South Africa

Part A.1 Tariffs and imports: Summary and duty ranges

Summary		Total	Ag	Non-Ag	WTO member since		1995
Simple average final bound		19.0	39.0	15.6	Binding coverage:	Total	93.8
MFN applied						Non-Ag	92.9
Simple average	2024	7.5	8.3	7.4	Ag: Tariff quotas (in %)		37.1
Trade weighted average	2024	5.6	9.6	5.3	Ag: Special safeguards (in %)		37.3
Imports in billion US$	2023	98.4	6.9	91.5			

Frequency distribution		Duty-free	0 <= 5	5 <= 10	10 <= 15	15 <= 25	25 <= 50	50 <= 100	> 100	NAV
		Tariff lines and import values (in %)								in %
Agricultural products										
Final bound		22.5	2.5	1.6	1.5	9.9	36.4	22.5	2.9	0
MFN applied	2024	46.7	11.6	13.6	6.4	15.3	5.6	0.4	0.1	12.3
Imports	2023	44.2	12.8	16.4	3.7	15.6	5.1	1.2	1.1	16.5
Non-agricultural products										
Final bound		12.8	5.0	22.1	20.0	19.1	13.8	0	0.0	0
MFN applied	2024	62.7	2.1	7.2	8.2	12.9	7.0	0	0.0	0.9
Imports	2023	60.0	16.8	3.9	3.4	12.0	3.9	0	0.0	16.1

Part A.2 Tariffs and imports by product groups

Product groups	Final bound duties				MFN applied duties			Imports	
	AVG	Duty-free	Max	Binding	AVG	Duty-free	Max	Share	Duty-free
		in %		in %		in %		in %	in %
Live animals and meat	37.4	31.2	160	100	11.3	62.2	82	0.6	69.3
Dairy products	80.8	4.0	96	100	5.2	32.0	25	0.2	20.9
Fruits and vegetables	29.5	15.9	99	100	9.4	31.4	*99*	0.5	22.5
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	31.6	55.6	170	100	4.3	70.4	25	0.5	38.8
Cereals and food preparations	48.8	5.5	597	100	8.4	41.2	*102*	2.1	72.4
Oilseeds, fats and oils	51.8	5.5	81	100	7.4	21.2	10	0.8	6.8
Sugars and confectionery	75.2	0	105	100	3.6	88.2	37	0.4	19.0
Beverages and tobacco	87.9	3.9	597	100	19.7	9.6	*108*	1.0	10.9
Cotton, silk and wool	14.7	52.0	60	100	1.2	89.3	15	0.1	95.8
Other agricultural products	18.9	35.9	72	100	5.1	64.8	25	0.8	65.3
Fish and fish products	18.5	50.0	37	1.5	6.3	64.2	30	0.4	70.0
Minerals and metals	11.8	16.5	30	95.8	5.4	59.6	30	10.1	66.6
Petroleum	-	-	-	0	0.5	55.6	15	20.4	29.8
Chemicals	12.3	5.7	30	99.8	2.0	85.4	30	13.2	79.8
Wood, paper, furniture	11.6	16.2	30	100	7.0	56.8	30	4.0	79.4
Textiles	22.2	3.3	30	99.1	16.9	18.5	*473*	1.7	16.0
Clothing	45.0	0	45	100	40.9	2.0	45	1.8	0.3
Rubber, leather and footwear	20.7	0	30	96.1	13.3	35.9	43	2.3	19.4
Mechanical, office and computing machinery	8.6	40.4	30	100	1.0	92.9	25	12.9	93.7
Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	17.6	6.1	30	99.7	4.8	67.9	30	12.7	79.1
Transport equipment	19.4	17.1	50	100	6.8	61.9	30	9.5	27.6
Other Manufactures	12.3	27.2	45	94.9	3.5	80.2	45	3.8	88.5

Part B Exports to major trading partners and duties faced

Major markets	Bilateral imports		Diversification		MFN AVG of		Pref.	Duty-free imports	
		in million	95% trade in no. of		traded TL		margin	TL	Value
		US$	HS 2-digit	HS 6-digit	Simple	Weighted	Weighted	in %	in %
Agricultural products									
1. European Union	2023	3,102	17	75	13.2	12.6	4.6	64.6	61.2
2. United Kingdom	2023	997	15	61	9.2	10.6	6.1	68.3	74.0
3. Botswana	2023	978	22	140	10.7	9.9	9.9	100.0	100.0
4. China	2023	964	8	21	12.0	21.7	0.0	12.8	2.7
5. Namibia	2023	740	22	170	10.8	13.5	13.5	100.0	100.0
Non-agricultural products									
1. China	2023	31,060	6	18	5.3	0.6	0.0	21.6	80.6
2. European Union	2023	21,045	42	146	4.3	4.0	3.9	99.7	98.4
3. United States of America	2023	13,139	30	92	3.2	0.8	0.8	92.6	99.8
4. India	2023	10,424	9	16	9.8	6.6	0.0	3.9	1.1
5. United Kingdom	2023	8,110	15	45	3.0	2.2	2.2	99.9	99.5