

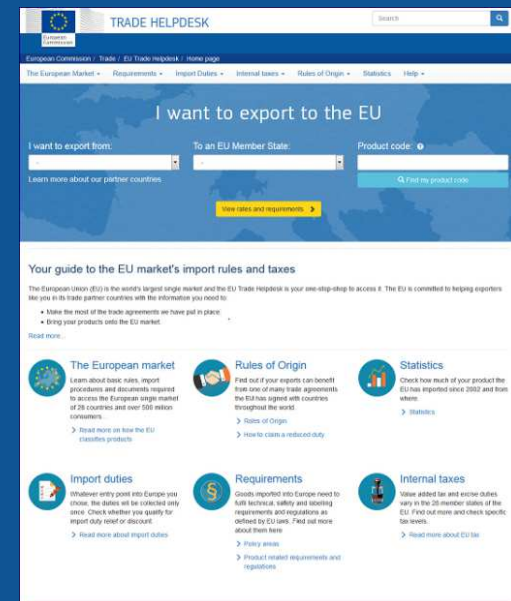


How to export to the European Union

EU Trade Helpdesk

Your online guide to access the EU market

European Commission, Directorate-General for Trade



tradehelpdesk.europa.eu



What is the EU Trade Helpdesk?

- A website on how to export to the EU
- A source of information on EU import duties, product requirements, rules of origin, internal taxes and trade statistics
- A database on trade in goods
- Usable free of charge, without registration formalities
- Available in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese

What can you find on the Trade Helpdesk website?



EU product requirements for goods imported to or circulating on the EU single market (health, safety, technical standards, marketing standards)



EU custom duties, duty discounts, quota database



How to benefit from reduced duties – the rules and proofs of origin according to trade agreements or preferential schemes



Who to contact for advice

Competent authorities, customs offices, chambers of commerce in EU countries



Trade statistics

All recent trade flows – product by product, country by country

How to access EU data for your product?



I want to export to the EU

I want to export from:

To an EU Member State:

Product code:

[Learn more about our partner countries](#)

1. Go to tradehelpdesk.europa.eu
2. Fill in the exporting and importing country and the product you intend to export to the EU; if needed, click on "find your product code" and browse the "tree" of classification codes to find the correct code for your product
3. Click on "view rates and requirements"



EU data for your product

1st tab: import procedures

Three types of information:

1. Information on the EU's import procedures
2. The main documents you need for customs clearance
3. Import formalities and competent authorities for the EU country you have defined as importing country

Import Procedures	Product requirements	EU Import duties	Internal taxes	Rules of Origin GSP
EU import procedures and country-specific information				
> EU import procedures				
> Documents for customs clearance				
> Competent bodies and authorities in France				



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2nd tab: product requirements

The list of EU requirements applying to your product.

These documents explain each requirement and link to the **EU law** it is based on.

They also include

- specific **certificates** you may need,
- the **competent authorities** in the importing country,
- More information relating to the importing country, e.g. specific labelling or packaging provisions.

Import Procedures	Product requirements	EU Import duties	Internal taxes	Rules of Origin
Product-specific requirements for EU market access				
➤ Health control of foodstuffs of non-animal origin				
➤ Traceability, compliance and responsibility in food and feed				
➤ Labelling for foodstuffs				
➤ Voluntary - Products from organic production				

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3rd tab: import duties

- The first row shows the import duty exporters from non-EU countries should generally pay
- The following rows show which **duty discount** you can claim for your product according to either
 - the Generalized System of Preferences the EU grants to lower-middle income countries, or
 - a trade agreement signed between the country you are exporting from and the European Union
- This tab will also show you any **quota** or **antidumping duties**

Import Procedures	Product requirements	EU Import duties	Internal taxes	Rules of Origin GSP
EU Import duties				
Origin		Measure Type	Tariff	
Any Country		Third country duty	7.70 %	
GSP (general arrangement)		Tariff preference	4.20 %	
Ghana		Tariff preference	0 %	

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4th tab: internal taxes

The internal taxes for your product in the EU importing country you selected.

