

Niger: Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile 2020

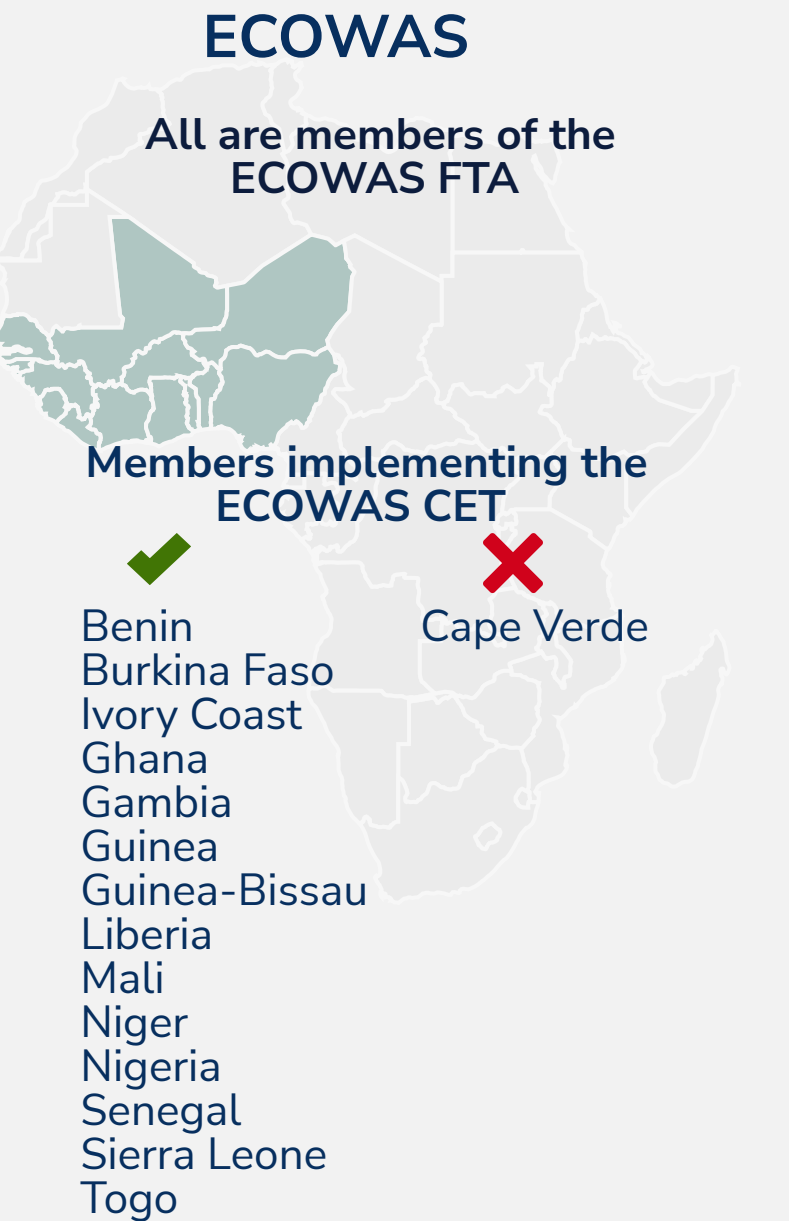


Regional Economic Communities

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). Niger deposited its instrument of ratification and schedule of tariff concessions, along with other ECOWAS member states.



