

**FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BULGARIA AND
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

Communication from Bulgaria

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT

1. Membership, Dates of Signature, Ratification and Entry into Force

Parties to the Free Trade Agreement are the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Macedonia.

The Agreement was signed on 13 October 1999 in Sofia and entered into force after the completion of the ratification procedures in both Parties.

With a law adopted on 15 December 1999 the XXXVIII National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria ratified the Agreement. The Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia ratified the Agreement on 17 December 1999.

The Agreement entered into force on 1 January 2000. It applies in respect of the territory to which the customs laws of Bulgaria and Macedonia are applicable.

The Agreement was notified to the Council for Trade in Goods on 21 January 2000, in accordance with Article XXIV:7(a) of the GATT 1994.

2. Type of Agreement

The Agreement provides for the gradual establishment of a free-trade area between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Macedonia, in conformity with Article XXIV of the GATT 1994 and the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XXIV of GATT 1994, over a transitional period lasting a maximum of five years. By the end of the transitional period, all duties and other restrictive regulations of commerce shall be eliminated on substantially all the trade between the signatories.

3. Scope

The free-trade area established by the Agreement provides the framework for future trade relations between Bulgaria and Macedonia.

The Agreement covers trade in industrial products (Chapters 25-97 of the Harmonized System, HS), agricultural, processed agricultural and fishery products (HS Chapters 1-24), originating in the Republic of Bulgaria or in the Republic of Macedonia according to the rules of origin laid out in the Agreement.

Annex I to the Agreement (reproduced in Annex I to this document) defines the exclusions from the scope of industrial products. For the purpose of the Agreement, the products contained in that Annex are considered to be agricultural products.

With the entry into force of the Agreement, customs duties and other restrictive regulations of commerce on all industrial and certain agricultural products are being abolished or decreased, thus meeting the requirement of Article XXIV with respect to the free-trade area to cover substantially all the trade between the constituent territories in products originating in those territories.

In order to ensure the proper functioning of the free-trade area, the Agreement contains provisions, *inter alia*, on state monopolies, competition, public procurement and protection of intellectual property rights.

An Evolutionary Clause enables the Parties to develop and deepen the relations established by this Agreement by extending them to fields not covered thereby.

Annex II contains a summary of the structure of the Agreement.

4. Trade Data

See Annex 3 for detailed information.

II. TRADE PROVISIONS

1. Import Restrictions

Customs duties on imports of all industrial products, except for those considered as sensitive, were abolished on 1 January 2000. For the most sensitive of them, customs duties shall be gradually eliminated until 1 January 2005, while for less sensitive products the progressive reduction of customs duties shall end with their abolition on 1 January 2002.

As of 1 January 2000 all charges having an effect equivalent to customs duties on imports were abolished. No new customs duties or charges having equivalent effect shall be introduced in trade between the Parties from the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

The Parties abolished quantitative restrictions on imports and measures having equivalent effect in trade between them as of the date of entry into force of the Agreement and also agreed not to introduce such new measures. The Republic of Macedonia has however retained the right to continue to implement, for a transitional period of five years, the existing protective measures on imports and levy a customs administration fee.

2. Export Restrictions

The Agreement stipulates that all customs duties and charges having equivalent effect on exports, as well as all quantitative restrictions and measures having equivalent effect shall be abolished on the date of entry into force and that no new measures of that kind shall be introduced in trade between the Parties.

However, the Republic of Macedonia has the right to continue to implement, for a transitional period of five years, the existing protective measures on exports and levy a customs administration fee.

With respect to the Republic of Bulgaria, all export taxes were abolished before the entry into force of the Agreement and therefore the provisions allowing for the maintenance of export taxes on two categories of products, listed in the Record of Understanding to the Agreement, do not apply.

3. Rules of Origin

The rules of origin on trade between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Macedonia, defined in Protocol B of the Agreement, are based on the sufficient working or processing criteria. Origin is conferred when:

- (a) The good is wholly obtained or produced in the territory of a Party;
- (b) each of the non-originating materials used in the production of the good undergoes and applicable change in tariff classification set out in the specific rule for that good, and the good satisfies any other applicable requirement set out in that rule, as a result of production occurring entirely in the territory of one or both of the Parties;
- (c) the good is produced entirely in the territory of one or both of the Parties exclusively from originating materials; or,
- (d) other particular circumstances as set out in Protocol B.

