amounted to US\$1.8 billion (15% more than in 2018) &

compared to 2018 imports). The main export ECOWAS are levied duties in the respective products are petroleum oils (excluding crude), frozen destination markets. Of the top 10 import fish & cement, while crude petroleum oil account for products from outside ECOWAS only 39% of Senegal's intra-Africa imports for the year. medicaments are imported duty-free. Apart from South Africa, Senegal mainly trades with

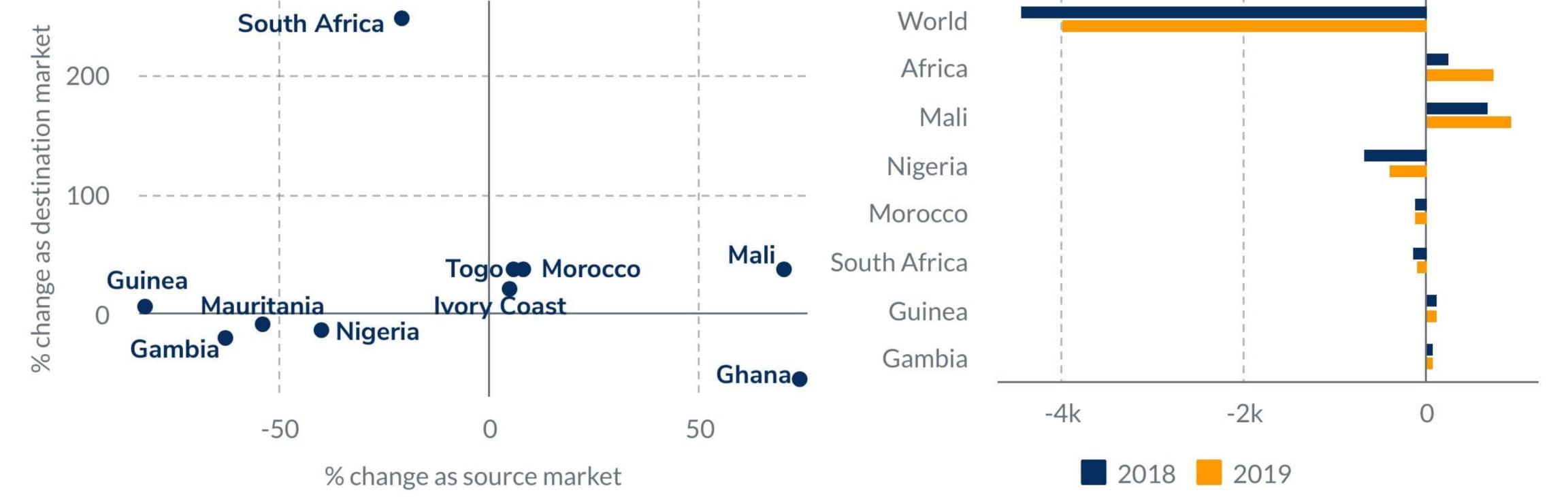
intra-Africa imports to US\$1 billion (20% decline Intra-Africa exports to countries outside

Togo

#### fellow CEN-SAD & ECOWAS member states. Main destination Senegal's intra-Africa trade 2019 markets Mali, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Petroleum oil Frozen fish Skincare products Cement Soups and food Gambia & Mauritania (not crude) preparations 33% 7% 3% 11% 7% all of Senegal's 75% of 73% of world 97% of world 99% of Senegal's world petroleum world soup and food frozen fish world cement skincare oil (excluding exports exports preparation exports product exports crude) exports intra-Africa imports as % of world imports of designated products Crude petroleum oils (39%) 100% Palm oil (7%) 61% Petroleum oil (excluding crude) (5%) 4% Main source markets 65% Coal (5%) South Africa Nigeria 79% Wood (3%) Morocco Ivory Coast Other (41%)



### Trade balance with designated trade partners 2018 & 2019



3. Intra-Africa tariffs & non-tariff cost of trade Qualifying goods from ECOWAS member states enter Senegal duty-free, while imports from CEN-SAD countries, which are not ECOWAS member states (including Egypt, Morocco, Somalia and Tunisia) and the rest of Africa are levied the MFN applied duty, which is the ECOWAS CET. The CET has five tariff bands - duty-free, 5%, 10%, 20% and 35%.