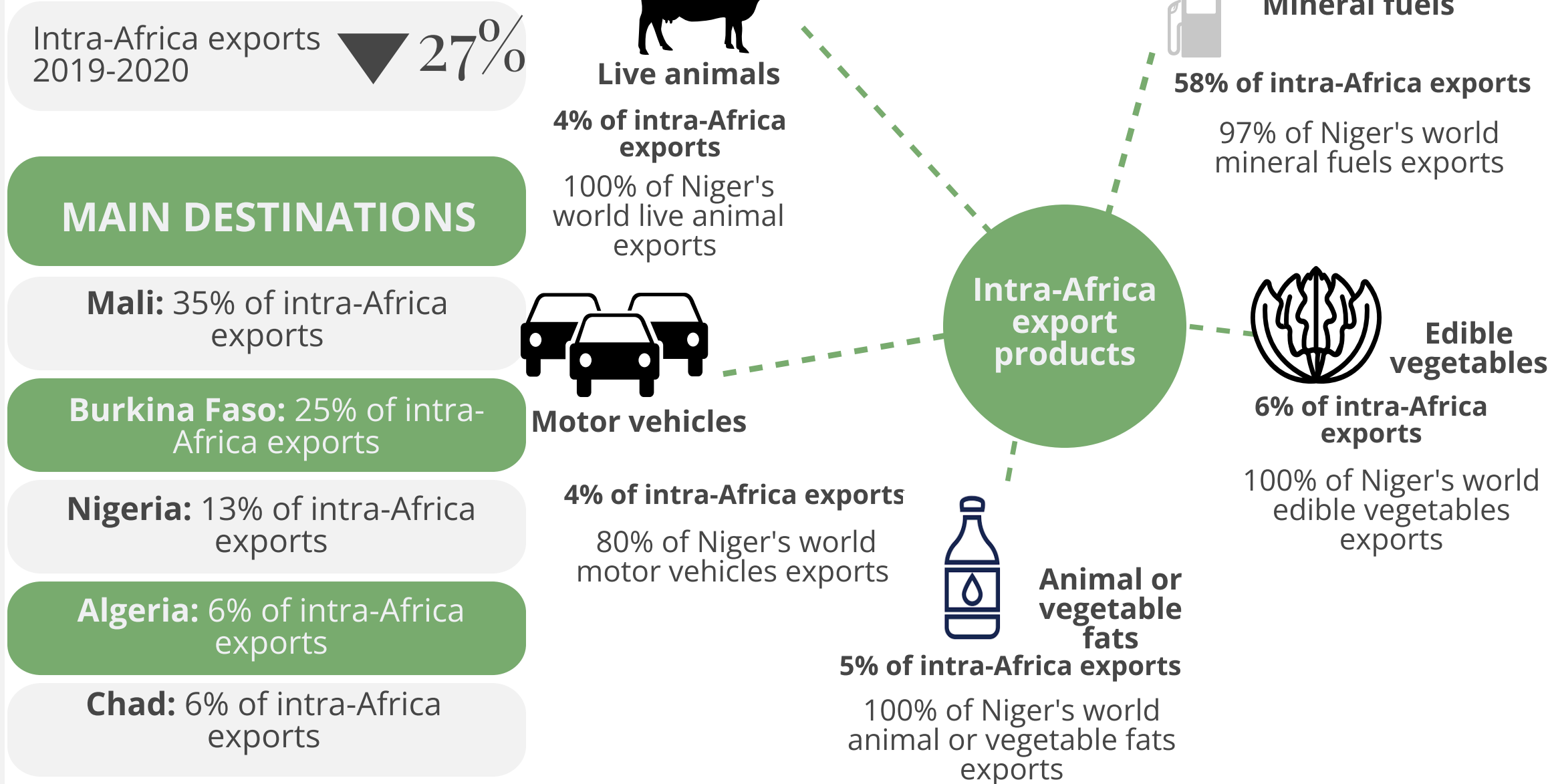
CEN-SAD currently has 24 member states aspiring to establish an Economic Union for the free movement of goods, services and commodities. There is currently no free trade agreement in place.



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.

