ALGERIA

Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile

1 Regional Economic Communities

Algeria is a member of the Pan Arab Free Trade Area (PAFTA) and the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)

The Pan-Arab Free Trade Area (PAFTA), also called the greater Arab Free Trade Agreement, is an FTA providing for liberalisation of trade in goods originating in and coming directly from 18 Arab countries (Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen). The implementation of the FTA was completed in 2005.

The AMU is one of the building blocks of the AfCFTA. It is a regional economic community consisting of Algeria, Mauritania, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia. It does not yet have a free trade agreement in place.

2 Intra-Africa trade

EXPORTS

5% of Algeria’s total exports are intra-Africa

- Petroleum gas (87%)
- Sugar (5%)
- Electric energy (1%)
- Petroleum oils (2%)

IMPORTS

3% of Algeria’s total imports are intra-Africa

- Coffee (9%)
- Copper wire (5%)
- Food preparations n.e.s (6%)
- Tobacco (5%)

Destination markets

Source countries
The PAFTA is a free trade area, and thus goods imported into Algeria from PAFTA states enter duty free. PAFTA has an interim 40% rule of origin. Algerian imports from outside PAFTA are levied ad valorem duties of 0%, 5%, 15% and 30%. There are no specific duties. Most imports are levied 30% duties, including meat and meat products, textiles and clothing and fruit.

**Key African import sources outside PAFTA**

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Tariff</th>
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<td>South Africa (tobacco)</td>
<td>15%-30%</td>
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<td>Côte d’Ivoire (coffee)</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>Cameroon (coffee)</td>
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<td>Togo (medium oils)</td>
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**Duty free imports include**

- Works of art, antiques or collectors items (HS97)
- Wheat and meslin seeds for sowing (HS10011; HS100191)
- Various aircraft & watercraft under HS88 & 89

Products at 30% ad valorem import duty include

- Coffee, tea & spices (HS09)
  - except juniper, fennel, anise, badian & caraway - 5%
- Beverages, spirits & vinegar (HS22)
- Fruit & nuts (HS08)
- Meat & meat products (HS2, HS16)
- Clothing & textiles (HS60, HS61, HS62)
- Toys & games (HS95)

Products at 15% ad valorem import duty include

- Various plastic products
- Various tobacco products
- Some frozen tuna
- Organic and inorganic chemicals
- Other base metals
- Photographic or cinematic equipment

Imports from Africa excluding PAFTA countries

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<tr>
<th>HS Code</th>
<th>Product description</th>
<th>Value 2017 (US$mn)</th>
<th>Applicable tariffs</th>
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<tr>
<td>090111</td>
<td>Coffee (excluding roasted and decaffeinated)</td>
<td>102.70</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>240391</td>
<td>Tobacco, “homogenised” or “reconstituted” from finely-chopped tobacco leaves</td>
<td>16.16</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>271019</td>
<td>Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum or bituminous minerals</td>
<td>12.54</td>
<td>Average 14.4%, 43.8% of tariff lines duty free; max tariff 30%</td>
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<td>080620</td>
<td>Dried grapes</td>
<td>9.81</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>180310</td>
<td>Cocoa paste (excluding defatted)</td>
<td>7.35</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>030341</td>
<td>Frozen albacore or long-finned tunas, <em>Thunnus alalunga</em></td>
<td>4.79</td>
<td>Average 22.5%, highest 30%, lowest 15%</td>
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<td>240120</td>
<td>Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed or stripped, otherwise unmanufactured</td>
<td>2.60</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>030487</td>
<td>Frozen fillets of tuna “of the genus Thunnus”, skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito</td>
<td>2.50</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>870893</td>
<td>Clutches and parts thereof, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons</td>
<td>2.03</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>120740</td>
<td>Sesame seeds, whether or not broken</td>
<td>1.99</td>
<td>5%</td>
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Algeria’s main import from countries outside the PAFTA is coffee, which incurs 30% import duty, as do dried grapes, some tobacco and some frozen tuna.

Among the remainder of Algeria’s top ten imports from within the continent, duties range from duty free for some lines of medium oils and preparations, 5% for sesame seeds, and 15% for clutches, cocoa paste and other tobacco.