Agreement ID : D-8 PTA
Short Name : Group of 8 PTA

## Member Countries

**Bangladesh**
**Egypt**
**Indonesia**
**Iran, Islamic Rep.**
**Malaysia**
**Nigeria**
**Pakistan**
**Turkey**

## Total: 8 countries

**Preferential Tariff Arrangement - Group of 8 Developing Countries**

**Status :** Signed in **2006**. In force since 2011
**Scope :** Cross-Continental Plurilateral
**Type :** Preferential Trade Agreement
**WTO Notification :** No Notification
**Agreement text :**
**Other links :**
http://aric.adb.org/fta.php?id=134&ssid=3&title=Preferential%20Tariff%20Arrangement-Group%20of%20Eight%20Developing%20Countries
**WTO consideration process :**

## GOODS

**Tariffs**

Reduction covers 8 per cent of tariff lines with traiff rates above 10 per cent

Tariffs above 25 per cent to be reduced to 25 per cent; tariffs between 15-25 per cent to be reduced to 15 per cent, and those between 10-15 per cent to be reduced to 10 per cent

Tariff reduction to be implemented in four annual instalments for developing countries and eight annual instalments for the LDCs

**Rules of Origin**

To be included in an Annex, which is not currently available. Article 12

**Contingency Measures**

**Anti - Dumping :** Allowed, no mention of restrictions. Article 13
**Countervailing Duties :** Allowed, no mention of restrictions. Article 13
**Safeguards :** allowed, if threatens serious harm to domestic industry. Must first supply Supervisory Committee with relevant information.

**Standards :** Article 15

**Notes :**

Implemenation scheduled for after ratified by at least 4 members. Malaysia was first to ratify in May 2006. The PTA is taken as a platform for further negotiations.

## SERVICES

**WTO Notification (GATS Art. V) :**

Date of notification :
Consideration Process :

**Liberalization Approach :**

**Modes Covered**

**Specific Chapters on**

**Specific Sectors Excluded**

**Public Sectors carve-out :**

**Most Favoured Nation :**

**National Treatment :**

**Market Access :**

**Domestic Regulation :**

**Subsidies covered by services disciplines :**

**Denial of benefits for commercial presence :**

**Notes :**
Services not included within the PTA

**Link to schedules :**

## INVESTMENT

**Scheduling Approach :**

**Definition of investment :**

**Most Favoured Nation :**

**National Treatment :**

**Fair and Equitable Treatment :**

**Expropriation :**

**Board of Directors and executive personnel :**

**Invester - State arbitration : No**

**Denial of Benefits :**

**Additional BIT exists between the parties : No**

BIT list I :

Status:

BIT list II :

Status:

**Notes :**
Investment not included within the PTA

**Link to schedules :**

## TRADE FACILITATION

Customs procedures : **No**
Customs valuation : **No**
Trade regulations publication and administration : **No**
Use of ICT : **No**
Mobility of business people : **No**
Freedom of transit : **No**
Transport and logistics : **No**
Trade finance : **No**

## OTHER AREAS

Government Procurement : **No**
Investment : **No**
Competition Policy : **No**
Intellectual Property : **No** not included
Dispute Settlement : **Yes** May request Supervisory Committee to settle the dispute. Article 25
Labor Mobility : **No**
Labor and Environmental Standards : **No**
Technical cooperation : **Yes** Requests from LDCs for technical assistance shall be favorably considered by other parties. Article 24
Institutional mechanism : **Yes** Establishes Supervisory Committee. Article 27

**Notes :**

## RULES OF ORIGIN

**Cumulation**

**Specific Process**

**Heading Change**

**De Minimis**

**Minimum Content**

**Drawback**

**HTTP Link**

**Notes :**