The rules of origin enable only bilateral cumulation of products between the Parties to the Agreement.

4. Standards

4.1. Technical barriers to trade

The rights and obligations of the Parties relating to standards or technical regulations and the respective measures are defined by the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

The Parties shall cooperate and exchange information in the field of standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation with the aim of reducing technical barriers to trade. The Parties may enter into negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement for mutual recognition in the field of conformity assessment.

4.2. Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

The Parties shall apply their national regulations in the field of veterinary, sanitary and phytosanitary control in a way corresponding to the WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and shall not introduce discriminatory measures or other measures which lead to unduly restricting the flow of information about the level of sanitary and phytosanitary protection, animals, plants and products.

5. Safeguards

The Agreement permits the application of safeguard measures in cases of increased imports (Article 20), re-export and serious shortage (Article 21), incompatible practices concerning rules of competition and state-aid (Article 27). The procedure for the application of these measures is laid down in Article 23 of the Agreement.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 20 on General Safeguards, the Parties can take specific safeguard measures on imports of agricultural products, subject to concessions.

In accordance with Article 18 of Chapter III on Structural Adjustment a Party may, as an exceptional measure, increase customs duties on imports of products originating in the other Party when serious difficulties concerning infant industries or certain sectors undergoing restructuring produce important social problems.

In cases of serious balance of payments difficulties, Article 28 allows the Parties to adopt restrictive measures, including measures related to imports, of limited duration, in accordance with the conditions established under the GATT 1994 and Article VIII of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund.

6. Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures

When a Party finds that dumping, in the meaning of Article VI of the GATT 1994 is taking place in the trade relations between the Parties, it may take appropriate measures pursuant to Article 19 in accordance with Article VI of the GATT 1994 and the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994. The respective procedures are laid down in Article 23.

7. Subsidies and State-aid

According to Article 27, any incompatible State-aid practice which distorts or threatens to distort competition by favouring certain undertakings or the production of certain goods, may be subject to measures taken in conformity with the procedures and under the conditions laid down by the GATT 1994 and the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the WTO and by any other relevant instruments negotiated under the auspices of the WTO. Such measures should be taken pursuant to the provisions laid down in Article 23 of the Agreement.

Criteria for compatibility assessment of State-aid practices as well as rules for their implementation shall be adopted within three years from the entry into force of the Agreement.

8. Sector-Specific Provisions

8.1. Agriculture

In Article 12 of the Agreement, the Parties declare their readiness to foster, in so far as their agricultural policies allow, the harmonious development of trade in agricultural products and to discuss this issue periodically in the Joint Committee. In pursuance of this objective and in order to facilitate trade in agricultural products, the Parties grant each other concessions as specified in Protocol A.

The same Article also provides for examination of the possibilities of granting further concessions on trade in agricultural, processed agricultural and fishery products.

8.2. Services

There is no provision in the Agreement concerning the right of establishment and supply of services.

9. Other

9.1 Cooperation in customs administration

Article 25 and Protocol B to the Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation between the Parties create a framework for cooperation in customs administration.

9.2 State monopolies

Article 22 of the Agreement obliges the Parties to progressively adjust any state monopoly of a commercial character so as to ensure that by the end of the year following the entry into force of the Agreement no discrimination regarding the conditions under which goods are procured and marketed exists between the nationals of the Parties.

9.3 Internal taxation

Any measure or practice of an internal fiscal nature establishing discrimination against products originating in the Parties is being prohibited by Article 16 of the Agreement. The Article also prohibits repayment of internal taxes in excess of the amount of indirect or direct taxes imposed on exports.

9.4 Protection of intellectual property

The protection of intellectual property rights is addressed in Article 29. The Parties agree to respect obligations arising from the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, as well as other conventions on intellectual property protection, which are signed by them and are listed in Annex IV to the Agreement.

9.5 Payments

Article 26 stipulates that Parties, in accordance with their respective legislation, shall allow all payments on the current account of the balance of payments in freely convertible currencies, as far as the transactions related to the payments affect trade.

9.6 Public procurement

The two Parties consider the liberalization of their respective public procurement markets as an objective of the Agreement and, to this end, their aim is at opening up of the award of public contracts on the basis of non-discrimination and reciprocity.

Article 30 envisages a progressive development of respective rules, conditions and practices on public procurement and granting to suppliers of the other Party access to contract award procedures on public procurement markets not less favourable than that accorded to companies of any third country.