5% of Senegal's world exports (12% of intra-Africa exports) are to African countries not ECOWAS member states. Export products include frozen fish, petroleum oils (excluding crude), unmanufactured and manufactured tobacco mainly exported to Mauritania, Congo, Cameroon & Eswatini. 38% of intra-Africa imports (5% of world imports) are sourced from outside ECOWAS. Senegal mainly imports coal, tropical wood, medium oils and motor vehicles from non-ECOWAS countries.

Of the top 10 intra-Africa export products to countries outside ECOWAS, all except items of iron/steel exported to east Africa are levied duties in the respective destination markets. On the contrary, 97.5% of imports into South Africa are duty-free due to crude oil imports. For non-tariff trade costs, trade between Senegal and north, east & west Africa is more costly than trade with South Africa Brazil, France, China, Germany & UK.

### MFN duty categories & % of national tariff lines in each category

### Duty-free 2%

medicaments; crude petroleum oils; mineral and chemical fertilisers; printed books; newsprint in roll or sheets; newspapers or journals; human blood; articles of apparel and clothing accessories;

### 5% duties 37%

live beef animals; harvesting machinery; live poultry; copper wire; flat-rolled alloy steel; passenger motor vehicles; motor cycles; sugar or beets seeds; barley seeds

### 10% duties 23%

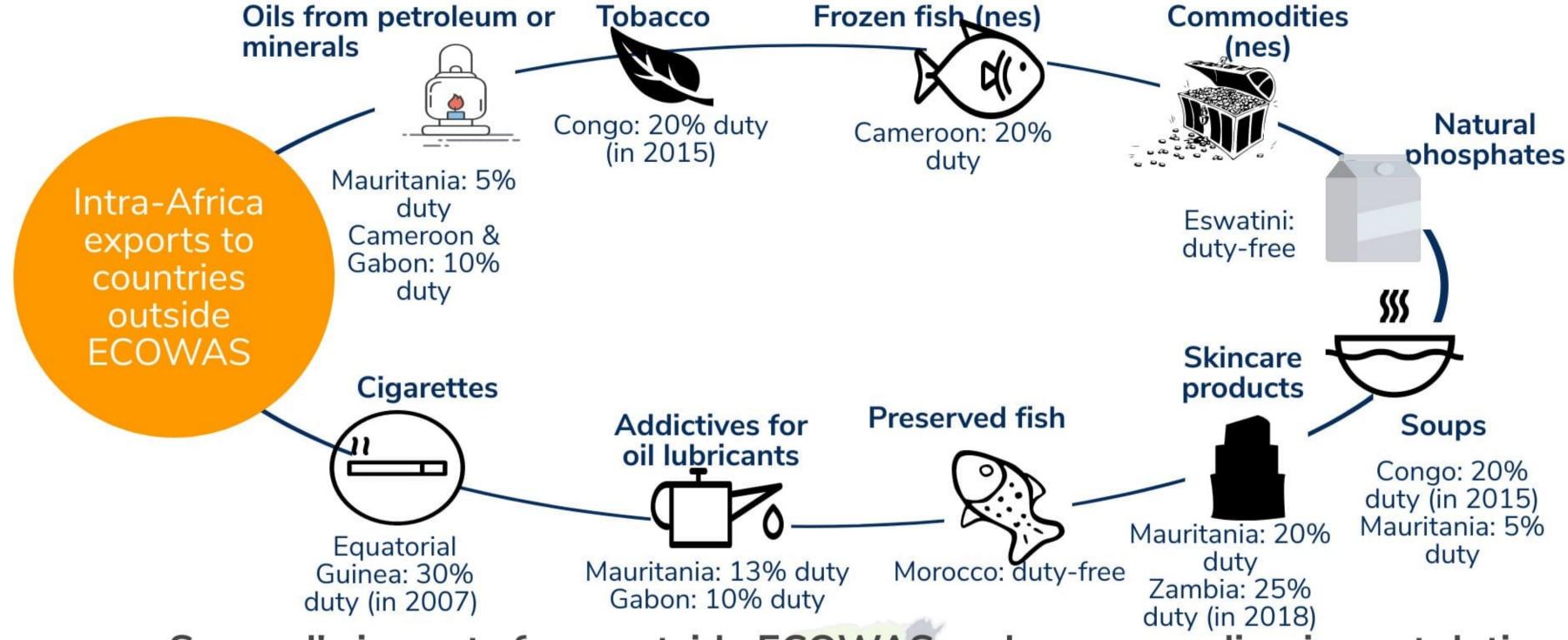
iron, non-alloy or stainless steel wire; fresh fish; animal drawn vehicles; rice; woven cotton fabrics; vegetable oils and fats; cotton yarn; telephone sets; coffee; grand pianos

