

Niger intra-Africa trade & tariff profile 2019



1. Introduction

Niger 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 Niger duty-free, and Niger applies 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.



2. Intra-Africa trade

For 2019, 56% of Niger's world exports & 18% of world imports were to and from the rest of Africa. Intra-Africa exports amounted to US\$374 million (33% more than in 2018) & intra-Africa imports to US\$502.86 million (1% less than in 2018).

58% of intra-Africa exports are exports of petroleum oils, and 15% exports of palm oil. Other export products include onion, sugar, live bovine animals, and second-hand clothing. Niger's main intra-Africa import products include cement, cigars, electrical energy, palm oils, petroleum oils, and soups.

Apart from Algeria, Niger mainly trades with fellow ECOWAS countries. Nigeria, Mali, Ivory Coast and Ghana account for 69% of Niger's intra-Africa trade. Burkina Faso and Algeria account for 6% each. Benin and Togo account for 5% and 3% respectively.

Main destination markets

Nigeria, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ghana and Chad

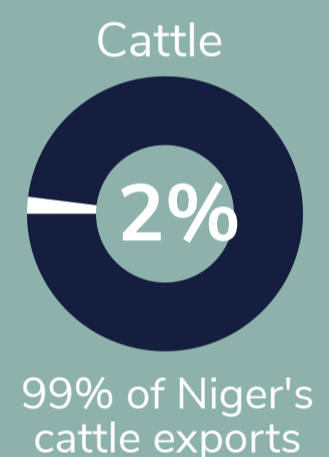
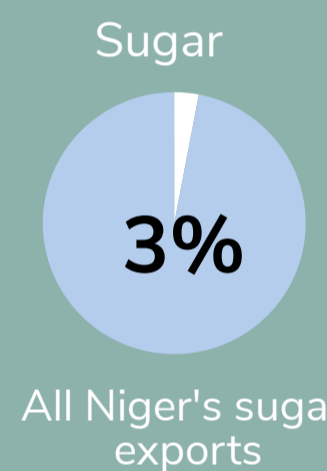
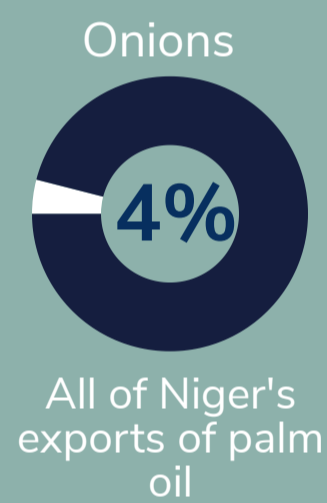
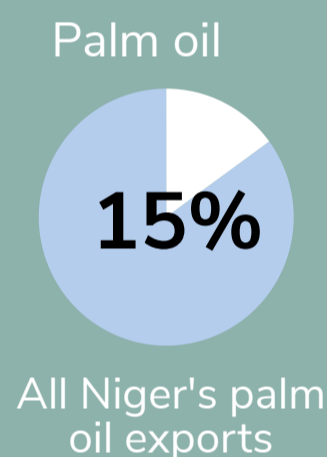
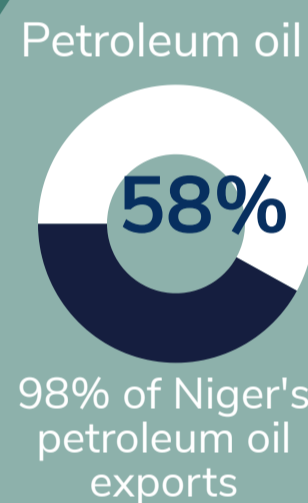


