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Foreword: This document lists EU-third countries agreements that are in force. It also identifies current ongoing negotiations. The sectoral agreements are not included.

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Abbreviations used:

FTA:	Free Trade Area
MFN:	Most Favoured Nation (clause of)
NIS:	New Independent State (ex-USSR)
GAC:	General Affairs Council

I. European agreements with the CEECs

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
BULGARIA* OJ L 358/94	European association agreement.	Signed on 8.3.93. In force since 1.2.95. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. 8 Protocols accompany the text. Additional protocol has deepened some areas of the agreement (OJ L378/94 et L25/94). Protocol amending trade aspects (OJ L112/99, in force since 1.7.00, OJ L155/00). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2290/00 of 9.10.00, OJ L262).
CZECH REPUBLIC* OJ L 360/94	European association agreement.	Signed on 4.10 93 Entry into force on 1.2.95 Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Protocol amending trade aspects (in force since 1.12.98, OJ L341/98). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2433/00 of 17.10.00, OJ L280).
ESTONIA* OJ L 68/98	European association agreement.	Signed on 12.6.95. Entry into force on 1.2.98. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. 5 Protocols accompany the text. Protocol amending trade aspects (OJ L 29/99), in force since 1.9.99 (OJ L 248/99). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 1349/00 of 19.6.00, OJ L155).

* Request for accession to the EU (Bulgaria on 14.12.95, Estonia, 28.11.95, Czech Republic on 17.1.96).

I. European agreements with the CEECs (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
HUNGARY* OJ L 347/93	European association agreement.	Signed on 16.12.91. In force since 1.2.94. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Additional protocol has deepened some areas of the agreement (signed on 13.7.95, OJ L317/95). Protocol amending trade aspects (in force since 1.1.99, OJ L28/99). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 1727/00 of 31.7.00, OJ L198).
LATVIA* OJ L 26/98	European association agreement.	Signed on 12.6.95. Entry into force on 1.2.98. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. 5 Protocols accompany the text. Additional protocol has deepened some areas of the agreement (OJ L 28/99). Protocol amending trade aspects (OJ L 317/99, in force since 1.3.00, OJ L 28/00). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2341/00 on 17.10.00, OJ L271).
LITHUANIA* OJ L 51/98	European association agreement.	Signed on 12.6.95. Entry into force on 1.2.98. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. 5 Protocols accompany the text. Additional protocol has deepened some areas of the agreement (OJ L 28/99). Protocol amending trade aspects (signed on 16.7.98, OJ L 321/98). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.1.01 (R. 2766/00 of 14.12.00, OJ L321).

* Request for accession to the EU (Hungary on 31.3.94, Latvia on 27.10.95, Lithuania on 11.12.95).

I. European agreements with the CEECs (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
POLAND* OJ L 348/93	European association agreement.	Signed on 16.12.91. In force since 1.2.94. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Protocol amending trade aspects (in force since 1.1.02 OJ L27/01). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.1.01 (R. 2851/00 of 22.12.00, OJ L332). The Protocol COM(2002) 363 final, once approved, will replace Regulation 2851/00.
ROMANIA* OJ L 357/94	European association agreement.	Signed on 1.2.93. In force since 1.2.95. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Protocol amending trade aspects (in force on 13.10.98, OJ L301/98). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2435/00 of 17.10.00, OJ L280).
SLOVAK REPUBLIC* OJ L 359/94	European association agreement.	Signed on 4.10.93. In force since 1.2.95 Unlimited validity	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Protocol amending trade aspects (in force on 1.11.98, OJ L 306/98). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2434/00 of 17.10.00, OJ L280).
SLOVENIA* OJ L 51/99	European association agreement.	Signed on 10.6.96. Entry into force on 1.2.99. Unlimited validity	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Additional protocol has deepened some areas of the agreement (OJ L 51/99). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2475/00 of 7.11.00, OJ L286).

Comments:

- Additional protocols deepening some areas of the agreements with Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovak Republic were adopted in 95 (OJ L 375/95).
- In 1998 and 1999, the EU concluded protocols amending trade aspects, in order to modify the agreements following the conclusions of the Uruguay Round and the enlargement of the EU.
- Negotiations in view of granting additional and reciprocal agricultural concessions (including some double zero concessions) within the framework of the European Agreements have ended. Following this closing stage of discussions, additional protocols to European Agreements will be established. As a result of the duration of the adoption protocol procedure, they did not enter into force neither on July 1 2000 nor on January 1 2001. Council regulations, on an autonomous and transitional basis, will allow for rapid implementation resulting from negotiations until the protocols enter into force.