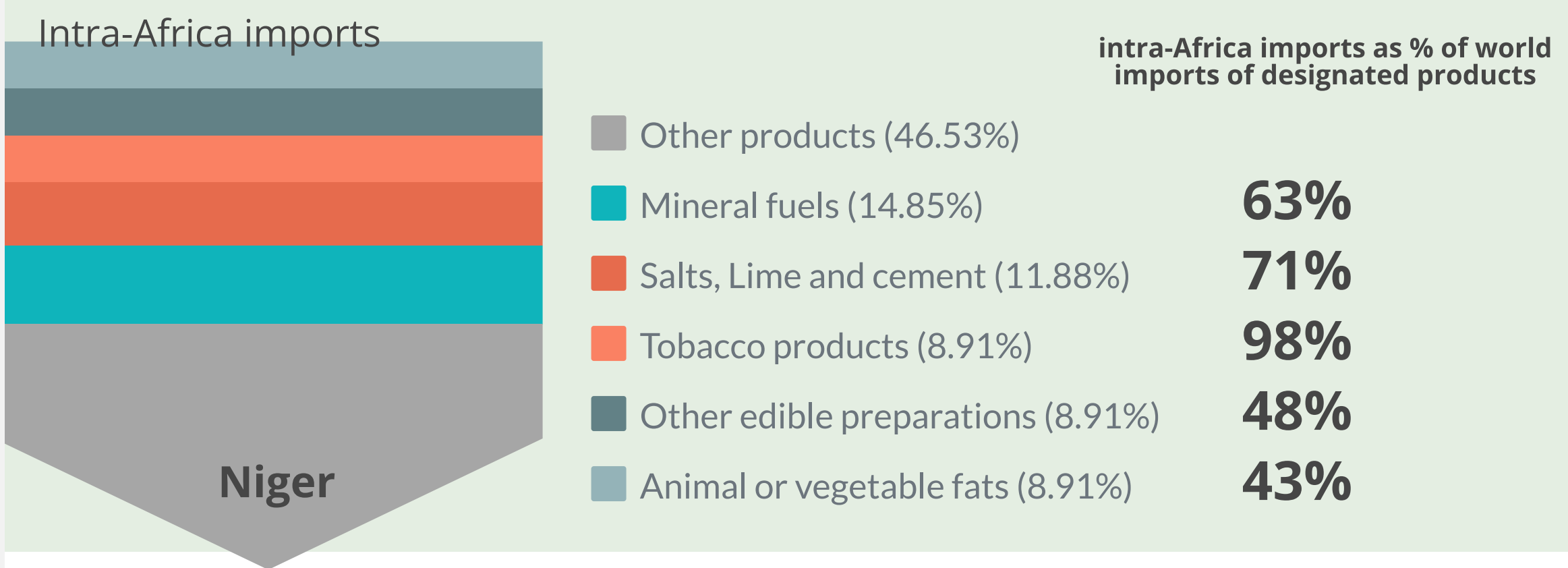
Intra-Africa exports

For 2020, 25% of Niger's world exports were to the rest of Africa. Apart from South Africa, and Algeria, the main African destination markets are other CEN-SAD and ECOWAS countries. The value of 2020 intra-Africa exports is US\$307 million. The main export products are crude petroleum oils, edible, and animal or vegetable fats.



