Free Trade Agreement



FACT SHEET - PULP AND PAPER

ASEAN is a valuable export market for pulp, waste, paper and paper products with average annual exports of \$186 million, accounting for 19% of Australian global exports of these products. Most ASEAN tariffs are in the 0% to 25% range, with some higher tariffs applying to specific products. Tariffs will be eliminated on all tariff lines in this sector in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, and for the majority of tariff lines in Vietnam, with tariffs on remaining lines phased to 5%. Outcomes under AANZFTA should ensure maintenance of current market access and small improvements in access for pulp, waste and scrap, as well as a range of new and enhanced market access opportunities for a range or paper and paperboard products.

Australia's Exports to ASEAN (Australian Produce)

Product (HS 47-48)	Exports to ASEAN 3 Year Average 2006-2008 (\$A million)	Exports to ASEAN as Percentage of Australia's Global Exports of Each Product 3 Year Average 2006-2008 %
Pulp (HS 4701-4706)	9.6	73.7
Paper or paperboard waste and scrap (HS 4707)	63.5	29.9
Uncoated paper and paperboard (HS 4802, 4804, 4805)	88.7	17.9
Coated or covered paper (HS 4810-4811)	7.4	16.8
Other	17.2	9.1
Total	186.4	19.5

Summary of Outcomes

Australia (274 tariff lines)

- 2005 base tariffs:
 - 60 tariff lines at 0% (20 lines covering pulp)
 - 214 lines at 5%
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all tariff lines by 2010:
 - Tariffs of 0% bound at entry-into-force (EIF), while tariffs of 5% will be eliminated at EIF or in 2010.

Indonesia

- 2005 base tariffs:
 - 32 tariff lines at 0% (including pulp and some waste)
 - 208 tariff lines at 5%
 - 4 tariff lines at 15% (some waste and scrap)
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all tariff lines by 2013:
 - Tariffs on 240 lines bound at 0% at EIF (32 lines) or eliminated in 2010 (208 lines).
 - Tariffs of 15% on 4 lines phase to 0% by 2013.

Malaysia

- 2005 base tariffs (310 tariff lines):
 - 113 tariff lines at 0% (including pulp and waste)
 - 15 lines with tariffs at 5%
 - 77 lines with tariffs at 7-10%
 - 6 lines with tariffs at 15%
 - 98 lines with tariffs at 20-25% (including 1 line with a compound tariff of 25% or RM0.15/kg if higher)
 - 1 line with tariff at 30%
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all tariff lines by 2020, with tariffs on 309 lines eliminated by 2013:
 - Tariffs of 0-5% bound at EIF or eliminated in 2010.
 - Tariffs of 7-10% phase to 0% by 2011, except for newsprint in rolls for which tariff phases to 0% by 2020.
 - Other tariffs phase to 0% by 2012 or 2013.

New Zealand

• 2005 base tariffs are 0% on all 206 tariff lines. These tariffs will be bound at 0% at EIF.

Note: Australia already benefits from bound 0% tariffs under ANZCERTA.

Philippines

- 2005 base tariffs (317 tariff lines):
 - 170 lines with tariffs at 1%, 3% or 5% (including pulp and waste)
 - 47 lines with tariffs at 7%
 - 74 lines with tariffs at 10%
 - 26 lines with tariffs at 15%
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all tariff lines by 2020, with tariffs on 286 lines eliminated by 2013:
 - Tariffs of 1-5% phase to 0% by 2010.
 - Tariffs of 7% phase to 0% by 2011, 2015 or 2020.
 - Tariffs of 10% phase to 0% by 2012, 2015 or 2020.
 - Tariffs of 15% phase to 0% by 2013 or 2015.

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Singapore

All tariffs bound at 0% on EIF.

Note: these tariff commitments are the same as in SAFTA.

Thailand (149 tariff lines)

- 2005 base tariffs:
 - 0-1% tariff on 23 lines (mainly pulp and waste)
 - 5% tariff on 79 lines
 - 10% tariffs on 44 lines (paper articles, books, cartons, etc)
 - Tariffs of 30% and Baht 0.33/kg on 3 lines (some newsprint)
- Tariffs will be eliminated by 2013 at the latest:
 - Most tariffs eliminated at EIF or by 2010.
 - Tariffs on 2 lines (some newsprint) phase to 0% by 2011 or 2013.

Note: tariff commitments are better in TAFTA for many products.

<u>Vietn</u>am

- 2005 base tariffs (231 tariff lines):
 - 0% tariffs on 4 lines
 - Tariffs of 1%, 3% or 5% on 53 lines (including pulp and waste)
 - Tariffs of 10-15% on 58 lines
 - Tariffs of 20% on 19 lines
 - Tariffs of 30% on 42 lines
 - Tariffs of 40% on 47 lines
 - Tariffs of 50% on 8 lines
- Tariffs will be eliminated on most lines (197) by 2020, with tariffs on the remaining 34 lines phased to 5%:
 - Tariffs of 0% bound at EIF
 - Tariffs of 1-5% will be eliminated in one step in 2016
 - Tariffs of 10-15% phase to 0% by 2016
 - Tariffs of 20% phase to 0% by 2017
 - Tariffs of 30% phase to 0% by 2018 or 2020
 - Tariffs of 40% phase to 0% by 2018 (21 lines) or phase to 5% by 2022 (26 lines)
 - Tariffs of 50% phase to 5% by 2022, with reductions commencing in 2014.

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