Main source markets

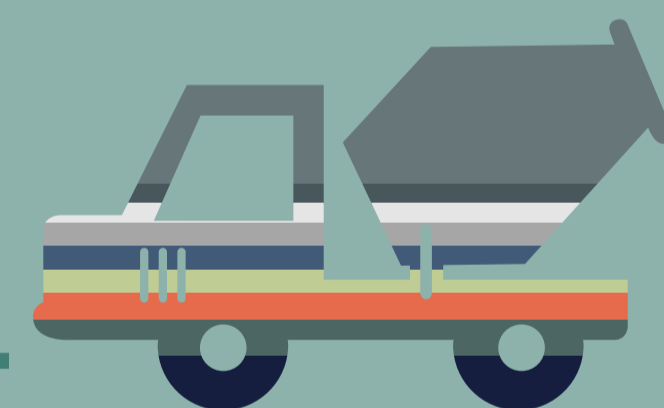
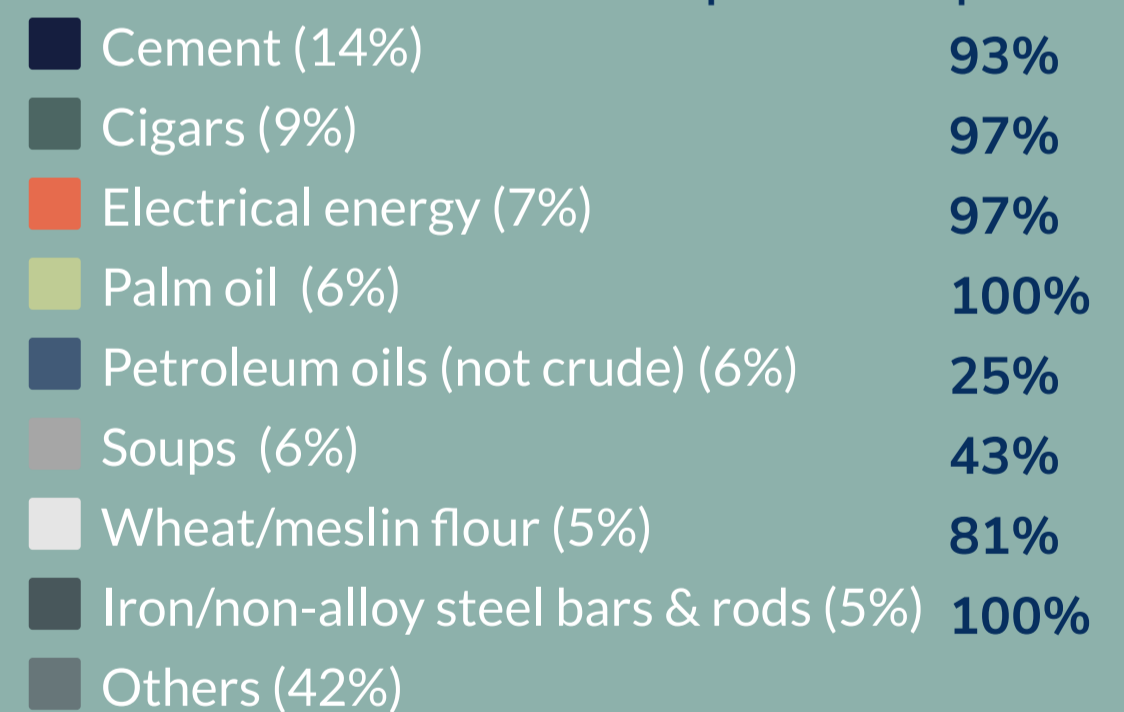
Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, and Algeria