This information includes:

- Value-Added-Tax (VAT)
- Excise duty applying to alcoholic beverages, manufactured tobacco products and energy products, e.g. motor and heating fuels

Note that internal taxes are not harmonised in the EU and hence they vary from one country to another.

Import Procedures	Product requirements	EU Import duties	Internal taxes
Internal taxes			
		Standard Rate	
VAT		20%	
Excise		-	
VAT footnote for France			
A tax rate of 5.5% applies to cocoa butter.			
A tax rate of 20% applies to all other products.			

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5th tab: rules of origin

If your product can benefit from a duty discount this tab will show you the conditions, i.e. the rules of origin for your product.

Internal taxes	Rules of Origin GSP	Rules of Origin EPA MAR	Statistics	Show all
Working or processing, carried out on non-originating materials, which confers originating status				
Manufacture from materials of any heading, except that of the product, in which				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">the individual weight of sugar [6] and of the materials of Chapter 4 used does not exceed 40 % of the weight of the final product, andthe total combined weight of sugar [7] and the materials of Chapter 4 used does not exceed 60 % of the weight of final product				
[7] See Introductory Note 4.2.				

These rules describe how "originating status" is determined in the agreement or preferential scheme in place.

You will find more information relating to the rules of origin of a specific agreement, e.g. the "cumulation" provisions and the "proofs of origin" in the Trade Helpdesk Website section "Rules of Origin".

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6th tab: trade statistics

- If your product is already imported into the European Union you may check the trade flows between the exporting and importing country.
- To find all trade flows between non-EU countries and the European Union please go to section "Statistics" on the Trade Helpdesk Website.

Statistics				
Indicators *	Import Value to the EU/MS (EURO) *		Import Qty to the EU/MS (Kg) *	
Partner(s)	Extra-EU	Extra-EU	Extra-EU	Extra-EU
Year(s)	2015	2016	2015	2016
Reporters ⇅	⇅	⇅	⇅	⇅
France	609,068	7,493,235	100,000	1,415,000

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Need more information?

- Browse the Trade Helpdesk Website

The European Market ▾ Requirements ▾ Import Duties ▾ Internal taxes ▾ Rules of Origin ▾ Statistics

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More information

- Contact us!

Your guide to the EU market's import rules and taxes

The European Union (EU) is the world's largest single market and the EU Trade Helpdesk is your one-stop-shop to access it. The EU is committed to helping exporters like you in its trade partner countries with the information you need to:

- Make the most of the trade agreements we have put in place.
- Bring your products onto the EU market.

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Contact

Gender First name * Last name *

E-mail address *

Nationality * Country of residence *

Preferred contact language? * Alternative contact language? *

Subject * Economic category *

Enquiry *

I authorise the European Commission to add my e-mail to the Europe Direct mailing list

I have read and agree with the [data protection terms](#)*

Feedback

Can't find what you're looking for or got an unexpected result?

News

New Trade Helpdesk for Euro-Mediterranean countries
Do you need market information for the EuroMed region for your business? Check it on the new EuroMed Helpdesk.
July 28, 2017

Here is a test news item
This is the body of the text.
It will include an introduction, elaboration, and background detail.
July 27, 2017

Combating illegal fishing
Thanks to our catch certification system 30 countries have already improved their systems to combat illegal fishing - see what we do to tackle...
February 15, 2017

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A screenshot of the EU Trade Helpdesk website. The page has a white header with the "TRADE HELPDESK" logo and a search bar. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with the text "European Commission / Trade / EU Trade Helpdesk / Home page" and a menu with items: "The European Market", "Requirements", "Import Duties", "Internal taxes", "Rules of Origin", "Statistics", and "Help". The main content area has a blue background with a world map and the heading "I want to export to the EU". It contains three input fields: "I want to export from:", "To an EU Member State:", and "Product code:". Below these is a "Find my product code" button and a "View rates and requirements" button. At the bottom, there is a section titled "Your guide to the EU market's import rules and taxes" with a brief introduction and two bullet points: "Make the most of the trade agreements we have put in place;" and "Bring your products onto the EU market." A "Read more" link is at the bottom left.

Watch our [video tutorial on Youtube.com](#)

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