* Request for accession to the EU (Poland on 5.4.94, Romania on 22.5.95, Slovak Republic on 27.6.95, Slovenia on 10.6.96).

Conclusions of the agricultural agreements

Country	Entry into force	Council Regulation	Official Journal
Bulgaria	1.7.00	2290/00 of 9.10.00	L262, 17.10.00
Estonia	1.7.00	1349/00 of 19.6.00	L155, 28.6.00
Hungary	1.7.00	1727/00 of 31.7.00	L198, 4.8.00
Latvia	1.7.00	2341/00 of 17.10.00	L271, 24.10.00
Lithuania	1.1.01	2766/00 of 14.12.00	L321, 19.12.00
Poland	1.1.01	2851/00 of 22.12.00	L332, 28.12.00
Czech Republic	1.7.00	2433/00 of 17.10.00	L280, 4.11.00
Romania	1.7.00	2435/00 of 17.10.00	L280, 4.11.00
Slovak Republic	1.7.00	2434/00 of 17.10.00	L280, 4.11.00
Slovenia	1.7.00	2475/00 of 7.11.00	L286, 11.11.00

- “Double profit” or “double zero” agreements: Following the first round, the Commission proposed a second round of negotiations which includes double zero concessions (elimination of export refunds and customs duties). State of progress of the negotiations (*situation at the end of November*)
 - *Czech Republic and Slovenia: discussion of the agreement at Council level,*
 - *Romania: agreement adopted at Council level.*
 - *Slovak Republic, Bulgaria: these agreements are still being drafted in their final form by the Commission.*
 - *Poland: Negotiations are still going on.*

The results of the negotiations have been implemented by the respective parties in the form of autonomous measures. The protocols on new agricultural concessions would replace the autonomous measures at the date of its entry into force.

Country	Entry into force	Council Regulations	Official Journal	Protocols
Estonia	1.7.02	1151/02 of 27.6.02	L170	
Hungary	1.7.02*	1408/02 of 29.7.02	L205	
Latvia	1.7.02	1362/02 of 22.7.02	L198	
Lithuania	1.7.02	1361/02 of 22.7.02	L198	COM(2002) 690 final

* Except for few measures including the creation of new tariff quotas.

- *On 8.10.02, the Council mandated the Commission to negotiate further “double-profit” concessions for Non Annex I products with the CEECs in a second round of liberalisation negotiations. Negotiations may be concluded before end of December 2002 for Slovenia, Slovakia, Malta, Estonia, Lithuania and in January 2003 for Hungary and Cyprus. Romania was finally also interested to negotiate such an agreement.*

II. EFTA - EEA agreements

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ICELAND OJ L 1/94	Agreement on European economic area (EEA).	Signed on 2.5.92. In force since 1.1.94.	Details of this agreement: see below. Free trade agreement taken up within the EEA framework.
OJ L 327/95	Agreement under the form of an exchange of letters concerning certain settlements in the food & drink field.	Signed on 30.12.95. In force since 14.2.96.	Concessions in the form of reduction (elimination) of customs duties. This agreement replaces the one of 2.05.92, OJ L 109/93.
OJ L 301/72	Free trade agreement within EU-EFTA.	Signed of 22.7.92 In force since 1.4.73.	Progressive liberalisation of trade inasmuch as agricultural policies and their compensations are maintained.
LIECHTENSTEIN OJ L 86/95 OJ L 140/95	Agreement on European Economic Area (EEA).	Signed on 2.5.92. In force since 1.1.94. Joined EEA on 1.5.95.	Details of this agreement: see below. Following the refusal of Switzerland to be part of the EEAs, Liechtenstein had to modify its contractual links with Switzerland and notably the customs union.
NORWAY OJ L 1/94	Agreement on European economic area (EEA).	Signed on 2.5.92. In force since 1.1.94.	Details of this agreement: see below. Free trade agreement taken up within the EEA framework.
<i>OJ L 22/02</i>	<i>Decision of the EEA joint Committee amending Protocol 2 and 3 to the EEA agreement.</i>	<i>In force since 1.1.02.</i>	<i>Negotiations for agricultural products on the basis of Article 19 of the EEA agreement and for Non-Annex I products. The objectives are to finalise these negotiations by the end of 2002.</i>
OJ L 109/93 OJ L 122/93	Agreement under the form of an exchange of letters concerning certain settlements in the food & drink field.	Signed on 2.5.92. In force since 1.1.94.	Concessions in the form of reduction (elimination) of customs duties.
OJ L 171/73	Free trade agreement within EU-EFTA.	Signed on 14.5.73. In force since 1.7.73.	Progressive liberalisation of trade inasmuch as the agricultural policies and their compensations are maintained.