Endeavours shall be made by both Parties to accede to the relevant Agreements negotiated under the auspices of the GATT 1994 and the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the WTO.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

1. Exceptions and Reservations

All customs duties and charges having equivalent effect on imports applied to industrial products, except for those classified as sensitive, are abolished with the entry into force of the Agreement. As for the sensitive products, customs duties and charges having equivalent effect shall be gradually eliminated by the year 2005. This, however, shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or goods in transit, justified on grounds of public morality, public policy or public security, the protection of health and life of humans, animals or plants and environment; the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value; the protection of intellectual property or rules, relating to gold or silver or the conservation of exhaustible natural resources, if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production or consumption. Such prohibitions or restrictions under Article 24 shall not, however, constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between the Parties.

The Agreement also allows the Parties to take measures, with concerns of security, in the cases specified in Article 33.

2. Accession

There is no provision allowing other countries to accede to the Free Trade Agreement.

3. Dispute Settlement Procedures

The Agreement does not contain special provisions regarding dispute settlement. The Joint Committee, established under Article 31, has the authority to take decisions in the cases provided for in the Agreement.

4. Relation with Other Trade Agreements

The Agreement does not contain any provisions that establish any specific relation with other bilateral, plurilateral and/or multilateral trade agreements. However, in the Preamble a reference is made to other trade agreements, concluded by each of the Parties.

The progressive elimination of obstacles to trade between the Parties is to be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the GATT 1994 and the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the WTO. Rights and obligations relating to certain matters, among which standards or technical regulations and related matters, anti-dumping measures, balance-of-payments difficulties, etc. are to be governed by the relevant WTO Agreements. The obligations in the area of protection of intellectual property rights also arise from certain international conventions on intellectual property protection.

5. Institutional Framework

The Agreement establishes a Joint Committee with responsibilities for the administration of the Agreement (Article 31). Consultations to ensure its proper implementation shall be held within the Joint Committee, which shall also keep under review the possibility of further removal of the obstacles to trade between the Parties. The Joint Committee may decide to set up such sub-committees and working parties as it deems necessary to assist it in accomplishing its tasks.

ANNEX I

Referred to in Articles 2 and 11 of the Agreement

CN Code 1998	Product Description
2905 43 00	- Mannitol
2905 44	- D-glucitol (sorbitol)
ex 3502	Albumins, albuminates and other albumin derivatives:
	- Egg albumin:
ex 3502 11	- Dried:
3502 11 90	- Other
ex 3502 19	- Other:
3502 19 90	- Other
ex 3502 20	- Milk albumin, including concentrates of two or more whey proteins:
	- Other:
3502 20 91	- Dried (for example, in sheets, scales, flakes, powder)
3502 20 99	- Other
ex 3505 10	Dextrines and other modified starches, excluding starches, esterified or etherified of subheading 3505 10 50
3505 20	Glues based on starches, dextrans or other modified starches
3809 10	Dressings and finishing agents with a basis of amylaceous substances
3824 60	Sorbitol other than that of subheading 2905 45
4501	Natural cork, raw or simply prepared; waste cork; crushed, granulated or ground cork
5201 00	Cotton, not carded or combed
5301	Flax, raw or processed but not spun; flax tow and waste (including yarn waste and garnetted stock)
5302	True hemp (<i>Cannabis sativa L.</i>), raw or processed but not spun; tow and waste of true hemp (including yarn waste and garnetted stock)

ANNEX II

Structure of the Agreement

Preamble	
Objectives	Article 1
Scope	Articles 2,11 and Annex I
Basic Duties	Article 3 and Protocol A
Customs Duties on Imports	Article 4, Annexes II and III and Protocol A
Charges Equivalent to Duties	Article 5
Fiscal Duties	Article 6
Customs Duties on Exports and Charges Having Equivalent Effect	Article 7
Quantitative Restrictions (QRs) on Exports and Measures Having Equivalent Effect	Article 8
QRs on Imports and Measures Having Equivalent Effect	Article 9
Technical Barriers to Trade	Article 10
Exchange of Agricultural Concessions	Article 12 and Protocol A
Concessions and Agricultural Policies	Article 13
Specific Safeguards	Article 14
Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Article 15
Internal Taxation	Article 16
Customs Unions, Free Trade Areas and Frontier Trade	Article 17
Structural Adjustment	Article 18
Anti-Dumping Measures	Article 19
General Safeguards	Article 20
Re-export and Serious Shortage	Article 21
State Monopolies	Article 22
Procedure for the Application of Safeguard Measures	Article 23
General Exceptions	Article 24
Rules of Origin and Co-operation in Customs Administration	Article 25 and Protocol B
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Rules of Competition Between Undertakings, State Aid	Article 27
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ANNEX III

