

ESWATINI



Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile



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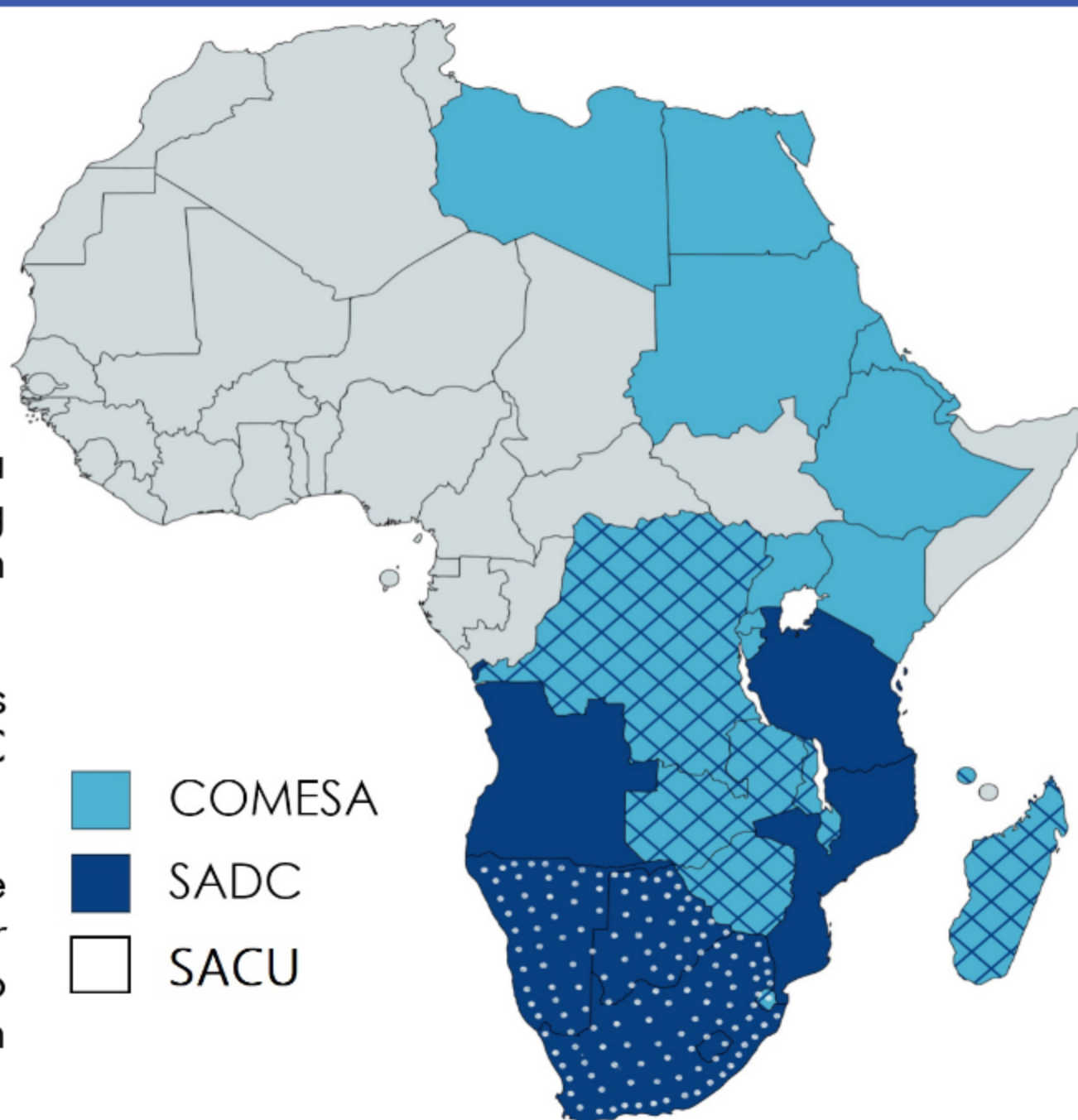
Regional Economic Communities

Eswatini is a member of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

SACU is a customs union with duty-free intra-SACU trade and a common external tariff (CET) applicable to all goods entering from outside the Union, which includes the territories of South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland and Lesotho.

