

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND SWITZERLAND

Biennial Report on the Operation of the Agreement

Communication from the Parties

The report below presents the information received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, dated 19 April 2002. It is organized in accordance to the Standard Format for Information on Regional Trade Agreements (WT/REG/W/6).

This report covers the period 1999-2001. The previous biennial report submitted by the parties on the operation of the trade agreements between the EC and Switzerland was circulated as WTO document WT/REG94/R/B/1, G/L/360 of 14 April 2000. The general situation remains as described in the last regular report.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT

4. Trade Data

Total bilateral trade between the EU and Switzerland increased to €128.9 billion in the year 2000. Further statistical information is provided in the annex. Trade flows between the EC and Liechtenstein are also included in these figures.

II. TRADE PROVISIONS

8. Sector-specific Provisions

The process of ratification of the seven sectoral EC/Switzerland agreements which were signed on 21 June 1999 has not yet been completed. Consequently, the agreements have not yet entered into force. The seven agreements concern free movement of persons, air- and land transport, agriculture, research, public procurement and the mutual recognition of conformity assessment.

Since June 2001 negotiations on four new bilateral agreements are underway. These concern improved co-operation against fraud, the environment, statistics and additional liberalisation of trade in processed agricultural products. Further negotiations in six other areas, including for the liberalisation of trade in services, are currently under preparation.

Annex

EC-Switzerland Imports/Exports, 2000 and comparison with extra-EU

Switzerland / Total	EU15 trade 2000 with Switzerland					EU15 trade 2000 with EXTRA-EUR					Switzerland		
	imports		exports		balance	imports		exports		balance	market shares		Exp-Imp ratio
HS Section	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	imports	exports	
													07-Aug-01
Total	58,535	100.0%	70,374	100.0%	11,839	1,026,798	100.0%	937,836	100.0%	-88,961	5.7%	7.5%	1.20
of which:													
01 Animals & animal products	297	0.5%	557	0.8%	259	15,386	1.5%	12,064	1.3%	-3,321	1.9%	4.6%	1.87
02 Vegetable products	83	0.1%	954	1.4%	871	25,086	2.4%	11,223	1.2%	-13,864	0.3%	8.5%	11.47
03 Animal or vegetable fats	8	0.0%	66	0.1%	58	2,360	0.2%	2,687	0.3%	327	0.3%	2.5%	8.23
04 Prepared foodstuffs	832	1.4%	1,887	2.7%	1,054	22,170	2.2%	29,937	3.2%	7,767	3.8%	6.3%	2.27
05 Mineral products	552	0.9%	3,492	5.0%	2,940	160,181	15.6%	33,372	3.6%	-126,808	0.3%	10.5%	6.32
06 Chemical products	11,377	19.4%	9,360	13.3%	-2,016	63,673	6.2%	113,378	12.1%	49,705	17.9%	8.3%	0.82
07 Plastics & rubber	2,225	3.8%	3,090	4.4%	865	26,308	2.6%	35,240	3.8%	8,932	8.5%	8.8%	1.39
08 Hides & skins	168	0.3%	524	0.7%	356	10,204	1.0%	8,969	1.0%	-1,234	1.6%	5.8%	3.13
09 Wood & wood products	521	0.9%	769	1.1%	248	14,618	1.4%	7,007	0.7%	-7,611	3.6%	11.0%	1.48
10 Wood pulp products	1,767	3.0%	2,830	4.0%	1,062	17,021	1.7%	24,481	2.6%	7,461	10.4%	11.6%	1.60
11 Textiles & textile articles	1,544	2.6%	3,251	4.6%	1,707	69,611	6.8%	40,549	4.3%	-29,062	2.2%	8.0%	2.11
12 Footwear, headgear	86	0.1%	618	0.9%	532	10,903	1.1%	6,825	0.7%	-4,078	0.8%	9.1%	7.16
13 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	349	0.6%	1,040	1.5%	691	7,846	0.8%	15,121	1.6%	7,275	4.4%	6.9%	2.98
14 Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals	8,035	13.7%	3,927	5.6%	-4,108	35,656	3.5%	28,969	3.1%	-6,687	22.5%	13.6%	0.49
15 Base metals & articles thereof	3,902	6.7%	4,842	6.9%	940	57,454	5.6%	52,942	5.6%	-4,512	6.8%	9.1%	1.24
16 Machinery & mechanical appliances	14,036	24.0%	15,973	22.7%	1,937	298,805	29.1%	298,008	31.8%	-797	4.7%	5.4%	1.14
17 Transportation equipment	4,074	7.0%	9,564	13.6%	5,489	90,679	8.8%	139,903	14.9%	49,224	4.5%	6.8%	2.35
18 Instruments - measuring, musical	5,468	9.3%	2,667	3.8%	-2,801	42,480	4.1%	39,533	4.2%	-2,947	12.9%	6.7%	0.49
19 Arms & ammunition	28	0.0%	29	0.0%	1	601	0.1%	1,574	0.2%	973	4.6%	1.8%	1.03
20 Miscellaneous	957	1.6%	2,275	3.2%	1,318	27,149	2.6%	18,409	2.0%	-8,739	3.5%	12.4%	2.38
21 Works of art	622	1.1%	1,004	1.4%	382	2,672	0.3%	4,583	0.5%	1,910	23.3%	21.9%	1.61
Other	1,602	2.7%	1,656	2.4%	54	25,935	2.5%	13,062	1.4%	-12,872	6.2%	12.7%	1.03
Source : Eurostat COMEXT 30 Jul 01 (Statistical regime 4)													
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EC-Switzerland Imports/Exports, 1997-2000