Intra-Africa imports

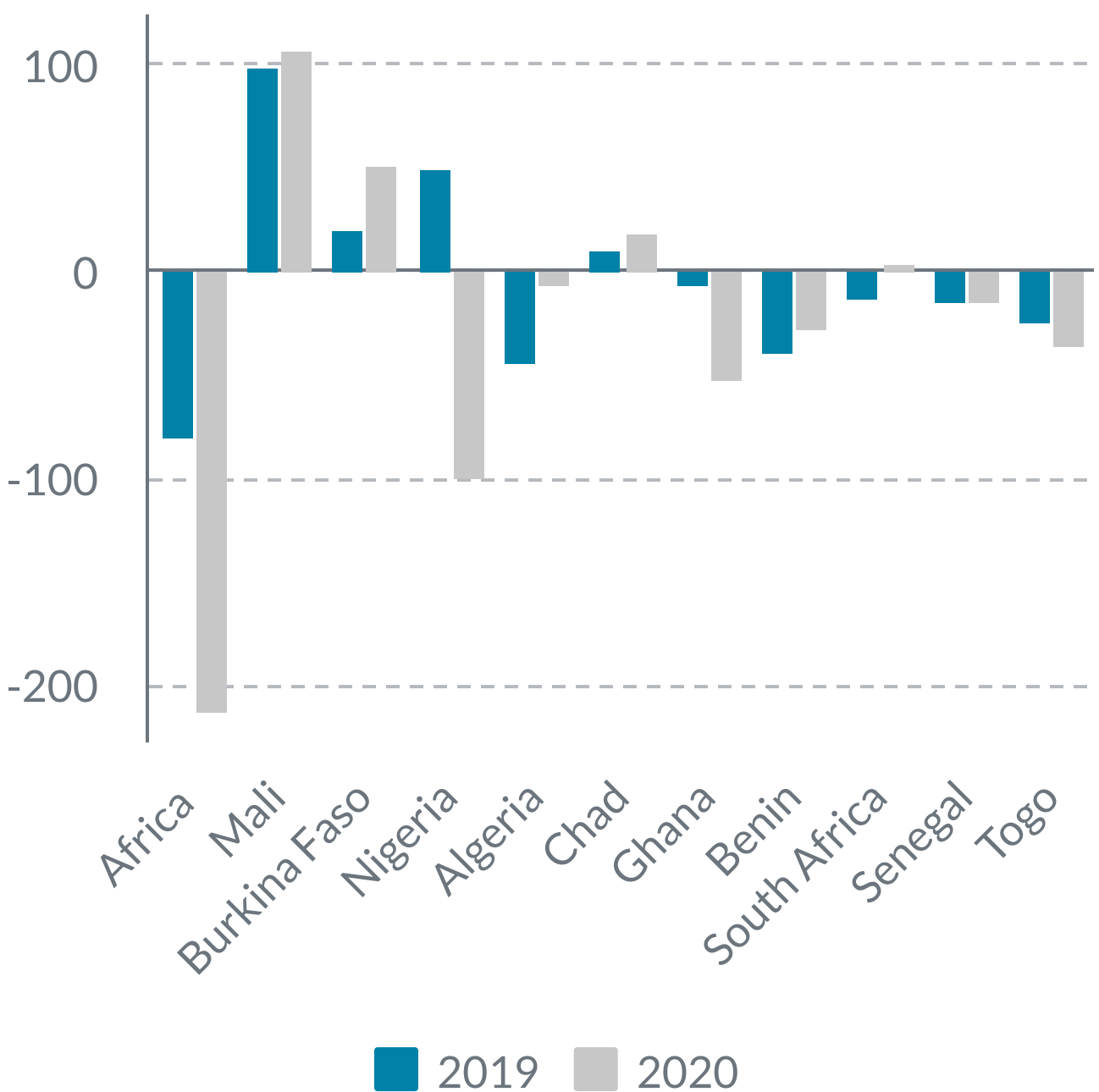
For 2020, 17% of Niger's world imports were intra-Africa imports. Niger's intra-Africa imports were mainly from Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Ghana. Between 2019 and 2020, intra-Africa imports increased by 3%. Mineral fuels, cement, tobacco were amongst the main import products.