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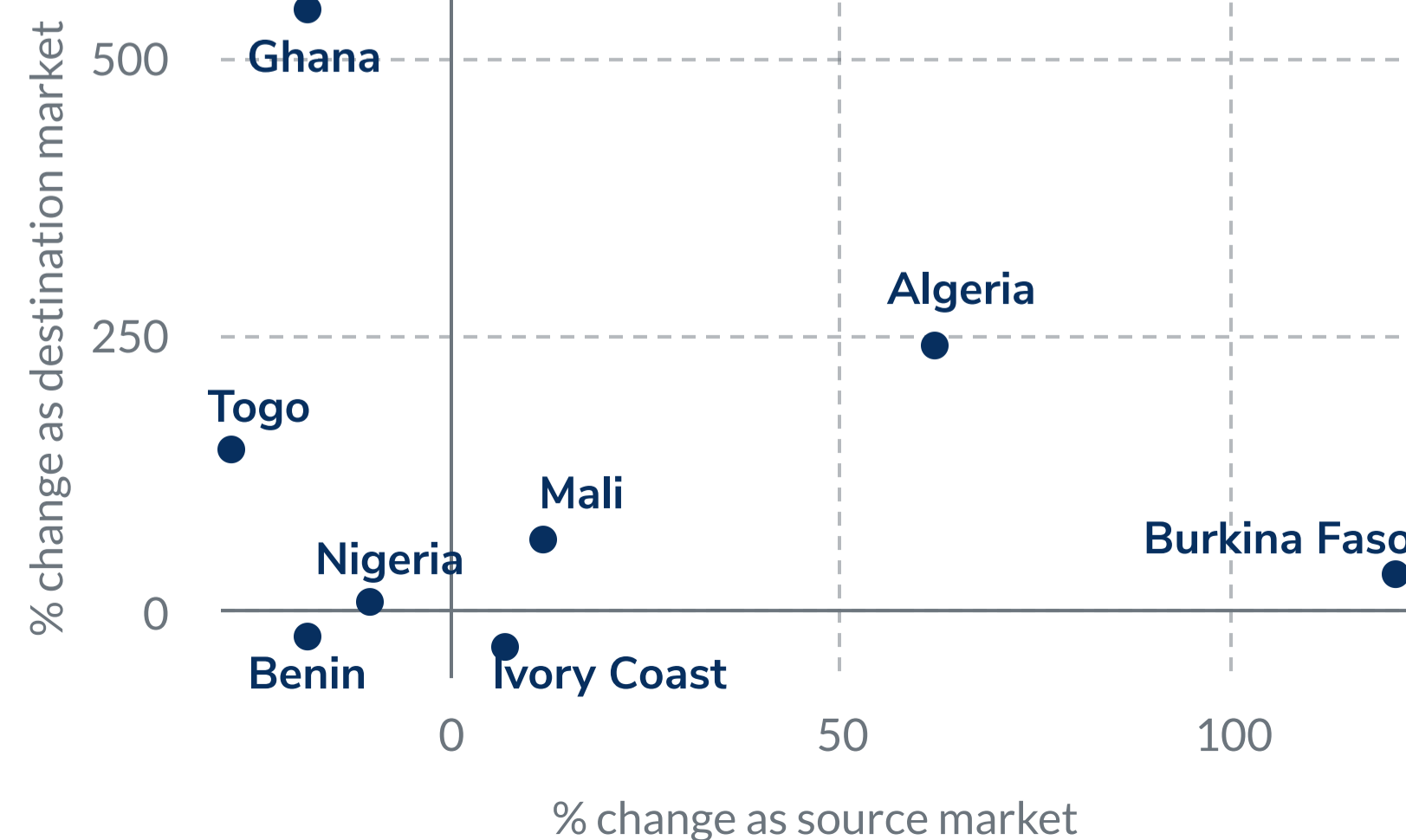
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