Imports from Macedonia into Bulgaria
(Thousand US\$)

HS Chapter	Description of Products	1996	1997	1998	1999
1	Live animals	0,114	0	0,393	0,19
2	Meat and meat offal	0	326,02	393,325	0
3	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs	61,278	24,298	40,828	0
4	Dairy produce, eggs, honey, animal products	0	0	385,246	0
5	Animal products, not elsewhere included	0	0	13,995	0
6	Live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots, cut flowers	13,274	3,808	36,953	8,448
7	Edible vegetables	247,922	1,319,454	798,497	310,615
8	Edible fruit and nuts	494,774	671,513	432,924	750,49
9	Coffee, tea, spices	0	5,84	2,79	0
10	Cereals	0	0,478	0	1,986
11	Products of the milling industry	21,156	9,657	0	0
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains etc.	24,002	29,482	15,72	6,321
13	Lac, gums, resins, vegetable saps and extracts	0	0	0	0
14	Vegetable products not elsewhere included	0	0	0	0
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	10,428	2,191	0,216	0
16	Preparations of meat, fish etc.	0	8,829	0	0
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	24,109	4,608	59,725	1,444
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	0	1,429	2,888	0,287
19	Preparation of cereals, flour, starch, milk	1,453	1,235	8,79	0,382
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts	19,548	942,355	159,611	28,369
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	0	50,551	5,2	0
22	Beverages, spirits, vinegar	238,319	472,445	11,206,45	3,513,626
23	Residues and waste from the food industries	16,418	19,845	22,963	1,569
24	Tobacco	1,066,906	532,876	100,708	0
25	Salt, sulphur, earths, stone, cement, etc.	307,61	333,83	622,119	849,046
26	Ores, slag and ash	7,187,519	1,252,542	8,316,065	10,687,95
27	Mineral fuels, oils etc.	61,332	31,165	10,393	33,65
28	Inorganic chemicals	271,443	464,175	512,692	486,318
29	Organic chemicals	503,215	473,713	278,675	216,995
30	Pharmaceutical products	70,426	75,712	112,338	45,932
31	Fertilisers	16,284	225,027	344,862	77,85
32	Dyes, pigments, paints, varnishes, putty, inks, etc.	29,245	210,069	154,317	105,759
33	Essential oils, perfumery etc.	8,139	0	36,661	29,177
34	Soap, washing preparations, lubricating preparations etc.	76,939	0,73	17,757	13,799
35	Albuminoidal substances, starches, glues, enzymes	90,762	11,261	0,88	1,748
36	Explosives, pyrotechnic products, matches	22,523	2,125	87,5	92,464
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods	0	2,932	1,949	0,551
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	51,268	105,56	118,685	167,003
39	Plastics and articles thereof	1,182,843	788,525	466,056	478,406
40	Rubber and articles thereof	345,226	109,579	47,41	42,156
41	Raw hides and skins, leather	345,032	373,851	60,548	124,751

