Agreement ID : SINGAPORE-EFTA
Short Name : EFTA-Singapore FTA&EIA

Member Countries

EFTA
Singapore

Total: 2 countries

Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Singapore

Status : Signed in **2002**. In force since 2003
Scope : Country - Bloc
Type : FTA & EIA
WTO Notification : GATT Art XXIV, GATS Art V 2003
Agreement text :
http://www.efta.int/media/documents/legal-texts/free-trade-relations/singapore/EFTA-Singapore%20Free%20Trade%20Agreement.pdf
Other links :
http://www.fta.gov.sg/fta_esfta.asp
WTO consideration process :
http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicShowRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=65

GOODS

Tariffs
ARTICLE 6: Tariff elimination of products within HS 25-97, Upon the entry into force
Annex V: Negative list
Annex III: Processed Agricultural Products. Annex IV: fish and other marine products

Rules of Origin
ARTICLE 7: Annex I

Annex I; Article 5: Appendix 2: Products specific rules

RVC 15%-60%, Change in tariff classification

Contingency Measures
Anti - Dumping : ARTICLE 16: Not allowed
Countervailing Duties : ARTICLE 15: As per WTO/GATT agreement
Safeguards : ARTICLE 17: Allowed after reviews in the Joint Committee. ARTICLE 18: (BOP difficulties) allowed as per WTO/GATT

Standards : ARTICLE 12: SPS as per WTO. ARTICLE 13: TBT as per WTO

Notes :

SERVICES

WTO Notification (GATS Art. V) : Notified
Date of notification : 14/01/2003
Consideration Process : Under Consideration

Liberalization Approach : Positive Lists

Modes Covered
Cross - Border Supply : **Yes**
Consumption Abroad : **Yes**
Commercial Presence Abroad : **Yes**
Movement of Natural Persons : **Yes**

Specific Chapters on
Financial services : **Yes**
Telecommunications :**Yes**

Specific Sectors Excluded
Air transport : **Yes**

Public Sectors carve-out : GATS-like (Article I:3(b))

Most Favoured Nation : Binding

National Treatment : Binding

Market Access : Binding

Domestic Regulation : Binding but subject to legitimate expectations (GATS-like)

Subsidies covered by services disciplines : Covered

Denial of benefits for commercial presence :

Notes :

Link to schedules :
http://www.efta.int/free-trade/free-trade-agreements/singapore

INVESTMENT

Scheduling Approach : Negative Lists

Definition of investment : Covers portfolio investment

Most Favoured Nation : Binding
Economic integration exception to MFN : **Yes**

National Treatment : Binding
NT provision applies to entry and establishment rights : **Yes**

Fair and Equitable Treatment : Not Featured

Expropriation : Binding

Board of Directors and executive personnel : Not Featured

Invester - State arbitration : Yes

Denial of Benefits :

Additional BIT exists between the parties : Yes
BIT list I : Singapore-Belarus BIT
Status: No data available
BIT list II : Singapore-Switzerland BIT
Status: No data available

Notes :

Link to schedules :
http://www.efta.int/free-trade/free-trade-agreements/singapore

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 : **Yes** Part VI.
Investment : **Yes** Part IV.
Competition Policy : **Yes** Part V.
Intellectual Property : **Yes** Part VII.
Dispute Settlement : **Yes** Part IX.
Labor Mobility : **No**
Labor and Environmental Standards : **Yes** The Preamble mention recognized that liberalisation should allow for the optimal use of the world's r
Technical cooperation : **Yes** Article 13.2: The Parties shall strengthen their co-operation in the field of technical regulations, standards and conf
Institutional mechanism : **Yes** Part VIII.

Notes :

RULES OF ORIGIN

Cumulation
Annex I; Article 3: Allowed

Specific Process
Annex I; Article 5: Appendix 2: Products specific rules
Heading Change

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Annex I; Article 5 (2): 10% of the ex-works price (excluding products of HS 50-63)
Minimum Content

Drawback
Not mentioned
HTTP Link
http://www.efta.int/media/documents/legal-texts/free-trade-

Notes :
See Annex I