

U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement

Market Access Results

Fish

Trade and Tariffs

The fish sector includes processed and unprocessed fish products contained in Chapters 3 and 16 of the Harmonized Tariff System. Fish accounted for less than 1 percent of total non-textile industrial U.S. exports¹ to Morocco. U.S. exports in the sector are canned anchovies, and frozen or salted cuttlefish and squid.

Moroccan tariffs on fish range from 17.5 to 50 percent, averaging 49.6 percent.

U.S. fish imports from Morocco averaged \$21 million, or approximately 7.2 percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial imports. Canned anchovies, canned sardines and frozen octopus are the main U.S. imports from Morocco.

The United States imposes tariffs on fish ranging from 0 to 35 percent, with an average of 2 percent for the sector. The highest tariffs are applied to processed tuna.

Tariff Elimination

Tariffs will be phased out according to two tariff elimination categories: immediate elimination, and equal cuts over nine years.

Overall, 49 percent of U.S. fish exports to Morocco will be duty-free immediately upon implementation of the agreement. Tariffs on the other 51 percent of exports will be eliminated over nine years.

The U.S. will eliminate duties on 98 percent of fish imports from Morocco. Only the tariff on canned sardines will be phased out over a course of nine years.

¹ Based on Moroccan Imports for Consumption from the United States (Average 1999-2001)