

Sao Tome and Principe

intra-Africa trade & tariff profile 2019



1. Introduction

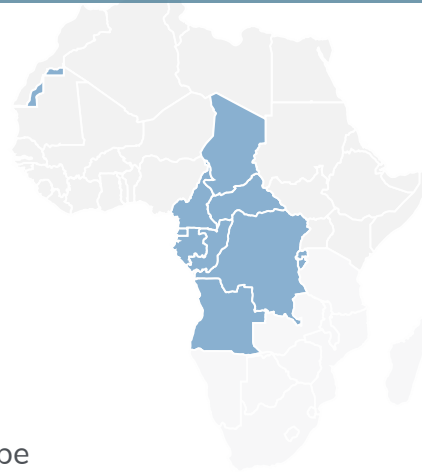
São Tomé and Príncipe is a member state only of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).

- The 11 ECCAS member states are Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Congo, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda and São Tomé and Príncipe. Although the legal instruments of the ECCAS Free Trade Area (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.

ECCAS

No FTA in place yet:

- Angola
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- CAR
- Chad
- Congo
- DRC
- Equatorial Guinea
- Gabon
- Rwanda
- São Tomé and Príncipe



2. Intra-Africa trade

For 2019, 4% of São Tomé and Príncipe's world exports & 27% of world imports were to and from the rest of Africa. Intra-Africa exports amounted to US\$387 thousand (13% decrease compared to 2018 exports). Intra-Africa imports amounted to US\$39.71 million (1% less than in 2018).

In 2019, São Tomé and Príncipe's main export products to Africa countries included desiccated nuts, helicopter parts, fresh coconuts, passenger vehicles. The main import products from Africa include commodities (n.e.s), petroleum oils, cement, passenger vehicles & soap.

São Tomé and Príncipe mainly trade with Angola, Nigeria and Gabon - accounting for 94% of São Tomé and Príncipe's intra-Africa. Other main trading partners for São Tomé and Príncipe include South Africa, Equatorial Guinea & Togo accounting for 3% (1% each) of intra-Africa trade.

Main destination markets

Angola, Kenya, Nigeria & Gabon



Main source markets



Sao Tome and Principe's intra-Africa trade 2019

Exports

Imports

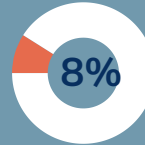
Desiccated coconuts



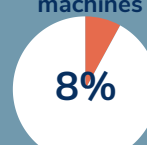
Helicopter parts



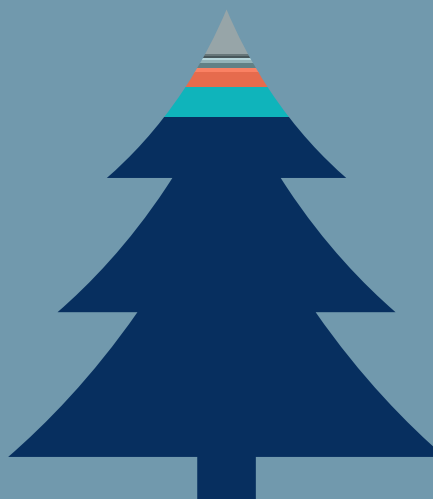
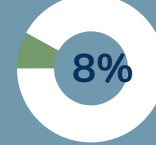
Fresh coconuts