HS Chapter	Description of Products	1996	1997	1998	1999
42	Articles of leather, saddlery, travel goods, handbags, etc.	0,72	1,463	0,373	0
43	Furskins and artificial fur	84,68	0	0	0
44	Wood and articles of wood	344,954	1,821,594	1,188,911	14,46
45	Cork and articles of cork	0	0	15,196	11,2
46	Manufactures of straw, basketware and wickerwork	0	0	0	0
47	Pulp of wood, waste and scrap of paper	58,894	126,669	28,048	0
48	Paper and paperboard, articles thereof	484,91	209,677	298,404	222,155
49	Printed books, newspapers, pictures etc.	7,691	2,536	0,132	0,21
50	Silk	0	0	0	0
51	Wool, fine or coarse animal hair etc.	156,235	1,932,913	1,001,12	513,448
52	Cotton	80,24	8,099	21,848	111,857
53	Other vegetable textile fibres, paper yarn etc.	7,259	0	2,102	0
54	Man-made filaments	157,309	99,701	17,043	90,119
55	Man-made staple fibres	2,859,874	3,022,857	970,512	606,888
56	Wadding, felt and nonwovens, special yarns, twine etc.	8,775	0	4,926	0
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings	0	10,039	0	0
58	Special woven fabrics, lace tapestries, trimmings etc.	8,292	36,648	15,975	4,142
59	Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics	194,632	72,254	62,753	14,764
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	2,099	4,283	14,516	3,804
61	Articles of apparel, accessories, knitted or crocheted	29,345	66,111	4,687	247,858
62	Articles of apparel, accessories, not knitted or crocheted	64,298	44,006	52,022	1,582
63	Other made-up textile articles, worn clothing etc.	26,406	44,13	20,759	0
64	Footwear, gaiters, parts thereof	81,316	124,182	185,606	46,454
65	Headgear, parts thereof	0	0	0	0
66	Umbrellas, sun, umbrellas, walking sticks etc.	0	0	0	0
67	Prepared feathers and down, articles thereof etc.	0,165	0,106	0	0
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, etc.	229,811	2,404,627	765,615	259,383
69	Ceramic products	265,841	136,544	188,802	33,599
70	Glass and glassware	244,202	581,165	388,02	61,907
71	Pearls, precious stones, metals, articles thereof etc.	0	0	0	0
72	Iron and steel	3,873,864	3,236,642	3,996,886	1,949,282
73	Articles of iron or steel	153,137	120,016	233,741	113,737
74	Copper and articles thereof	3,960,663	1,370,517	1,273,013	586,949
75	Nickel and articles thereof	2,981	0	6,337	0
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	2,929,207	1,154,898	837,324	185,682
78	Lead and articles thereof	98,598	3,96	101,267	0
79	Zinc and articles thereof	365,279	161,851	584,765	18,04
80	Tin and articles thereof	0	0	0	0
81	Other base metals, cermets, articles thereof	279,153	0	0	2,246
82	Tools, implements, cutlery of base metal, parts thereof	0,2	1,02	14,184	1,393
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	46,744	20,287	17,508	18,792
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery, appliances etc.	567,435	197,901	352,27	744,558
85	Electrical machinery and equipment, parts thereof	447,102	479,493	193,707	118,174
86	Railway of tramway locomotives, rolling-stock, parts thereof	3,353	0	122,794	89,639

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87	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock	332,007	160,239	332,361	63,183
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, parts thereof	8,566	0	0	0
89	Ships, boats, floating structures	0	0	17,778	0
90	Optical, photographic etc., instruments and apparatus	18,701	11,737	38,558	24,361
91	Clocks and watches, parts thereof	0	0	0	0
92	Musical instruments, parts and accessories thereof	0	0	0	0
93	Arms and ammunition, parts and accessories thereof	0	4	4,109	0
94	Furniture, bedding, mattresses, lamps etc.	267,806	40,131	39,011	14,683
95	Toys, games, sports requisites, parts thereof	27	5,173	99,882	6,905
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	27,117	2,103	21,466	0,086
97	Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	0	0	0	1,039
TOTAL		31,616.37	26,607.28	38,410.46	24,259.87

Imports from Bulgaria into Macedonia
(Thousand US\$)

HS Chapter	Description of Products	1996	1997	1998	1999
1	Live animals	15	1	7	73
2	Meat and meat offal	1,238	112	18	22
3	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs	816	668	336	115
4	Dairy produce, eggs, honey, animal products	697	564	243	259
5	Animal products, not elsewhere included	1	13	24	24
6	Live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots, cut flowers	50	24	8	10
7	Edible vegetables	272	164	65	266
8	Edible fruit and nuts	312	61	22	48
9	Coffee, tea, spices	17	121	14	57
10	Cereals	0	0	168	962
11	Products of the milling industry	161	151	90	246
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains etc.	724	341	118	104
13	Lac, gums, resines, vegetable saps and extracts	0	2	1	0
14	Vegetable products not elsewhere included	3	1	0	0
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	594	1,684	356	4,837
16	Preparations of meat, fish etc.	39	10	0	346
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	6,347	591	519	3,190
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	90	166	31	23
19	Preparation of cereals, flour, starch, milk	181	442	255	395
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts	853	654	489	135
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	11	134	156	168
22	Beverages, spirits, vinegar	629	250	289	542
23	Residues and waste from the food industries	507	417	268	475
24	Tobacco	0	39	0	0
25	Salt, sulphur, earths, stone, cement, etc.	1,502	1,910	1,547	1,724
26	Ores, slag and ash	341	167	849	8

