

Trading Under the AfCFTA – a Guide for Botswana



Botswana's trade with SACU and SADC member states will continue under existing regimes

Southern African Customs Union (SACU)

Southern African Development Community (SADC)



Members: Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa (SACU) and Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Mauritius, Seychelles, Tanzania, Union of Comoros, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

As a customs union, SACU has a **common external tariff** and a **common customs territory**. There are no customs duties on intra-SACU trade. To protect the integrity of the customs union, SACU member states have made a collective offer of tariff concessions in the AfCFTA. **Botswana will continue to trade in goods, with other SACU member states under SACU rules. Trade in services** is not covered in SACU, each member state has its own commitments in the AfCFTA.

Botswana, together with the other 12 SADC member states that are **party to the SADC FTA**, will continue to trade with one another under these **SADC FTA rules**. Angola, Comoros and DRC are members of SADC, but have not joined the SADC FTA. Angola has submitted a tariff offer to join the FTA.

Non-SADC countries



New preferential trade opportunities for Botswana under the AfCFTA will be with non-SACU, non-SADC countries in East, West, North and Central Africa, with whom Botswana currently trades under WTO tariffs

AfCFTA Operational instruments



The *AfCFTA e-tariff book* is a digital platform containing the tariff schedules with applicable tariff rates for all AfCFTA State Parties based on the WCO 6-digit Harmonized System (HS). Goods are classified in three Categories: i) Category A – non sensitive products, ii) Category B – sensitive products, and iii) Category C – products that are excluded from liberalization.

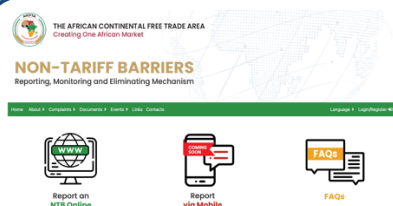
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RULES OF ORIGIN
MANUAL

The *AfCFTA Rules of Origin Manual* provides detailed information on how to determine the national origin of goods so that they can be traded between State Parties under the AfCFTA preferential tariff rates.

<https://au-afcfta.org/rules-of-origin/>



The *AfCFTA Online Mechanism for Reporting, Monitoring and Elimination of NTBs* is a portal for online reporting of identified non-tariff barriers (NTBs), including for reporting via SMS. Reported NTBs and the status of their resolution can be tracked.

www.tradebarriers.africa



The *Pan-African Payment and Settlement System (PAPSS)*, developed by the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) in collaboration with the African Union and AfCFTA Secretariat, is a cross-border payment and settlement infrastructure for transactions across Africa. PAPSS allows for payment and settlement using local currencies.

<https://papss.com/>