% change in exports and imports (2019 to 2020)

Mali	Exports: 8% increase Imports: 41% increase
Burkina Faso	Exports: 119% increase Imports: 73% increase
Nigeria	Exports: 80% decline Imports: 6% decline
Algeria	Exports: 541% increase Imports: 46% decline
Chad	Exports: 13% increase Imports: 97% decline
Ghana	Exports: 71% decline Imports: 14% increase

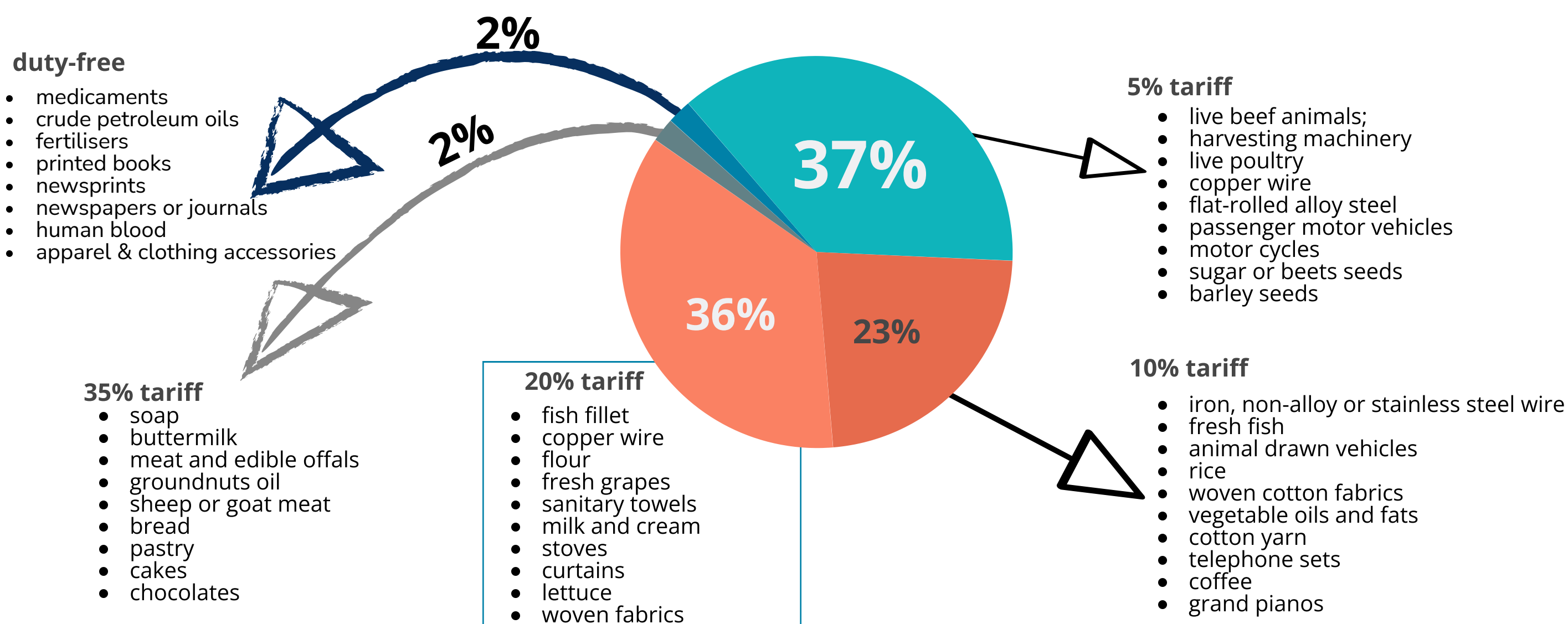
Trade balance with designated countries (US\$m)



