Agreement ID : SPARTECA
Short Name : South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement

Member Countries

Australia
Cook Island
Fiji
Kiribati
Marshall Islands
Micronesia
Nauru
New Zealand
Niue
Papua New Guinea
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu

Total: 15 countries

South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement

Status : Signed in **1980**. In force since 1981
Scope : Regional
Type : Preferential Trade Agreement
WTO Notification : Enabling Clause 1981
Agreement text :
http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicShowRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=136
Other links :
http://www.worldtradelaw.net/fta/agreements/spartecafta.pdf
WTO consideration process :
No report

GOODS

Tariffs

Article III: Tariff reduction, elimination in accordance to Schedule 1,2 and 3

Schedule 1,2 and 3: Positive list

Article IX: Special treatment for Smaller Forum Island countries

Rules of Origin

Article V

Rule1 (b) Australia: Local value added 50%, or goods are the unmanufactured raw products of a Forum Island country

Rule2 (b): New Zealand: Local value added 50%, or in other items of factory or works cost (as defined in the New Zealand Customs Regulations) incurred in one or more Forum Island Countries or in New Zealand

Contingency Measures

Anti - Dumping : Article VI; Rule 4: Allowed
Countervailing Duties : Article VI; Rule 4: Allowed
Safeguards : Article VII: Allowed

Standards : Not mentioned

Notes :
No provisions for trade in agricultural goods.The agreement is of non-recisprocal nature and so-called "partial-scope agreement".

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 :

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 :

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**
Dispute Settlement : **No**
Labor Mobility : **No**
Labor and Environmental Standards : **No**
Technical cooperation : **Yes** Article VIII: Economic, commercial and technical cooperation
Institutional mechanism : **Yes** Article XI: Regional Committee on Trade is established

Notes :

RULES OF ORIGIN

Cumulation
Article V: Partial

Specific Process
Not mentioned
Heading Change

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Not mentioned
Minimum Content

Drawback
Not mentioned
HTTP Link
http://www.forumsec.org.fj/docs/SPARTECA/Sec7.htm

Notes :