SADC is a Regional Economic Community with 16 member states of which 13 are in a Free Trade Agreement (FTA); Comoros, DRC and Angola are yet to join the FTA.

COMESA has 19 member states of which 16 are part of the COMESA FTA. Swaziland has preferential access under derogations but is exempt from reciprocating preferences due to its membership of SACU. The DRC, Eritrea and Ethiopia are in the process of joining the FTA.



EXPORTS

94%

of Eswatini's total exports are intra-Africa



Mixtures of odoriferous substances (37%)



Sugar in solid form (14%)



Prepared binders (14%)



Women's'/girls' suits (4%)



IMPORTS

80%

of Eswatini's total imports are intra-Africa



Petroleum oils (11%)



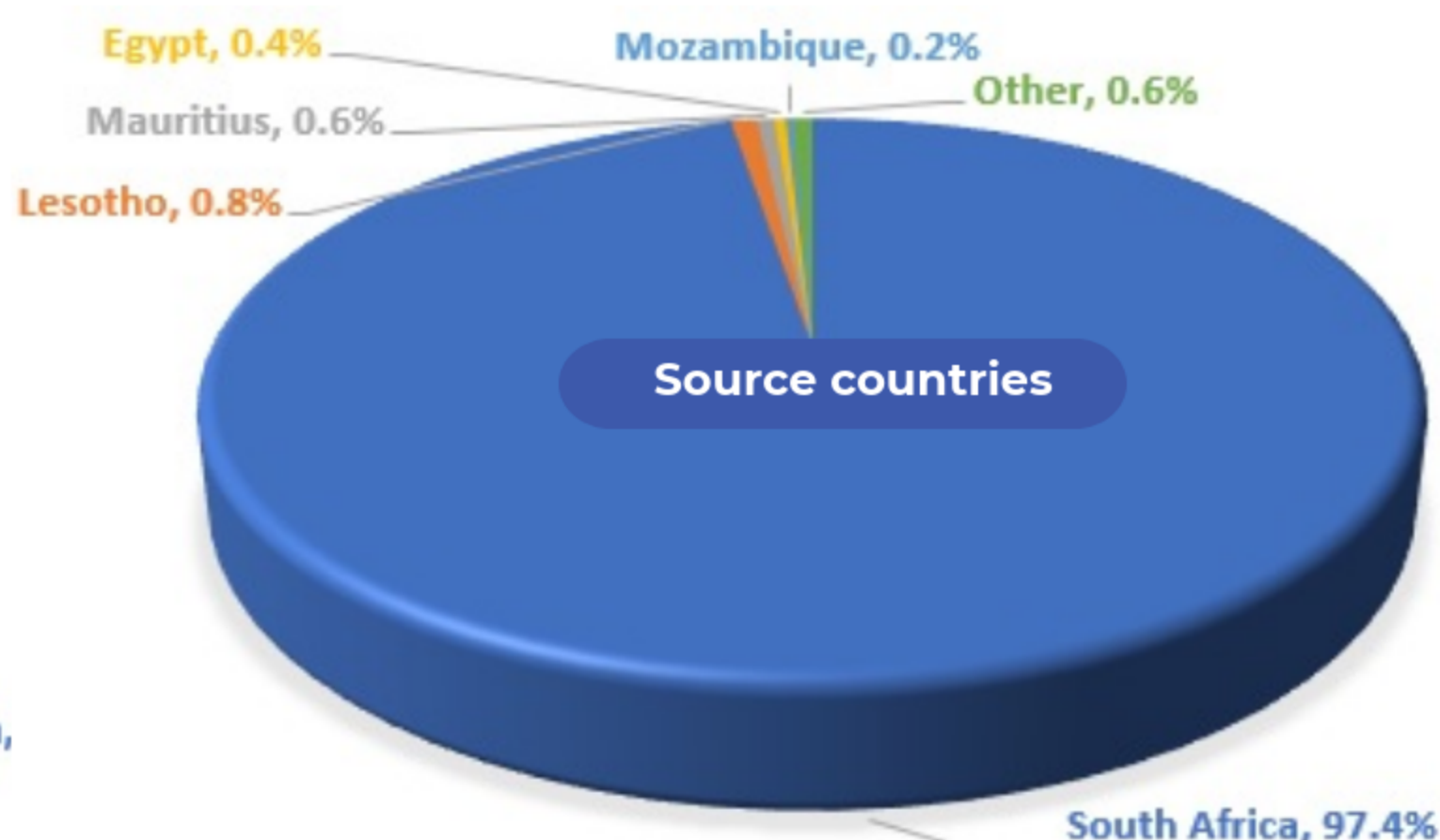
Goods vehicles (3%)