Principle characteristics of the “European Economic Area” agreement (EEA):

The EEA agreement plans for the setting up of the “4 liberties”: free movement of goods, of services, of capital, of persons. It involves around 80% of single market provisions and also covers “horizontal policies” (consumer protection, environment, company rights, statistical data....). Excluded are the areas of agriculture and fishing. The EEA is not involved in taxation policies and trade policies as regards third countries.

Bilateral agreements regulate the trade of specific agricultural products (cheese, wine and spirits, meat...).

III. Agreements with other European countries

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ALBANIA OJ L 343/92	Agreement on commercial and economic co-operation.	Signed on 11.5.92. In force since 1.12.92. Validity 10 years.	Non-preferential agreement.
	Draft stabilisation and association agreement with the Western Balkans.	<i>Adoption of the mandate by the GAC on 21.10.02. Negotiations will now be launched.</i>	Whilst awaiting the implementation of the agreement, exceptional trade measures, aimed at an asymmetrical liberalisation of trade, including for agricultural products, have been set up (R. 2007/00 of 18.9.00, OJ L240).
ANDORRA OJ L 271/96 OJ L 374/90 OJ L 43/91	Protocol following EU enlargement.	Signed on 20.6.96 Entry into force on 1.1.97.	Adaptation of the Customs union Agreement following EU enlargement.
	Customs union agreement.	Signed on 31.12.90. In force since 1.1.91. Unlimited validity.	The agreement foresees the setting up of a customs union in two phases for industrial products and establishes regimes applicable to products not covered by this agreement.
BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA	Draft stabilisation and association agreement with the Western Balkans.	Negotiations not yet opened.	Whilst awaiting the implementation of the agreement, exceptional trade measures, aimed at an asymmetrical liberalisation of trade, including for agricultural products, have been set up (R. 2007/00 of 18.9.00, OJ L240).
CROATIA <i>COM(2001) 371 final</i> OJ L 330/01	Stabilisation and association agreement with the Western Balkans.	Signed on 29.10.01.	This agreement foresees trade liberalisation, including agricultural products, over a period of 10 years. Whilst awaiting the implementation of the agreement, exceptional trade measures, aimed at an asymmetrical liberalisation of trade, including for agricultural products, have been set up (R. 2007/00 of 18.9.00, OJ L240).
	Interim agreement	Signed on 29.10.01. In force since 1.3.02.	Unilateral trade measures foreseen by Regulation 2007/00 are applied in addition to the contractual concessions offered by the EU in the interim agreement. Specific agreements on wines and spirits (JO L 342 of 27.12.02).

III. Agreements with other European countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA FRY	Draft stabilisation and association agreement with the Western Balkans.	Negotiations not yet opened.	Whilst awaiting the implementation of the agreement, exceptional trade measures, aimed at an asymmetrical liberalisation of trade, including for agricultural products, have been set up (R. 2563/00 of 20.11.00, OJ L295).
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (FYROM) OJ L 348/97 COM(2001) 146 final OJ L 124/01 OJ C 149/01	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 29.4.97. In force since 1.1.98.	Preferential agreement with trade arrangements and establishment of political dialogue.
	Stabilisation and association agreement with the Western Balkans.	Approved by Council on 20.11.00. Signed on 9.4.01.	This agreement foresees trade liberalisation, including agricultural products, over a period of 10 years. Whilst awaiting the implementation of the agreement, exceptional trade measures, aimed at an asymmetrical liberalisation of trade, including for agricultural products, have been set up (R. 2563/00 of 20.11.00, OJ L295).
	Interim agreement on trade measures.	Entry into force on 1.6.01.	Unilateral trade measures foreseen by Regulation 2563/00 are applied in addition to the contractual concessions offered by the EU in the interim agreement. Specific agreements on wines and spirits (JO L 342 of 27.12.02).
SAN MARINO OJ L 084/02	Agreement on Customs Union and Co-operation	Signed on 27.11.92. In force since 1.4.02.	Establish a Customs Union between the two parties and promote co-operation. Protocol agreement following the accession of Austria, Sweden and Finland.