Automatic data-processing machines

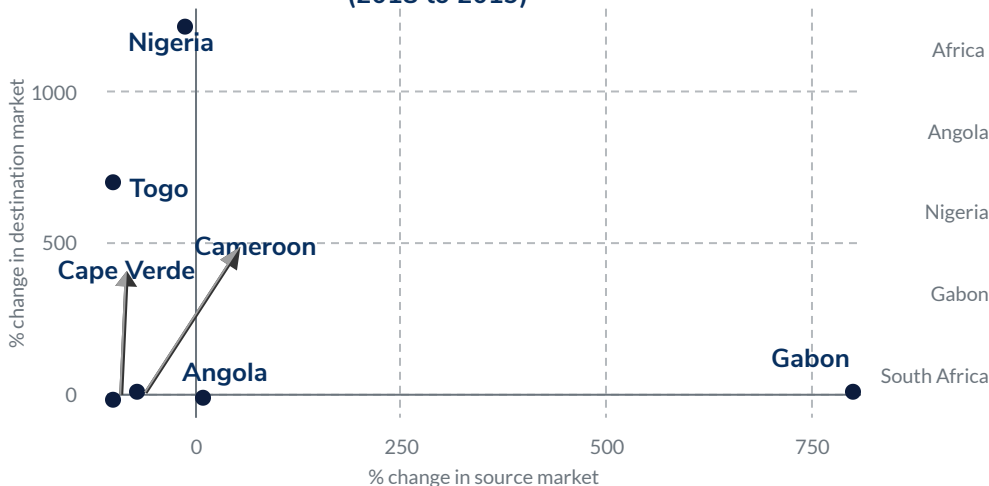


Passenger vehicles

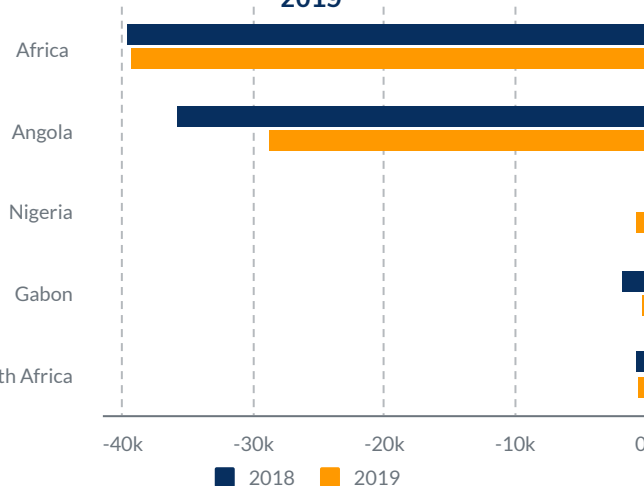


- Commodities n.e.s (78.87%)
- Cement (5.84%)
- Passenger (2.92%)
- Soap (0.97%)
- Non-alcoholic beverages (0.97%)
- Semiconductor devices (0.49%)
- Cigarettes (0.39%)
- Iron/steel articles (0.39%)
- Second-hand clothing (0.39%)
- Other (8.76%)

% change in exports to & imports from main African trade partners (2018 to 2019)



Trade balance with designated trade partners 2018 & 2019



3. Intra-Africa tariffs & non-tariff cost of trade
 São Tomé and Príncipe is a member of ECCAS, which the FTA is not yet in force and also currently only holds observer status at the WTO. It does not have an MFN applied tariff but a general applied tariff applicable to all imports coming from the rest of the African continent. The general applied tariff has 4 tariff bands – duty-free, 5%, 10% and 20%.

Most of the products mainly exported by São Tomé and Príncipe are destined for Africa. All of São Tomé and Príncipe world exports of helicopter parts, fresh coconuts, dried peaches, oilseeds, new pneumatic tyres, coaxial cable & bones and horn-cores are exported to Africa. Also 97% of the São Tomé and Príncipe desiccated exports & 94% of automatic data-processing machines go to Africa.

Except for helicopter parts exports to Kenya, all the main products exported by São Tomé and Príncipe to Africa face tariffs in their main destination markets. Exports of desiccated & fresh coconuts, and dried peaches face the highest import tariffs (50%) in Angola. 30% duties are applicable to São Tomé and Príncipe's exports of desiccated coconuts to Cameroon, and chocolate exports to Gabon.

MFN duties & % of national tariff lines in each category

Duty-free 3%

whole chicken; concentrated milk; milk and cream with a fat content of less than 1%; wheat flour; natural sand and cork; scraps of textile materials; self-propelled rock and coal cutters; motorcycles; wood products (fuel wood, wood charcoal, sleepers, coniferous wood and veneer, laminated and metallised wood products); and cameras.

5% duty 19%

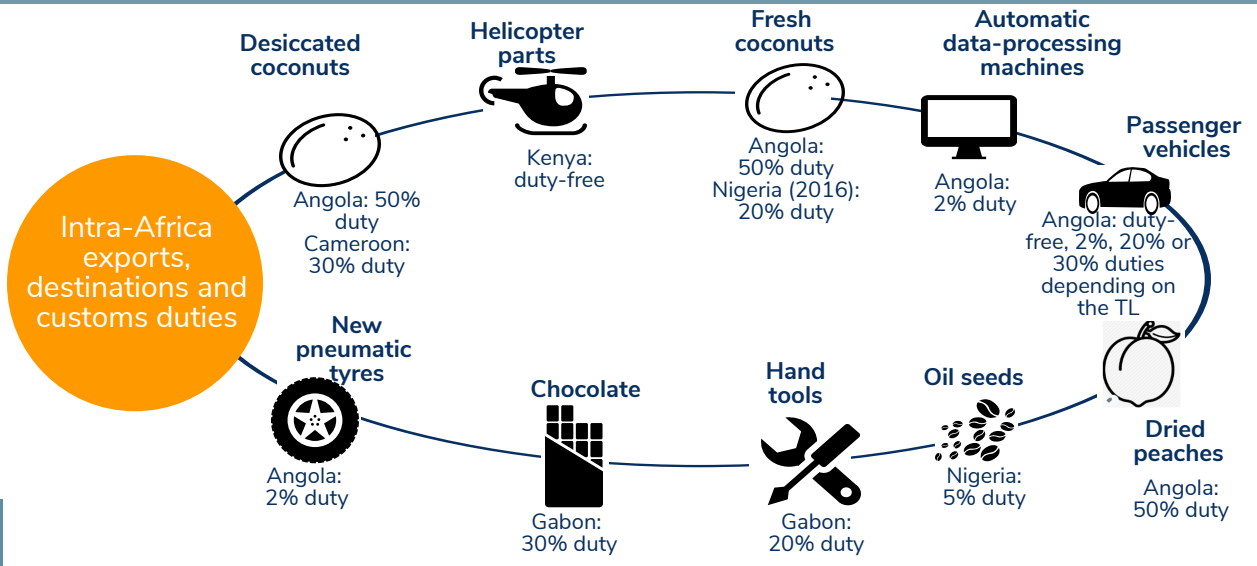
live animals, concentrated cream; whey, butter and most cheeses; grains; soybean oil; raw and refined sugar; malt extract; salt; light oils and preparations; medicaments; insecticides and herbicides; cotton thread; most articles of clothing; iron or steel pipes and tubes; tractors; and parts and accessories for motorcycles