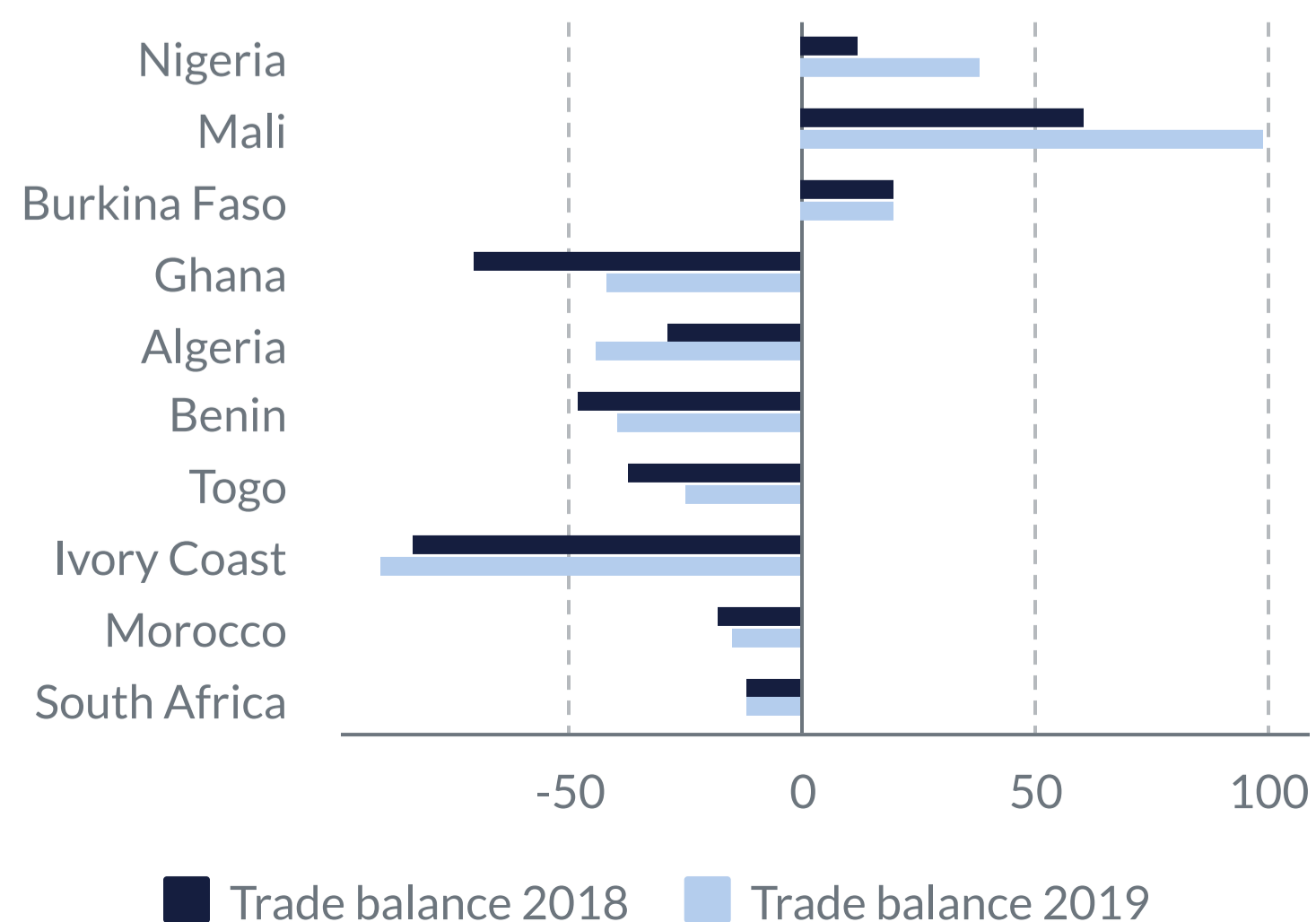
intra-Africa imports as % of world imports of the products