Commodities not elsewhere specified (3%)



Passenger vehicles (2%)



2 Intra-Africa trade

Most of the goods imported into Eswatini from other SADC member states enter duty-free. The only exceptions are wheat flour, sugar, second-hand clothes and tyres. Wheat flour imports are levied the MFN applied duty of 65.59c/kg. Sugar imports, raw and refined face a specific duty of 213.1c/kg, while the duty on second-hand clothes varies depending on the tariff line (20% ad valorem, 35c/unit, 50c/unit and 60% or 2500c/kg). Tyre imports under HS980100 has a 20% duty.

High simple average MFN applied duties

Clothing and apparel (between 26.3% and 41.2%)

Tobacco (38.1%)

Leather articles (26.6%)

Carpets and flooring (26.6%)

Duty free imports include

Live animals (HS 1)

Base metals like Tungsten and Titanium (HS 81)

Clocks and watches (HS 91)

Ores, slag and ash (HS 26)

Highest ad valorem import duties

- Preserved or prepared pineapple (55%)
- Tobacco cigarettes (45%)
- Tobacco substitute cigarettes & cigars (45%)
- Water-pipe tobacco (45%)
- Clothing items (40% and 45%)
- Retreaded tyres (43%)
- Uncooked pasta not containing eggs (40%)

Highest specific import duties

- Milk and cream products (450c/kg with a maximum of 96%)
- Cheese including fresh, grated or powdered and blue-veined (500c/kg with a maximum of 95%)
- Dairy spreads and butter (500c/kg with a maximum of 79%)
- Unstemmed or unstripped tobacco (860c/kg less 85% with a maximum of 44%)
- Black fermented tea (400c/kg)
- Garlic (325c/kg with a maximum of 37%)
- Ethyl alcohol (317c/litre)
- Fresh/chilled bovine carcasses (40% or 240c/kg)

Imports from Africa excluding SACU and SADC countries			
HS code	Product description	US\$m 2017	MFN applied tariff
130120	Natural gum Arabic	3.29	Duty-free
130190	Natural oleoresins	1.10	Duty-free
280920	Phosphoric acid	0.36	Duty-free
330499	Beauty and skin care preparations	0.28	20%
300490	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic purposes	0.22	Duty-free
300390	Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together for therapeutic purposes	0.21	Duty-free
630900	Second-hand clothing	0.09	20% or specific duties of 35c/unit, 50c/unit or 60% or 2 500c/kilogram depending on the tariff line
392321	Sacks and bags	0.08	15%-25% depending on the tariff line
681091	Cement prefabricated structural components	0.05	Duty-free
210220	Inactive yeasts	0.03	15%

Source: ITC TradeMap (2018) and WTO Tariff Database (2018)

Only 0.5% of Eswatini's total African imports are from countries outside SADC and SACU.

Of the top 20 products half are imported duty-free, while 5 tariff lines face 20% import duties (beauty products, preparations used for hair, soaps and wigs).

Second-hand clothing is imported at either 20% import duties or specific tariffs (35c/unit, 50c/unit or 60% or 2500/kilogram) depending on the tariff line.