10% duty 68%

beef, pork and fish; eggs; vegetables; grapes, apples, pears and apricots; tea; prepared or preserved vegetables, fruits and nuts; anthracite, coal, peat and coke of coal; synthetic rubber; rubber tubes, pipes and hoses; wool; suits, cotton coats, shawls and scarves; motor vehicles not older than 5 years; and goods vehicles, crane lorries and mobile drilling derricks.

20% duty 10%

chicken meats; fresh cut flowers; nuts, bananas and plantains; dates, figs, pineapples, avocados and mangoes; citrus fruit and melons; coffee; waters; tobacco; tents; golf cars and snow mobiles; worked ivory; fishing rods and reels; and motor vehicles older than 5 years.



Sao Tome and Principe' imports from Africa and corresponding duties

Most of the products mainly imported by São Tomé and Príncipe are sourced from the African continent. 99% of the São Tomé and Príncipe's world imports of cigarettes are sourced from Africa, 95% of the commodities n.e.s., 94% of cement, 87% of semiconductor devices, and 55% of iron or steel articles are sourced from Africa. 73% of São Tomé and Príncipe intra-Africa (20% of world) imports are sourced from Angola. São Tomé and Príncipe's 17% of intra-Africa (5% of world) imports are sourced from Nigeria, 4% of intra-Africa and 1% of world imports are sourced from Gabon. Other main source markets for São Tomé and Príncipe's intra-Africa imports include South Africa, Equatorial Guinea & Senegal - each exporting 1% of intra-Africa and 0.3% of world imports to São Tomé and Príncipe.

Angola (73%)
 Raw cane sugar (duty-free)
 Waters (5% duty)
 Milk and cream (duty-free)

Nigeria (17%)
 Waters (5% duty)
 Live sheep (5% duty)
 Live goats (5% duty)

Gabon (4%)
 Prepared/preserved sardines (5% duty)
 Paper bags (5% duty)
 Kraft paper (5% duty)

South Africa (1%)
 Raw cane sugar (duty-free)
 Cocoa beans (20% duty)
 Chocolate (20% duty)

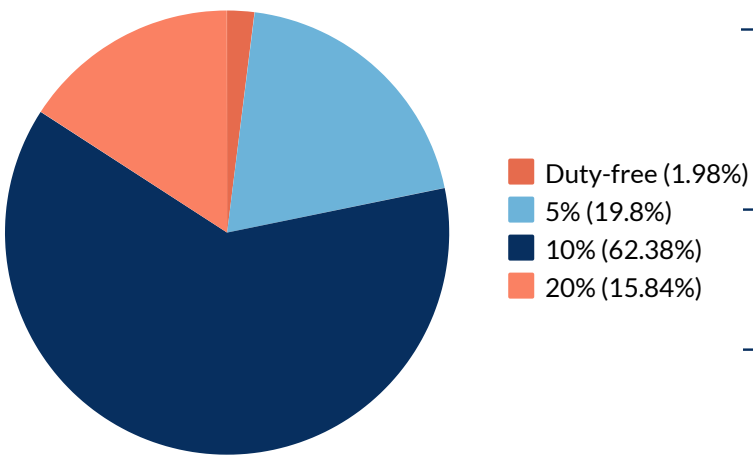
Equatorial Guinea (1%)
 Frozen chicken cuts (duty-free)

Senegal (1%)
 Frozen salmonidae (duty-free)

Togo (1%)
 Waters (5% duty)

Egypt (1%)
 Medicaments (duty-free)
 Telephone sets (20% duty)

Categories of duties & % of 2019 imports in each category



All of top 20 products imported into São Tomé and Príncipe face tariffs. 16 of the 20 products face the highest tariffs (20%). These products include non-alcohol beverages, cigarettes, vessels, malt beer, whiskeys, gin, motorcycles, wine, frozen chicken cuts, new pneumatic tyres, make-up products & handbags. A 15% duty is applied on imports of motor vehicles.