III. Agreements with other European countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
SWITZERLAND OJ L 300/72	Free trade agreement for industrial products.	Signed on 22.7.72. In force since 1.1.73 Unlimited validity.	Progressive liberalisation of trade for as much as the agricultural policies and their compensations are maintained.
OJ L 114/02	Preferential agreement on trade in agricultural products (in particular prepared fruit & vegetables, cheese, meat products).	Agreement signed on 21.06.99. In force since 1.6.02. Valid for 7 years (automatic prorogation).	In the case of the cheese sector, the agreement provides for full and reciprocal liberalisation over a five-year period. It also seeks to facilitate trade through mutual recognition of legislation on plant protection, organic farming as well as veterinary rules in live animals and animal products. This Agreement is part of the 7 specific sectoral agreements that entered into force on 1.6.02.
OJ L 76/00 (Council decision 2000/239/EC of 13.3.00).	Exchange of letters concerning Non-Annex I Products. <i>Agreements on trade for NAI products</i>	Entry into force on 1.4.00. <i>Finalised on 25.11.02.</i>	Agreement on the opening of some tariff quotas for processed agricultural products. <i>The agreement amends Protocol 2 of the 1972 EU/Switzerland FTA. It will be ratified after the conclusion of the other 10 negotiations, notably those on the taxation of savings. Switzerland will reduce its customs duties and its export refunds. The EU will abolish customs duties and export refunds.</i>

Comments on the Balkan countries:

- Unilateral trade concessions in favour of the Balkan countries:
Within the framework of the stability and association process implemented in the Western Balkans by EU, in September 2000, the EU granted to the Western Balkans (Albania, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo) exceptional autonomous trade measures liberalising over 95% of EU's trade with the region. These measures are progressively incorporated in the Stabilisation and Association Agreements (SAAs). These asymmetrical trade preferences are aimed at total liberalisation of EU imports from the Western Balkans, apart from a few exceptions within the agricultural sector. On 20.11.00, the Council decided to extend these trade measures to Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.
- Balkan countries' commitments to trade liberalisation between themselves:
On 27 June 2002, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Romania signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Trade Liberalisation and Facilitation. The principles of the Memorandum are the conclusion of a network of bilateral free trade agreements by 2002 and liberalising at least 90% of trade among the parties (transitional period of six years).
- State of play of the stabilisation and association process with the Western Balkans:
 - Croatia, Macedonia: Agreements approved by the Council, signed by the parties. Interim agreement in force.
 - *Albania: agreement on the negotiating mandate. Negotiations to be opened shortly.*
 - Bosnia-Herzegovina: no negotiating mandate.
 - *Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: in view of the progress regarding the internal market, trade and customs of FRY, the Council may launch shortly a feasibility study on the opening of a Stabilisation and Association Agreement.*

IV. Agreements with the New Independent States - NIS

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
BELARUS* COM(95) 0137	Partnership and co-operation agreement (PCA).	Signed on 6.3.95. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal. In process of ratification.	Non-preferential agreement covering a.o. the trade of goods (MFN clause).
COM(95) 0245	Draft Interim agreement to implement the trade provisions.	Signed on 25.3.96. Pending approval by the EP.	The agreement mentions the goal to create a free trade area. The parties will subsequently examine whether the circumstances allow for the beginning of negotiations.
MOLDOVA* OJ L 181/98	Partnership and co-operation agreement (PCA).	Signed on 28.11.94. In force since 1.7.98. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement covering a.o. the trade of goods (MFN clause). The agreement mentions the goal to create a free trade area. The parties will subsequently examine whether the circumstances allow for the beginning of negotiations.
RUSSIA* OJ L 327/97	Partnership and co-operation agreement (PCA).	Signed on 24.6.94. In force since 1.12.97. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement covering a.o. the trade of goods (MFN clause). The agreement mentions the goal to create a free trade area. The parties will subsequently examine in 98 whether the circumstances allow for the beginning of negotiations.
UKRAINE* OJ L 49/98	Partnership and co-operation agreement (PCA).	Signed on 14.6.94. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal. Entry into force on 1.03.98.	Non-preferential agreement covering a.o. the trade of goods (MFN clause). The agreement mentions the goal to create a free trade area. The parties will subsequently examine whether the circumstances allow for the beginning of negotiations.