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



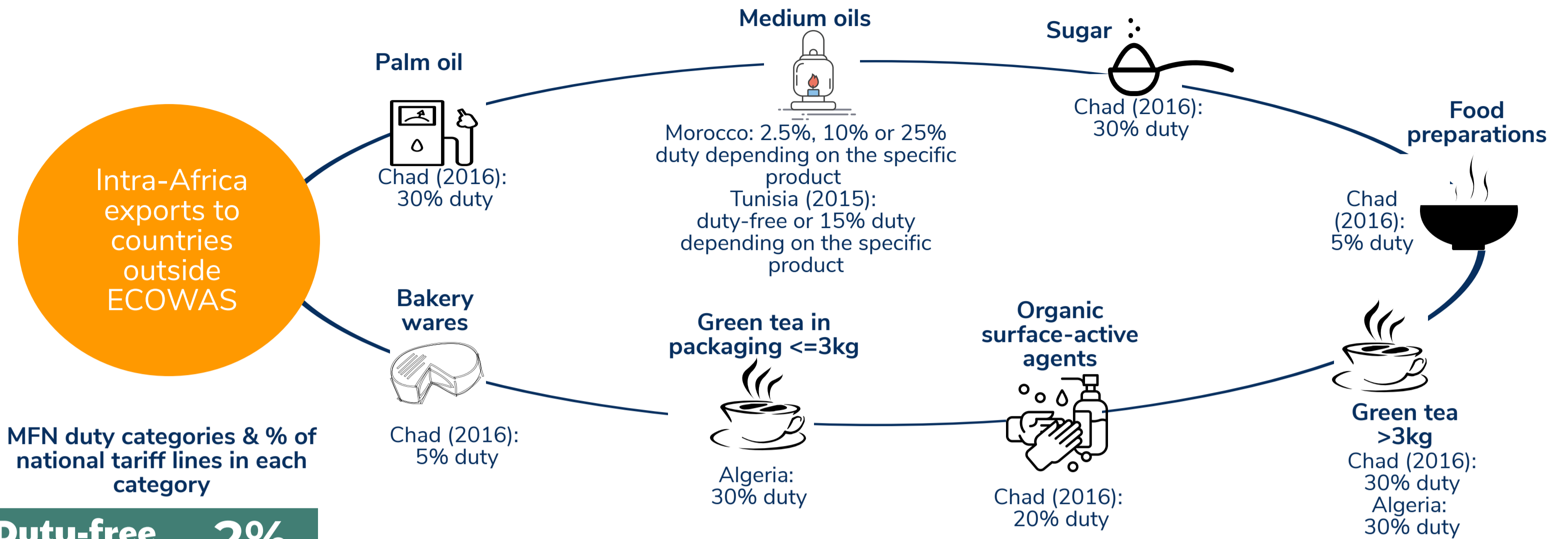
Trade balance with designated trade partners 2018 & 2019



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

4% of Niger's world exports (6% of intra-Africa exports) are to African countries not ECOWAS member states. Niger exports mainly palm oil, medium oils, sugar, and food preparations to African countries that are not members of ECOWAS. Chad imports 66% of these exports, Algeria imports 13%, and Morocco and Tunisia imports 5% each.

