ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand

Free Trade Agreement



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FACT SHEET – GRAINS AND MILLED PRODUCTS

ASEAN is an important export market for Australian grains and milled products such as flour and malt, worth some \$702 million in average annual exports. It is the major export market for wheat flour (84% of global exports) and unroasted malt (66% of global exports). The Australian grains industry will benefit from reduced barriers to trade with ASEAN countries and greater certainty in market access. For most grains access is already at low or 0% tariffs, and AANZFTA will generally bind these tariffs at entry-intoforce (EIF) and provide for their elimination over time. While rice and maize are excluded from tariff commitments in some countries, for almost all other products tariffs will be eliminated or, in a few cases, reduced to 5%.

Product (HS10 – 11)	Exports to ASEAN	Exports to ASEAN as Percentage of Australia's Global Exports of Each Product
		3 Year Average 2006-
	3 Year Average	2008
	2006-2008	%
	(\$A million)	
Wheat and meslin (HS1001)	380.6	12.5
Malt, not roasted (HS1107.10)	193.9	65.8
Wheat or meslin flour (HS1101)	84.3	83.5
Barley (HS1003)	8.9	1.0
Oats (HS1004)	2.0	4.9
Grain sorghum (HS 1007)	1.8	13.1
Rice (HS1006.20)	0.1	0.4
Other grains and products	31.1	9.0
Total	702.6	14.8

Summary of Outcomes

<u>Australia</u>

• All grains: tariffs bound at 0% on EIF.

<u>Indonesia</u>

All tariffs phase to 0% except for rice, rice flour and maize, which are excluded from tariff commitments, with most 5% tariffs eliminated in 2010.

- Wheat: 0% tariff bound at EIF.
- Malt: unroasted, 5% tariff phases to 0% by 2023; roasted, 5% tariff will be eliminated at EIF.
- Wheat flour: 5% tariff phases to 0% by 2020.

- **Barley**: 0% tariff bound at EIF.
- Oats: 5% tariff will be eliminated on EIF.
- **Grain sorghum**: 0% tariff bound at EIF.
- Other products: 0% tariffs bound at EIF; 5% tariffs will be eliminated in 2010.
- Rice, rice flour and maize: excluded from tariff commitments.

<u>Malaysia</u>

All tariffs eliminated by 2010 except for rice.

- All grains except rice: tariffs of 0% bound at EIF, and tariffs of 5% (flour and meal of sago and manioc) will be eliminated in 2010.
- **Rice**: excluded from tariff commitments.

New Zealand

• **All grains:** tariffs bound at 0% on EIF. Note: these tariff commitments are the same as in ANZCERTA.

Philippines

All tariffs phase to 0%, except for rice, maize and some maize products, and manioc starch.

- Wheat: 3% tariff will be eliminated in 2010, and the 7% tariff on wheat, not for human consumption, will be phased to 0% by 2011.
- Malt, roasted and unroasted: 1% tariff will be eliminated in 2010.
- Wheat flour: 7% tariff phases to 0% by 2011.
- Barley and oats: 7% tariff phases to 0% by 2011.
- Grain sorghum: 7% tariff phases to 0% by 2011.
- Other products: tariffs between 1% and 3% will be eliminated in 2010; tariffs of 7% phase to 0% by 2011; 10% tariffs phase to 0% by 2012; 20% tariffs on maize starch and manioc starch phase to 5% by 2017; 40% tariffs phase to 0% in 2013 or 5% in 2018.
- Maize: the 50% out-of-quota tariff on maize reduces to 40% in 2020.
- **Rice**: excluded from tariff commitments.

Singapore

• All tariffs bound at 0% on EIF. Note: these tariff commitments are the same as in SAFTA.

<u>Thailand</u>

All tariffs phase to 0% except for maize (other than seed) and rice, which are excluded from tariff commitments.

- Wheat: 0.1 Baht/kg tariff will be eliminated at EIF.
- Malt, roasted and unroasted: 2.75 Baht/kg will be eliminated at EIF.

- Wheat flour: 5% tariff will be eliminated at EIF.
- Barley and oats: 2.75 Baht/kg will be eliminated at EIF.
- Grain Sorghum: 2.75 Baht/kg will be eliminated at EIF.
- **Other products**: tariffs of 30% or 40% phase to 0% by 2013.
- Maize (other than seed): excluded from tariff commitments
- **Rice**: excluded from tariff commitments.

Note: for some products the tariff commitments are better in TAFTA.

<u>Vietnam</u>

All tariffs phase to 0% by 2020.

- Wheat: 5% tariff will be eliminated in 2016.
- Malt, roasted and unroasted: 5% tariff will be eliminated in 2016.
- Wheat flour: 20% tariff phases to 0% by 2018.
- Barley and oats: 3% tariffs will be eliminated in 2016.
- Grain Sorghum: 5% tariff will be eliminated in 2016.
- Other products: tariffs of 5% to 50% phase to 0% by 2016, 2017, 2018 or 2020.
- Rice: 40% tariff phases to 0% by 2019 or 2020.

Other ASEAN countries:

<u>Brunei</u>

• 0% tariffs on rice, wheat, wheat flour and malt will be bound at EIF.

<u>Burma</u>

- 0% tariff on wheat will be bound at EIF.
- 5% tariff on wheat flour will be eliminated in 2024.
- 5% tariffs on rice and malt will be bound at EIF.

<u>Cambodia</u>

- 7% tariffs on wheat and malt: excluded from tariff commitments.
- 35% tariff on wheat flour will be bound.
- 7% tariff on rice will phase to 0% between 2019 and 2021.

<u>Laos</u>

- 5% tariffs on wheat, wheat flour and malt will be eliminated in 2021.
- 5% tariff on rice will phase to 0% by 2023, with reductions commencing in 2020.