* The economic concessions set for Russia (if not all the political ones) were extended to all three countries called "European" NIS. A difference in partnership and co-operation agreements showed up within these "European" NIS and the other NIS (for the "European" NIS: a "rendez-vous" clause providing for consideration in 1998 as to whether negotiations on a free trade agreement should be initiated).

IV. Agreements with the New Independent States - NIS (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ARMENIA OJ L 239/99 OJ L 261/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 22.4.96. Entry into force on 1.7.99. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
AZERBAIJAN OJ L 246/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 22.4.96. Entry into force on 1.7.99. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
GEORGIA OJ L 205/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 22.4.96. Entry into force on 1.7.99. OJ 248/99. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
KAZAKHSTAN OJ L 196/99 OJ L 248/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 23.1.95. Entry into force on 1.7.99. OJ 248/99. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
KYRGISTAN OJ L 196/99 OJ L 248/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 9.2.95. Entry into force on 1.7.99. OJ 248/99. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
TURKMENISTAN COM(97) 0693	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 25.5.98	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
COM(98) 0617	Draft Interim agreement for trade measures.	Signed on 10.11.99. Pending approval from the EP.	

IV. Agreements with the New Independent States - NIS (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
UZBEKISTAN OJ L 229/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 21.6.96. Entry into force on 1.7.99 (JO L 248/99). Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...

Tajikistan is the only NIS with which the EU has not begun negotiations for a partnership and co-operation agreement.

Characteristics of these partnership and co-operation agreements (PCA):

- these agreements replace, as they come into force, the trade and co-operation agreement concluded in 1989 between the EC and the Soviet Union. While waiting for the PCAs to come into force, the 1989 trade and co-operation agreement continues to be applied on a bilateral basis with each of the USSR's successor states.
- the interim agreements, which do not require formal ratification and cover only the areas within Community scope, allow for anticipated implementation of trade provisions.
- the agreements cover several areas, notably the setting up of an institutional framework: Co-operation Council (at Ministerial level), co-operation committee (at official level), Parliamentary co-operation committee.

V. Agreements with Euro-Mediterranean countries

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement/ Comments
ALGERIA COM(2002) 157 final	Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Signed on 22.04.02. In process of ratification.	The Agreement foresees the creation of a free trade area by 2010, a high level political dialogue and more important financial co-operation.
	OJ L 263/78	Signed on 26.4.76. In force since 1.11.78.	Global co-operation agreement including some limited concessions for agricultural products.
CYPRUS* OJ L 133/73 OJ L 393/87	Association agreement.	In force since 1.6.73. Additional agreement in force since 1.1.88. Unlimited validity.	This agreement establishes a customs union in two stages for industrial products. This is the type of agreement prior to eventual EU accession.
EGYPT COM(2001) 184 final	Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Signed on 25.06.01. In process of ratification.	The Agreement foresees the creation of a free trade area by 2010, a high level political dialogue and more important financial co-operation.
	OJ L 266/78	Signed on 18.1.77. In force since 1.11.78.	Global co-operation agreement including some limited concessions for agricultural products.
ISRAEL OJ L 147	Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Signed on 20.11.95 In force since 1.6.00.	The Agreement foresees the creation of a free trade area by 2010, a high level political dialogue and more important financial co-operation. <i>Negotiations concerning reviewing the agricultural protocol made some progress.</i> <i>The EU and Israel have difficulties to find a solution concerning the rules of origin of products exported by Israel from colonies in the Palestinian territory. If no agreement can be found, the EU may call for arbitration procedure, as provided for in the Association Agreement, to be set in place.</i>

* Request for accession to the EU on 4.7.90.

