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

Member Countries

Singapore
United States

Total: 2 countries

United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement

Status : Signed in **2003**. In force since 2004
Scope : Bilateral
Type : FTA & EIA
WTO Notification : GATT Art XXIV, GATS Art V 2003
Agreement text :
http://www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/agreements/fta/singapore/asset_upload_file708_4036.pdf
Other links :
http://www.ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements/singapore-fta
WTO consideration process :
http://rtais.wto.org/rtadocs/58/RelatedDocuments/Factual%20Abstract/English/US-Singapore%20(G)_W_Rev.doc

GOODS

Tariffs
Positive list and schedule
Tariff elimination in 10 years at the most (depending on the staging category)
New products/services can be included through negotiation

Rules of Origin
Change in tariff classification

Minimum content between 30-60% depending on the product

No specific process necessary

Contingency Measures
Anti - Dumping : Allowed under domestic law principles
Countervailing Duties : Allowed under domestic law principles.
Safeguards : Allowed, linked to WTO Agreement on Safeguards requirements.

Standards : Enhance cooperation in standards, certification and conformity assessments

Notes :

SERVICES

WTO Notification (GATS Art. V) : Notified
Date of notification : 17/12/2003
Consideration Process : Under Consideration

Liberalization Approach : Negative Lists

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

Specific Chapters on

Financial services : **Yes**
Movement of natural persons :**Yes**
Professional services : **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 : Non-binding (NAFTA-like)

Subsidies covered by services disciplines : Not covered

Denial of benefits for commercial presence : n.a

Notes :

Link to schedules :

INVESTMENT

Scheduling Approach : Negative Lists

Definition of investment : Covers portfolio investment

Most Favoured Nation : Binding

National Treatment : Binding

NT provision applies to entry and establishment rights : **Yes**

Fair and Equitable Treatment : Binding

Clarifying text on FET : **Yes**

Expropriation : Binding

Clarifying text : **Yes**

Board of Directors and executive personnel : Binding

Invester - State arbitration : Yes

Denial of Benefits :

Article 15.11 Denial of BenefitsA Party may deny the benefits of this Chapter to an investor of the other Party that is an enterprise of such other Party and to investments of that investor if:(a) investor of a non-Party own or control the enterprise and the denying Party:(i) does not maintain diplomatic relations with the non-Party; or(ii) adopts or maintains measures with respect to the non-Party or an investor of the non-Party that Prohibit transactions with the enterprise or that would be violated or circumvented if the benefits of this Chapter were accorded to the enterprise or to its investments; or (b) the enterprise has no substantial business activities in the territory of the other Party, and investors of a non-Party, or of the denying Party, own or control the enterprise.

Additional BIT exists between the parties : No

BIT list I :

Status:

BIT list II :

Status:

Notes :

Link to schedules :

TRADE FACILITATION

Customs procedures : **Yes** Article 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.10 and 4.11 of the Agreement
Customs valuation : **No**
Trade regulations publication and administration : **Yes** Article 4.1 and 4.5 of the Agreement
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**
Investment : **Yes** Asset based -open list:includes FDI, portfolio investment and variousforms of tangible and intagible property.
Competition Policy : **Yes**
Intellectual Property : **Yes** Substantive and procedural obligations and cooperation. Very broad coverage. See more in Chapter 16 of the Agree
Dispute Settlement : **Yes** Ad-hoc arbitration. Parties can block panels. If not appointed by a party, panelist drawn by lot from a roster.
Labor Mobility : **Yes**
Labor and Environmental Standards : **Yes** Annex 17A United States-Singapore Labor Cooperation Mechanism; Chapter 18 : Environment
Technical cooperation : **No**
Institutional mechanism : **No**

Notes :
See Annex 2 for the tariff elimination schedules. Chapter 19 on Transparency.

RULES OF ORIGIN

Cumulation
bilateral

Specific Process
Yes
Heading Change
Change in Tariff heading (2,4 or 6 Digit level). And/Or:
De Minimis
10 percent (except in various agric. Products; 7 percent of weight in chs. 50-63)
Minimum Content
At least 30 - 60 %

Drawback
No
HTTP Link
http://www.fta.gov.sg/fta/pdf/FTA_USSFTA_Agreement_Annex3A.pdf

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