Intra-Africa tariffs

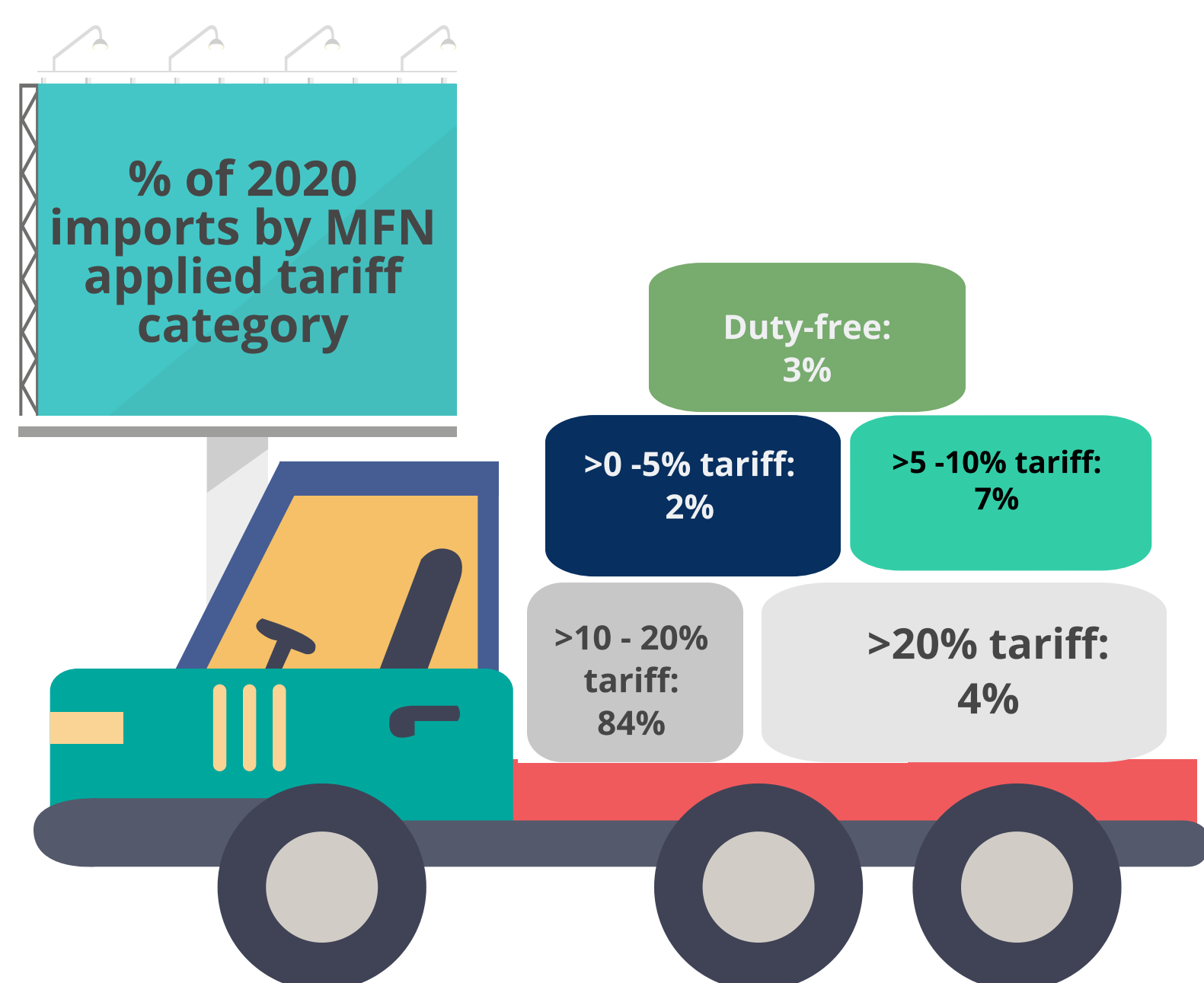
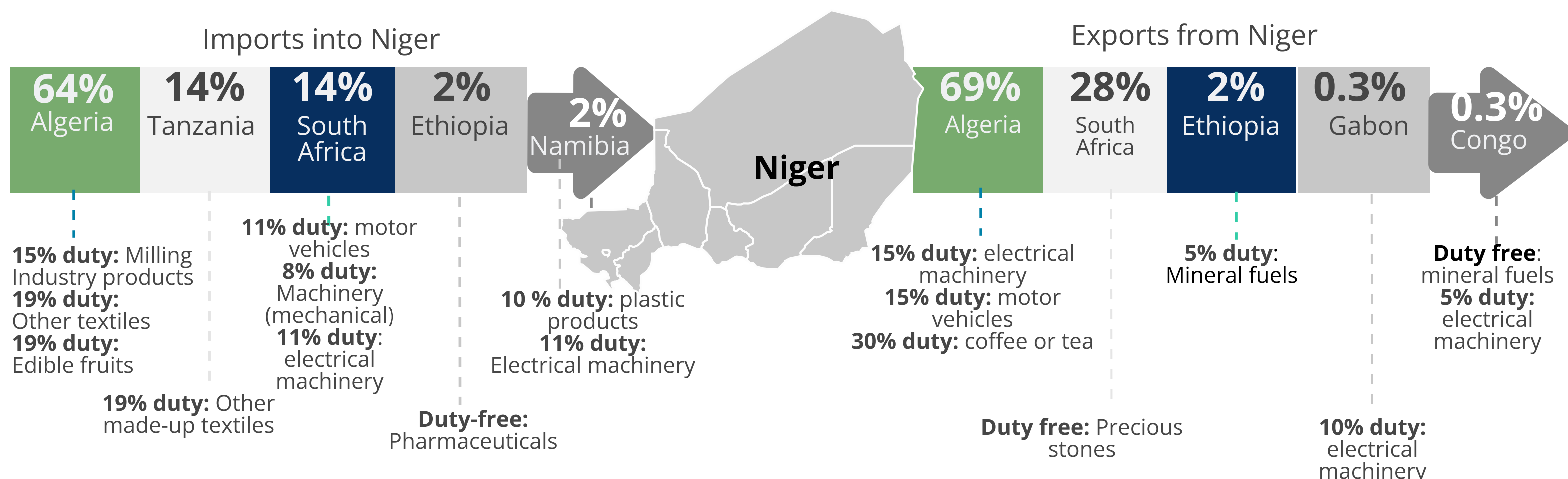
Qualifying goods from ECOWAS member states enter into Niger duty-free, while imports from CEN-SAD countries, which are not ECOWAS member states (including Egypt, Morocco, Somalia & Tunisia) and the rest of Africa are levied the MFN applied duty, which is the ECOWAS CET. The ECOWAS CET has five tariff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

