

# GUINEA



## Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile



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Regional Economic Communities

Guinea is a member of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)



ECOWAS

All 15 ECOWAS countries are part of the ECOWAS Free Trade Area and all, but Cape Verde, are in the process of implementing the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET).

In 2017, Mauritania and ECOWAS signed an Association Agreement for the re-admission of Mauritania to the REC by 2019. Morocco's application to join ECOWAS has been granted 'in principle' but is awaiting final approval, and Tunisia has recently obtained ECOWAS observer status.

### EXPORTS

0.9%

of Guinea's total exports are intra-Africa



Semi-manufactured gold (85%)



Powered aircraft (2%)



Plastic packaging (3%)



Nitrogenous fertilisers (2%)

### IMPORTS

30%

of Guinea's total imports are intra-Africa



Light vessels (47%)



Petroleum oils (4%)



Machinery parts (27%)



Self-propelled construction vehicles (2%)

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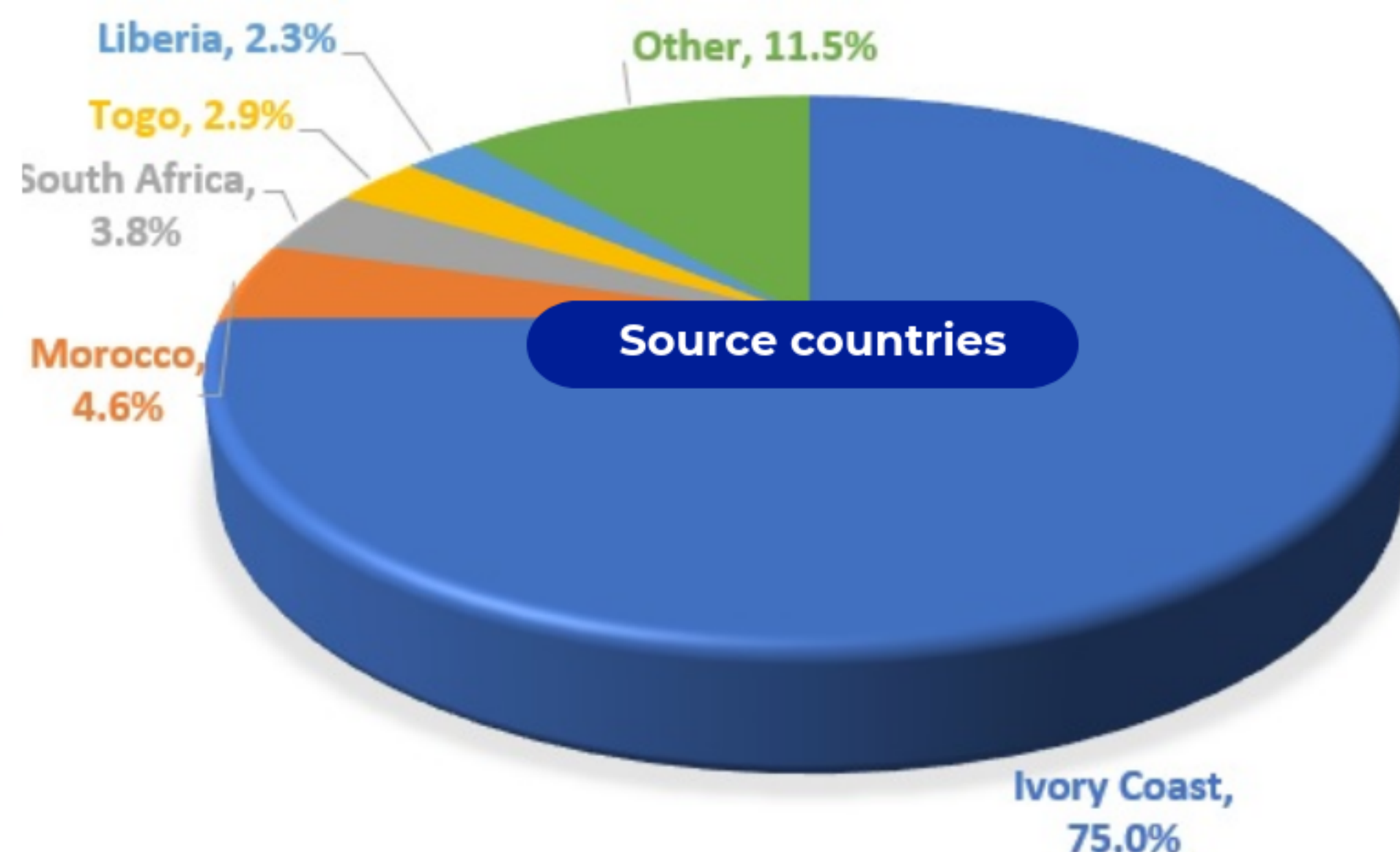
Ivory Coast, 2.4%  
Mali, 5.7%  
Senegal, 1.7%  
Other, 4.9%

Destination markets



Liberia, 2.3%  
Togo, 2.9%  
South Africa, 3.8%  
Morocco, 4.6%  
Other, 11.5%

Source countries





The ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme (ETLS) allows for the duty-free, quota-free access of unprocessed, traditional handicraft and industrial products of ECOWAS origin traded by approved ECOWAS producers. Guinea prescribes to the ETLS; all qualifying goods sourced from approved producers are imported into Guinea duty-free. Goods imported from the rest of Africa are levied the ECOWAS CET (MFN applied duty). The ECOWAS CET has five tariff bands - 0%, 5%, 10%, 20% and 35%.

African imports from outside ECOWAS are levied the ECOWAS CET

## High average applied duties include

**Meat and edible offal of bovine, swine and poultry (35%)**

**Sausages (35%)**

**Sugar confectionery not containing cocoa (35%)**

**Cocoa powder and chocolate (35%)**

## Duty free imports include

**Medicaments (HS 30)**

**Orthopaedic appliances (HS 9021)**

**Printed paper materials (unused postage, newspaper, books, music manuscripts, maps and children's drawings)**

**Petroleum oils (HS 2709)**

## 35% ad valorem import duties



Yoghurt



Oils (groundnut, cotton-seed and coconut)



Soaps



Meat



Eggs



Potatoes



Woven fabrics

## 20% ad valorem import duties



Paints and varnishes



Electrical appliances



Sound-recording equipment



Sports and military weapons



Plastic furniture



Fish and seafood



Fresh flowers

## Imports from Africa excluding ECOWAS countries

HS code	Product description	US\$m 2017	MFN applied tariff
310520	Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing the three fertilising elements	9.41	5%
252310	Cement clinkers	6.57	10%
220210	Waters	4.27	20%
730890	Iron or steel structures and parts of structures	3.93	10%
842959	Self-propelled mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders	3.73	5%
310229	Double salts	3.16	Duty-free
843790	Parts of machinery used in the milling industry	2.57	5%
870410	Dumpers for off-highway use	2.11	5%-10% depending on the tariff line
110100	Wheat or meslin flour	2.07	20%
847410	Sorting, screening, separating or washing machines for solid mineral substances	2.04	5%

12% of Guinea's intra-Africa imports are from countries outside ECOWAS, mainly sourced from Morocco (39%) and South Africa (32%). Of the top 20 imports only double salts are imported duty-free and 10 tariff lines have the MFN applied duty of 5% (including fertilisers, self-propelled mechanical shovels and excavators, machinery parts, passenger and goods vessels and dredges). Imports of waters, wheat and meslin flour and paper sacks and bags are levied the MFN applied duty of 20%.

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