## 20% duties 36%

fish fillets; fruit juices; male suits and shirts; copper wire; flour; fresh grapes; sanitary towels; milk and cream; stoves; curtains; lettuce; woven fabrics

### 35% duties 2%

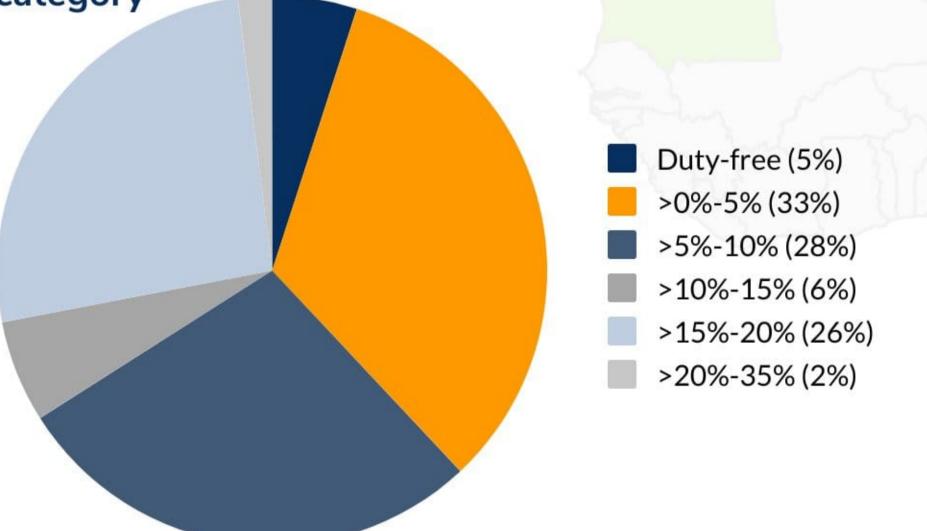
soap; buttermilk; meat and edible offals; groundnuts; oil; sheep or goat meat; bread; pastry; cakes; chocolates



### Senegal's imports from outside ECOWAS and corresponding import duties

65% of Senegal's world imports of coal are sourced from non-ECOWAS African countries; also 73% of tropical wood, 2% of medium oils and preparations, 26% of motor vehicles, 79% sacks and bags, 4% of medicaments, 94% of bombs & grenades and 68% of fresh apples.

# Categories of MFN duties & % of 2019 imports in each category



Of the top 20 import products, the highest tariffs are applicable to imports of soap (35% duty), fresh apples, beer, ammunition & paper sacks and bags (20% duty), food preparations (nes) (16% duty), aluminium containers (15% duty), tropical wood, vegetable fats and oils & cement clinkers (10% duty), oils from petroleum or bituminous minerals & goods motor vehicles (8%) & coal, iron or steel, fertilisers, polypropylene ( & sodium triphosphate 5% duty).

#### Morocco (33%)

Oil from bituminous minerals (10% duty)
Paper sacks and bags (20% duty)
Medicaments (duty-free)

#### South Africa (26%)

Goods transport vehicles (5% duty)
Fresh apples (20% duty)

#### **Tunisia** (12%)

Sodium triphosphate (5% duty)
Soya-bean oil (20% duty)
Vegetable fats and oils (10% duty)

#### **Egypt (9%)**

Beer from malt (20% duty) Silicates of sodium (5% duty) Urea (duty-free)

#### Cameroon (8%)

Tropical wood (10% duty)
Oil from bituminous minerals
(10% duty)

Machinery for aerating beverages (5% duty)

### The non-tariff cost of bilateral trade between Senegal & designated African trade partners

The ESCAP-World Bank trade cost database include the cost of transportation and the time to complete import procedures and obtain necessary information as non-tariff costs affecting bilateral trade between trade partners. The data shows that bilateral trade with Senegal is among the least costly for intra-Africa and declining, especially for agricultural trade. However, the cost of trade with numerous African countries are still higher than for trade with trade partners beyond the African continent. Furthermore, in most cases the cost of agriculture trade is higher than for trade in manufactured goods, except for manufactured goods trade between Senegal and Burkina Faso, Cameroon & Ivory Coast.