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



Trade with African countries outside ECOWAS

Only 2% of world and 9% of intra-Africa exports are to African countries not members of ECOWAS. Electrical machinery, precious stones, motor vehicles and coffee or tea accounted for 85% of total nonREC intra-Africa exports. In terms of imports, 1% of world and 8% of intra-Africa imports are sourced from countries outside ECOWAS. Top imported products included milling products, textiles, edible fruits and cereal and starch preparations among others.



The bulk of edible fruits and raw hides are sourced from African countries outside ECOWAS.

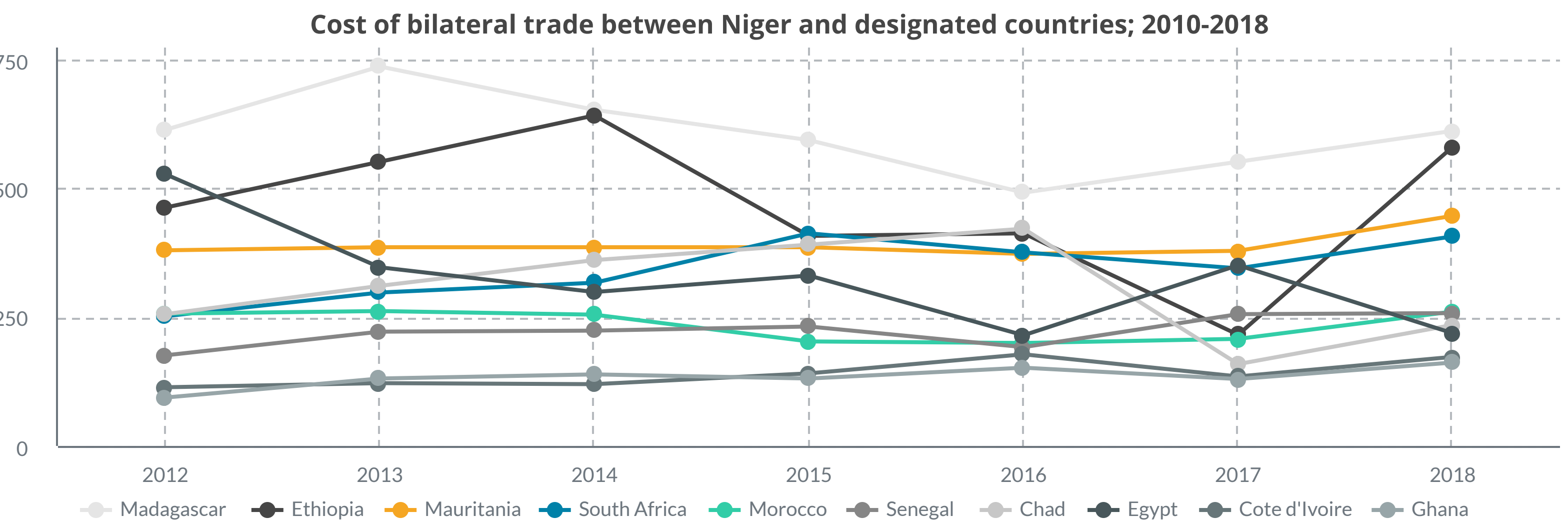
Of the top 20 import products, only pharmaceutical products are imported duty-free into Niger. The highest tariffs (35% duty) apply to imports of used vehicles with a petrol engine. A 20% duty is levied on imports of fresh apples, non-wovens, and parts imported by motor vehicle assemblers and manufacturers.


Imports of chemical products, plasters, drink industry extracts, mackerel, crown corks and frozen horse mackerel face a 10% duty.

A 5% duty is applicable to imports of:


- substances used in the food or drink industries
- black fermented tea
- hides and skins
- polyvinyl chloride

Non-tariff trade costs
The ESCAP-World Bank trade cost database includes 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. Nigeria's trade with some African countries (including Zimbabwe, Chad, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Ghana, South Africa and Benin) is more costly than trade with Malaysia, India, Brazil, and China. The cost of Nigeria's trade with South Africa is less than with Egypt, Morocco, Kenya and Ethiopia.






Most costly export to South Africa via road transportation is gin (US\$10.62 per unit)




Road transport of light oils:

- Namibia US\$43.52 per unit
- South Africa (US\$0.06 per unit)
- Ivory Coast (US\$0.02 per unit)




Yams exports:

- Cameroon (US\$0.88 per unit)
- Mali (US\$1.20 per unit)
- South Africa (US\$0.19 per unit)




Per unit cost of transporting apple juice:

- Cameroon (US\$1.24)
- Mali (US\$0.35)
- South Africa (US\$0.59)