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27	Mineral fuels, oils etc.	8,956	10,630	4,071	3,280
28	Inorganic chemicals	2,688	2,548	1,925	2,743
29	Organic chemicals	7,759	12,265	3,816	3,086
30	Pharmaceutical products	466	356	119	137
31	Fertilisers	9,038	6,214	8,347	5,526
32	Dyes, pigments, paints, varnishes, putty, inks, etc.	224	152	205	143
33	Essential oils, perfumery etc.	45	49	67	162
34	Soap, washing preparations, lubricating preparations etc.	303	61	281	53
35	Albuminoidal substances, starches, glues, enzymes	22	36	109	60
36	Explosives, pyrotechnic products, matches	283	59	76	57
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods	94	48	73	211
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	438	372	447	403
39	Plastics and articles thereof	5,844	4,799	6,174	7,309
40	Rubber and articles thereof	1,535	840	550	717
41	Raw hides and skins, leather	218	59	133	127
42	Articles of leather, saddlery, travel goods, handbags, etc.	19	4	14	10
43	Furskins and artificial fur	0	0	0	0
44	Wood and articles of wood	6,680	5,553	6,548	10,521
45	Cork and articles of cork	6	8	38	172
46	Manufactures of straw, basketware and wickerwork	0	0	0	0
47	Pulp of wood, waste and scrap of paper	184	14	506	494
48	Paper and paperboard, articles thereof	5,339	2,986	3,403	2,914
49	Printed books, newspapers, pictures etc.	375	175	60	19
50	Silk	0	0	0	0
51	Wool, fine or coarse animal hair etc.	45	68	6	0
52	Cotton	3,040	4,667	2,306	1,320
53	Other vegetable textile fibres, paper yarn etc.	10	13	1	8
54	Man-made filaments	477	578	571	333
55	Man-made staple fibres	1,941	1,194	527	628
56	Wadding, felt and nonwovens, special yarns, twine etc.	231	259	316	451
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings	341	49	38	30
58	Special woven fabrics, lace tapestries, trimmings etc.	103	63	37	125
59	Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics	318	268	179	146
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	1	6	1	0
61	Articles of apparel, accessories, knitted or crocheted	6	279	5	67
62	Articles of apparel, accessories, not knitted or crocheted	180	270	115	104
63	Other made-up textile articles, worn clothing etc.	216	156	47	188
64	Footwear, gaiters, parts thereof	112	221	206	87
65	Headgear, parts thereof	0	0	0	11
66	Umbrellas, sun, umbrellas, walking sticks etc.	2	0	0	0
67	Prepared feathers and down, articles thereof etc.	0	0	0	0
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, etc.	833	958	858	960

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69	Ceramic products	120	83	53	94
70	Glass and glassware	1,785	1,773	2,243	2,839
71	Pearls, precious stones, metals, articles thereof etc.	6	0	2	0
72	Iron and steel	14,743	19,684	18,408	14,630
73	Articles of iron or steel	3,789	3,121	2,259	2,476
74	Copper and articles thereof	2,990	38	849	397
75	Nickel and articles thereof	0	0	0	0
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	1,592	1,451	2,113	1,509
78	Lead and articles thereof	6	158	0	0
79	Zinc and articles thereof	147	44	0	29
80	Tin and articles thereof	4	0	0	0
81	Other base metals, cermet, articles thereof	0	0	61	2
82	Tools, implements, cutlery of base metal, parts thereof	82	91	77	54
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	309	227	239	137
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery, appliances etc.	3,219	2,565	2,185	3,436
85	Electrical machinery and equipment, parts thereof	2,058	2,650	851	1,138
86	Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling-stock, parts thereof	151	142	85	33
87	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock	548	275	364	393
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, parts thereof	0	2	0	0
89	Ships, boats, floating structures	9	5	0	0
90	Optical, photographic etc., instruments and apparatus	242	162	70	161
91	Clocks and watches, parts thereof	2	0	0	0
92	Musical instruments, parts and accessories thereof	1	0	4	0
93	Arms and ammunition, parts and accessories thereof	0	0	19	0
94	Furniture, bedding, mattresses, lamps etc.	421	348	382	919
95	Toys, games, sports requisites, parts thereof	78	39	15	97
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	194	42	38	38
97	Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	1,184	1,152	7,904	6,306
TOTAL		107,545	99,018	86,284	91,319