Seychelles is a member of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

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 21 member states of which 16 are part of the COMESA FTA. eSwatini has preferential access under a derogation but is exempt from reciprocating preferences due to its membership of SACU. The DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Tunisia and Somalia are in the process of joining the FTA.

5% of Seychelles' total exports are intra-Africa

- Frozen fish (47%)
- Vessels (39%)

10% of Seychelles' total imports are intra-Africa

- Olive oil (8%)
- Animal feed preparations (3%)
- Sawn wood (5%)
- Paper packaging (2%)
Most of the goods imported into Seychelles from other SADC and COMESA member states enter duty-free. Chicken meat imports (fresh and frozen) and cigarettes are levied specified duties. Numerous imports from the rest of SADC is levied an ad valorem tariff of 15%, including smoked herring fillets, flowers, dog and cat food and clothing. Imports from COMESA not zero-rated include fresh cut flowers (15% import duty), tomato ketchup (15% duty), non-alcoholic beverages (2.5% duty) and preparations for sauces (7.5% duty).

**High simple average MFN applied duties**
- Tobacco (200%)
- Tyres (200%)
- Spirits (rum, liqueurs and vodka) (120%)
- Bread, pasty, cakes and biscuits (100%)

**Duty free imports include**
- Live animals (HS 01)
- Cereals (HS 10)
- Cocoa and preparations (HS 18)
- Ores, slag and ash (HS 26)
- Iron and steel (HS 72)

### Highest ad valorem import duties
- Tobacco substitute cigarettes & cigars (200%)
- Tobacco cigars and cigarillos (200%)
- Retreaded tyres (200%)
- Vodka in plastic bottles (120%)
- Liqueurs with strength >30% (120%)
- Breads, pastry, cakes and biscuits (100%)
- Other fresh salmonidae (100%)

### Highest specific import duties
- Tobacco cigarettes (SR96 per 200 cigarettes)
- Whole fresh and frozen chicken (15% + SR5 per kilogram)
- Fresh and frozen chicken cuts and offal (15% + SR5 per kilogram)
- Coconut milk (SR10 per litre)
- Milk and/or cocoa based non-alcoholic beverages (SR10 per litre)
- Orange, pineapple and grapefruit juices (SR5 per litre)
- Single fruit/vegetable juices with added sugar (SR5 per litre)
- Sweetened/ﬂavoured beverages (SR5 per litre)

### Imports from Africa excluding COMESA and SADC countries

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Only 0.9% of Seychelles’ intra-Africa imports are from outside SADC and COMESA, mainly from Senegal, Ivory Coast and Congo. Of the top 20 products Seychelles imports from outside SADC and COMESA only two products are levied MFN applied duties higher than 0%. These are frozen tuna (25% applicable duty) and pineapples (15% applicable duty).

Source: ITC TradeMap (2019) and WTO Tariff Database (2019)