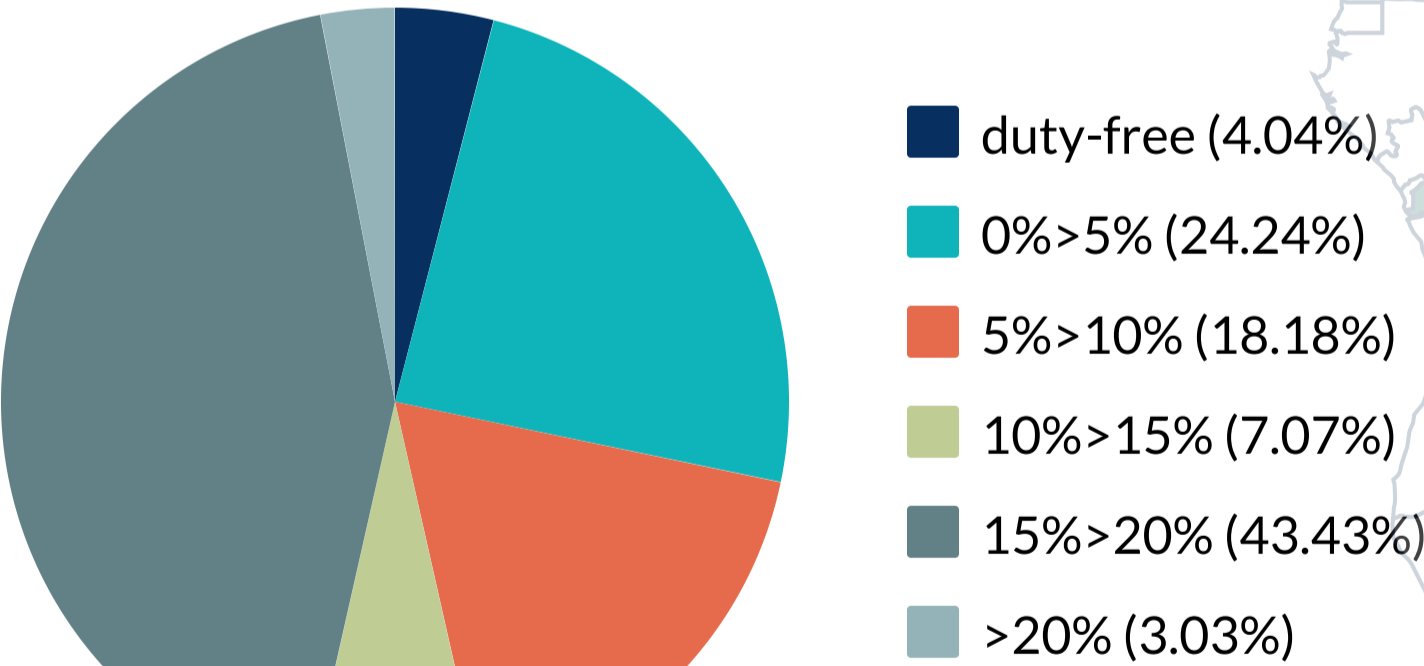
4% of world imports (20% of intra-Africa imports) are sourced from African countries outside ECOWAS. Main import products include uncooked pasta, flour, and medium oils. 83% of Niger's imports from African countries outside ECOWAS are sourced from Algeria, Morocco, South Africa, and Tunisia.



Niger's imports from outside ECOWAS and corresponding import duties

All of Niger's world imports of wheat groats & meals, airplanes of unladen weight > 15 000kg, dried glands and other organs for organo-therapeutic use, and live asses are sourced from African countries which are not ECOWAS members. 99% of Niger's world imports of gypsum; 98% of bed nets; 97% each of dates, calcium hypochlorite, and female garments of man-made fibres; 96% of palm kernel and babassu oil; 94% of electricity meters; 93% of retreaded pneumatic tyres; 92% each of vitamin E and its derivatives, stuffed pasta stuffed, and plasters; and 91% of veterinary vaccines are sourced from outside ECOWAS.

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



Of the top 20 import products, only 3 are imported duty-free. These are bed nets, medicaments, and veterinary vaccines. The highest tariffs (20%) are levied on imports of uncooked pasta, flour, insulated coaxial cable, electric conductors, cooked pasta, sugar, cement, and second-hand clothing. Imports of dates, wheat groats & meals, static converters, iron/steel towers, and geodesy instruments and appliances are charged 5% duties. Imports of medium oils and goods vehicles are levied 5% or 10% duties depending on the specified product imported.

Algeria (46%)
Flour, uncooked pasta, and insulated coaxial cables (20% duty)

Morocco (15%)
Stranded wire cables (15% duty)
Medium oils (5% or 10% duty depending on the specific product)
Iron/steel towers (5% duty)

South Africa (11%)
Passenger vehicle parts and goods vehicles (5% or 10% depending on the specific product)
Activated carbon (10% duty)
Cereals (20% duty)

Tunisia (10%)
Uncooked and cooked pasta, and second-hand clothes (20% duty)

Tanzania (5%)
Bed nets (duty-free)

Chad (5%)
Medium oils and live asses (5% or 10% duty depending on specific product)

Egypt (4%)
Medicaments (duty-free)
Electricity meters (10% duty)
Airplanes weighing > 15 000kg (5% duty)

Libya (0.3%)
Petroleum bitumen (5% duty)
Medium oils (5% or 10% duty depending on specific product)
Vehicle trailers (10% duty)