V. Agreements with Euro-Mediterranean countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
JORDAN OJ L 129/02	Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Signed on 24.11.97. In force since 01.05.02.	The Agreement foresees the creation of a free trade area by 2010, a high level political dialogue and more important financial co-operation. Re-examination of the condition of agricultural trade in 2002 to fix new concessions.
LEBANON COM(2002) 170 final <i>OJ L 262/02</i>	Euro-Mediterranean association Agreement.	Signed on 17.06.02. In process of ratification.	The Agreement foresees the creation of a free trade area by 2010, a high level political dialogue and more important financial co-operation.
	<i>Interim agreement for early implementation of trade measures</i>	<i>Signed on 17.06.02. Approved by the Council on 22.7.02.</i>	
OJ L 267/78	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 3.5.77. In force since 1.11.78.	Global co-operation agreement including some limited concessions for agricultural products.
MALTA* OJ L 61/71	Association agreement.	Signed on 5.12.70. In force since 1.4.71. Unlimited validity.	This agreement establishes a customs union in two stages for industrial products Association agreement forerunner to possible accession.
MOROCCO OJ L 70/00	Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Signed on 26.2.96. In force since 1.3.00.	The Agreement foresees the creation of a free trade area by 2010, a high level political dialogue and more important financial co-operation. <i>Negotiations concerning the revision of the agricultural protocol, initiated in September 2001, have progressed slightly. Pending the conclusion of the overall negotiations, the parties agreed on provisionally arrangements to continue traditional imports: a duty-free tomato import quota applying from 1.10.02 to 31.05.03.</i>

* Request for accession to the EU on 16.7.90. Following legislative elections of 96, the Maltese government decided to suspend its candidacy to accession.

V. Agreements with Euro-Mediterranean countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of agreement
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY OJ L 187/97	Interim Euro-Mediterranean association agreement, awaiting a Euro-Mediterranean association agreement	Signed on 24.2.97. In force since 1.7.97.	Agreement foreseeing trade concessions and strengthened co-operation as well as establishment of a FTA with a transition period no further than 31.12.2001.
SYRIA OJ L 269/78	Draft Euro-Mediterranean association Agreement.	Negotiating brief adopted by the Council on 19.12.97.	<i>These negotiations are proceeding very slowly, partly due to the absence of significant economic reform in Syria. The discussions enable clarifications on trade regime. The 9th round of negotiations on 11-12.11.02 addressed issues on political dialogue, trade, competition, intellectual property.</i>
	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 18.1.77. In force since 1.7.77. Unlimited validity.	Global co-operation agreement including some limited concessions for agricultural products. This agreement will be replaced by the association agreement.
TUNISIA JO L 97/98	Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Signed on 17.7.95 Entry into force 1.3.98.	The Agreement foresees the creation of a free trade area by 2010, a high level political dialogue and more important financial co-operation. Negotiations concerning revision of the agricultural protocol have come to a conclusion and supplementary reciprocal concessions were applied on 1.1.01 (Council decision CE/822/2000 of 22/12/00, OJ L 336). A new "rendez-vous" clause is foreseen in 2005 on agricultural products.

V. Agreements with Euro-Mediterranean countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of agreement
TURKEY* OJ L 35/96	Agreement establishing the definite phase of the customs unions.	Signed on 6.3.95. In force since 31.12.95.	Introducing the last phase of the customs union after 22 years of transitional period.
JO L 86/98	Decision of the EU-Turkey association Council n°1/98, on the trade regime for agricultural products	Decision n°1 98 of the EU-Turkey association Council published on the 25/02/98.	Defines the preferential trade regimes between the EU and Turkey for Agricultural Products
OJ L 217/64	Agreement establishing customs union.	Signed on 12.9.63. In force since 1.12.63. Unlimited validity.	Agreement establishing a custom union in three stages.

Summary of the recent achievements:

- Tunisia, Morocco, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Algeria, Cyprus, Malta entered into Association Agreements with the European Union (ALL except Syria).
- Association Agreements are now in force with Morocco, Tunisia, Israel, Cyprus, Malta, Jordan as well as a customs union with Turkey and an Interim Co-operation Agreement with Palestine.
- The agreements with Egypt, Algeria, Lebanon are in the ratification process. The Commission called the Member States to accelerate the ratification of the Agreements.
- Negotiations with Syria are on-going.

The Euro-Mediterranean association agreements replace the Co-operation Agreements signed with these countries in the 70s. This Euro-Mediterranean partnership, launched by the 1995 Barcelona conference, concerns the 15 Member States and 12 Mediterranean Partners.

