



# PARAGUAY

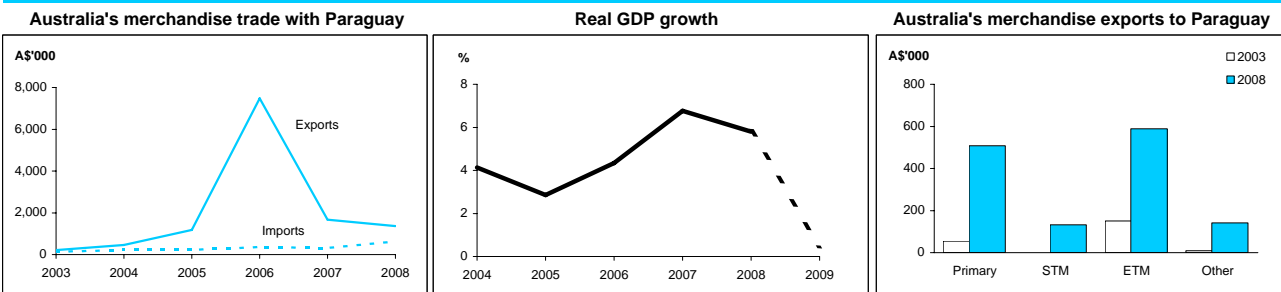
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Asunción	<b>Head of State and Head of Government:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	407 thousand sq km	<b>President HE Mr Fernando Lugo</b>	
<b>Official languages:</b>	Spanish, Guaraní Indian		
<b>Population:</b>	6.2 million (2008)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 3,302.80 Guaranies (Feb 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	6.9	7.5	9.3	12.2	16.0	14.8
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	21.3	23.0	24.8	27.2	29.4	29.8
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	1,216	1,292	1,568	2,026	2,601	2,356
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	3,735	3,972	4,195	4,509	4,778	4,751
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	4.1	2.9	4.3	6.8	5.8	0.5
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	143	19	45	82	-227	-153
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	2.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	-1.4	-1.0
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	50.3	54.0	56.3	51.7	na	na
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	4.3	6.8	9.6	8.1	10.2	4.7



## Australia's trade relationship with Paraguay (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Paraguay, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Paraguay (A\$'000):	1,369	0.0%	176th	-18.1%
Imports from Paraguay (A\$'000):	650	0.0%	154th	106.3%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	2,019	0.0%	178th	1.6%

Major Australian exports, 2008* (A\$'000):		Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$'000):	
Crude vegetable matter	508	Sugars, molasses & honey	421
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	182	Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	76
Measuring & analysing instruments	124	Sound & video recorders	45
Paper & paperboard	92	Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	38

\*Includes A\$142,000 of confidential items and special transactions, 10% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Paraguay, 2008:		Total share:
Exports of services to Paraguay (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Paraguay (A\$m):	na	na

## Paraguay's global merchandise trade relationships.

Paraguay's principal export destinations, 2007:			Paraguay's principal import sources, 2007:		
1	Brazil	20.0%	1	Brazil	29.0%
2	Argentina	19.8%	2	China	27.8%
3	Uruguay	9.5%	3	Argentina	14.4%
75	Australia	0.0%	47	Australia	0.0%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) all recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding.

na Data not available.