Switzerland	EU15 trade 1997-2000 with Switzerland (million Euro)															
	imports				exports				balance				total trade			
	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000
HS Section																
Total	45,130	49,460	52,870	58,535	53,024	57,180	62,556	70,374	7,894	7,720	9,686	11,839	98,154	106,640	115,426	128,909
of which:																
01 Animals & animal products	309	293	302	297	527	511	516	557	218	218	213	259	836	804	818	854
02 Vegetable products	68	76	89	83	872	846	911	954	804	770	822	871	941	921	999	1,037
03 Animal or vegetable fats	8	8	8	8	56	64	57	66	48	56	50	58	65	72	65	74
04 Prepared foodstuffs	657	723	791	832	1,580	1,734	1,882	1,887	923	1,010	1,090	1,054	2,237	2,457	2,673	2,719
05 Mineral products	405	422	470	552	2,562	2,493	2,377	3,492	2,157	2,071	1,907	2,940	2,967	2,915	2,848	4,045
06 Chemical products	9,914	10,528	11,246	11,377	7,195	7,869	8,622	9,360	-2,719	-2,659	-2,624	-2,016	17,109	18,397	19,869	20,737
07 Plastics & rubber	1,933	2,061	2,079	2,225	2,605	2,686	2,791	3,090	672	624	711	865	4,539	4,747	4,870	5,315
08 Hides & skins	129	125	130	168	469	439	404	524	340	315	274	356	598	564	534	691
09 Wood & wood products	345	361	406	521	635	692	727	769	291	332	321	248	980	1,053	1,134	1,290
10 Wood pulp products	1,423	1,525	1,593	1,767	2,468	2,502	2,552	2,830	1,045	977	959	1,062	3,891	4,027	4,145	4,597
11 Textiles & textile articles	1,574	1,601	1,526	1,544	3,098	3,196	3,192	3,251	1,524	1,595	1,667	1,707	4,672	4,797	4,718	4,796
12 Footwear, headgear	82	76	69	86	570	552	543	618	488	476	474	532	653	628	612	704
13 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	301	303	326	349	878	965	984	1,040	577	662	658	691	1,179	1,268	1,310	1,388
14 Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals	5,559	6,146	6,492	8,035	2,513	2,242	2,498	3,927	-3,046	-3,904	-3,993	-4,108	8,073	8,388	8,990	11,962
15 Base metals & articles thereof	3,222	3,398	3,401	3,902	3,889	4,158	3,993	4,842	667	759	593	940	7,111	7,556	7,394	8,744
16 Machinery & mechanical appliances	11,028	12,437	12,767	14,036	11,094	12,846	14,132	15,973	66	410	1,365	1,937	22,122	25,283	26,899	30,010
17 Transportation equipment	1,515	2,185	3,335	4,074	6,161	7,315	9,779	9,564	4,647	5,131	6,444	5,489	7,676	9,500	13,114	13,638
18 Instruments - measuring, musical	3,885	4,341	4,761	5,468	1,934	2,077	2,331	2,667	-1,950	-2,264	-2,430	-2,801	5,819	6,417	7,092	8,134
19 Arms & ammunition	23	21	29	28	43	27	28	29	20	6	-1	1	67	48	57	57
20 Miscellaneous	752	799	870	957	1,868	1,976	2,136	2,275	1,116	1,177	1,266	1,318	2,619	2,776	3,006	3,232
21 Works of art	437	471	556	622	720	741	747	1,004	283	270	191	382	1,157	1,212	1,302	1,626
Other	1,560	1,561	1,626	1,602	1,285	1,248	1,354	1,656	-275	-313	-272	54	2,846	2,808	2,980	3,258

Source : Eurostat COMEXT 30 Jul 01 (Statistical regime 4)

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