

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## AGREEMENT OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND MALTA

### Information Furnished by the Parties to the Agreement

1. This report covers the period from 1 April 1980 to 31 March 1982.
2. Industrial products originating in Malta are admitted for import by the Community without any quantitative restrictions and exempt from customs duties.
3. Malta, for its part, applies tariff reductions of 35 per cent in respect of substantially all its imports originating in the Community.
4. Pending negotiations to work out trade arrangements beyond 31 December 1980 on a contractual basis, the trade arrangements of 1980 have been applied by both parties on an autonomous basis since 1 January 1981.
5. The statistics in the attached table concerning the foreign trade of Malta in recent years shows that during the period under review (1981 in relation to 1979), imports by Malta from the Community increased by 20 per cent and its exports to the Community by 10 per cent.

Foreign Trade of Malta

(£M'000s)

	1979	1980	1981
Total imports	271,960	323,737	332,269
Community	196,249	235,609	235,887
Rest of world	75,711	88,128	96,382
Total exports	152,169	166,722	173,726
Community	111,222	122,185	122,041
Rest of world	40,947	44,537	51,685

Source: National Statistics.