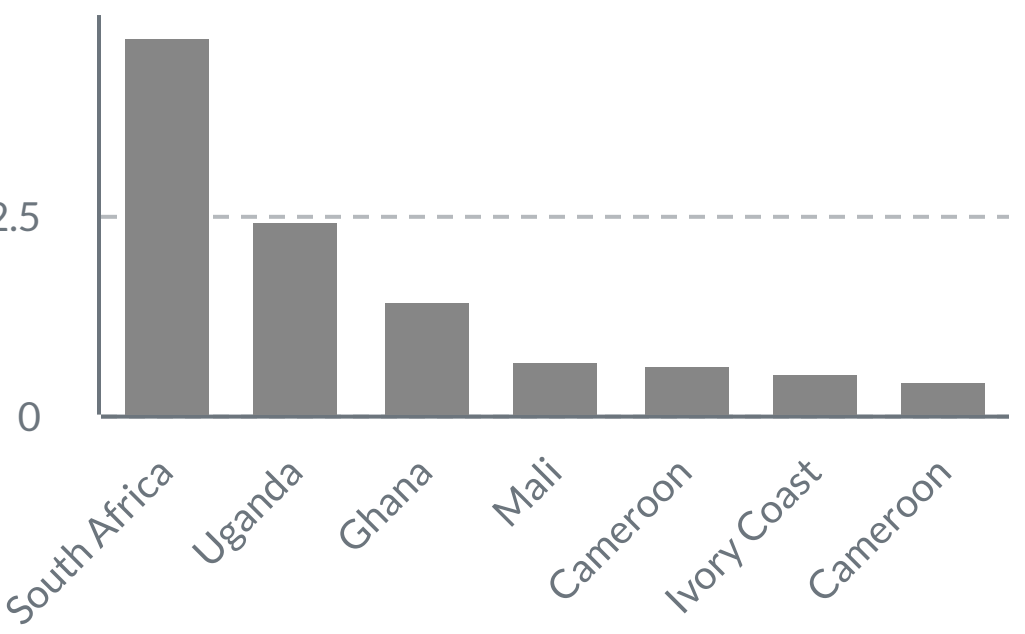


The most costly products to export to Ghana: transmission belts, non-alcoholic beverages, acrylic acid and framed glass mirrors

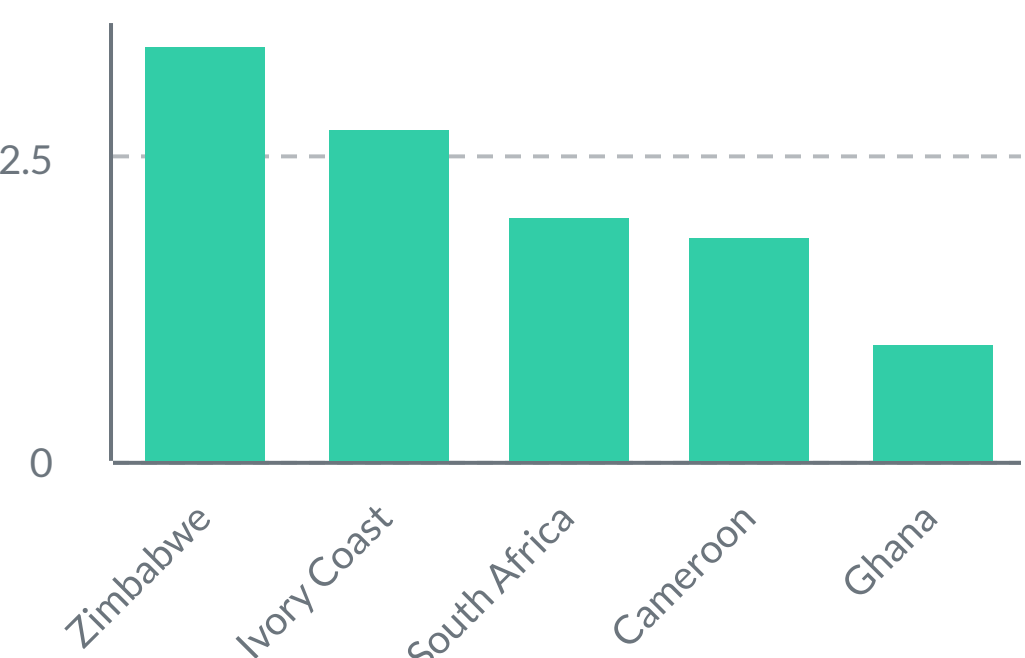


The per unit cost of transporting mineral waters (US\$8.55) to Uganda, is higher than the cost of transporting gaskets (US\$5.59).

US\$ per unit road transport cost for footwear of rubber soles



US\$ per unit road transport cost for woven cotton fabrics



Transportation costs
The UNCTAD transport cost database measures the cost of bilateral transport by product. Transport cost is defined as the difference between the Cost, Insurance and Freight value and Free on Board value of goods. Transport cost across all modes of transport (road, rail, air, and sea) is included. The initial data is for 2016, but is in the process of being updated.

DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORT DATA REPORTED FOR NIGER, DATA PRESENTED AS REPORTED BY NIGERIA IS USED AND SHOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS INDICATIVE OF REGIONAL COSTS DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF NIGER TO NIGERIA

Trade in services
The WTO-OECD Balanced Trade in Services Dataset (BaTiS) is an experimental dataset which contains a complete, consistent and balanced matrix of international trade in services. Statistics cover the period 2005-2019, for over 200 reporters and partners, and 12 EBOPS 2010 categories in addition to total services.