The Commission launched a drive to reinvigorate the Barcelona Process in 2000 (Commission communication COM(2000) 497). Under the Spanish Presidency, the Commission took stock of the process and put forward ideas for the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial meeting in Valencia in April 2002 (Communication to the Council (SEC(2002)159)). A deepening of bilateral and regional agreements between Mediterranean countries is necessary in parallel.

Characteristics of Euro-Mediterranean association agreements:

It involves association agreements comprising of various sections (political dialogue, economic, social and cultural co-operation, as well as freedom of establishment and free performance of services):

- the **free movement of goods** section foresees the creation of a FTA for industrial products over a period of 12 years. Non-annex I products are included in this regime: the industrial element is eliminated over 12 years and the agricultural element may be maintained under fixed or ad-valorem duty.
- for **agricultural products**, an improvement in reciprocal concessions is foreseen in the framework of reduced or zero tariff quotas and reference quantities.

Main target: Euro-Mediterranean free-trade area by 2010.

* Request for accession to the EU on 14.4.87 and negative Opinion of the Commission on 18.12.89. Following the Helsinki summit, Turkey is now considered as a candidate country for accession to the EU.

VI. Agreements with countries of the Near and Middle East

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
GULF ARAB STATES CO-OPERATION COUNCIL - GCC (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia)	Co-operation and Free trade agreement.	Negotiating brief adopted by Council in 91. New mandate issued by the Council to the Commission in July 2001.	<i>The negotiation have been at standstill for months. The EU will not relaunched trade liberalisation negotiations until Saudi Arabia joined the WTO and a GCC customs union is implemented (due to take place in 2003).</i>
OJ L 54/89 OJ L 360/89	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 15.6.88. In force since 1.1.90. Unlimited validity.	Co-operation agreement in a number of economic sectors.
YEMEN OJ L 72/98 OJ L 178/98	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 25.11.97. In force since 1.7.98. Unlimited validity.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing parties to widen co-operation.

VII. Agreements with countries of Africa and ACP

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ACP COUNTRIES			
OJ L 229/91	Fourth ACP-EC convention.	Signed on 15.12.89. In force since 1.3.90. Validity 10 years.	Preferential agreement, non-reciprocal, covering trade in goods, a.o. (99% of exports of this country may enter the EU without acquitting customs duties).
OJ L 156/98	Agreement modifying 4 th convention.	Signed on 4.11.95. In force since 1.6.98.	This agreement modifies various aspects of the Convention, and in particular, those relating to import regime of agri-food products from ACP countries.
OJ L 220/97	Protocol n°11 on the adhesion of South Africa to the 4 th Convention.	In force since 1.6.98	Partial adhesion of South Africa (in particular, concessions on agri-food products are excluded).
	Cotonou Agreement. <i>Negotiations of Economic Partnership Agreements.</i>	Signed on 23.6.00 in Cotonou (Benin). Entry into force foreseen for 2002. Validity: 20 years.	Agreement aimed at replacing the 4 th Lomé Convention. It lies on 3 interactive pillars: the political dimension, the development strategies, the economic and trade co-operation. <i>On 27.9.02, the EU opened negotiations with 76 ACP countries in order to liberalise trade under Economic Partnership Agreements. The entry into force is foreseen on 1.1.08. During the first stage, which should be a year long, the EU will negotiate with ACP regional group. First meetings at ambassadorial levels in October but there are still problems of format of negotiations.</i>
OJ L 217/00	Anticipated implementation of certain parts of the Agreement.	In force as of 1.3.00.	Decision N° 1/2000 of the Council of ACP Ministers of 27.7.00 concerning provisional measures, applicable from 1.3.00 until entry into force of the Cotonou Agreement, foresees the anticipated implementation of certain parts of the agreement and the continuation of the application of most of the measures within the revised Fourth Lomé Convention. (details of the trade regime: COM(2002) 335 final of 21.6.02).
SOUTH AFRICA			
OJ L 311/99	Trade, development co-operation agreement.	Signed on 11.10.99. Provisional application as from 1.1.00.	This is the first FTA concluded concerning the WTO obligation in accordance with Article XXIV GATT. Compromise reached on the two sectoral agreements on wine and spirits. In force since 1.1.02 (Decision 2002/51/CE and 2002/52/CE of 21.1.02, JO L 28).
OJ L 341/94	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 10.10.94. Provisional application as from 01.10.00	Non preferential agreement aiming at re-enforcing co-operation.

VIII. Agreements with countries of Latin America

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ANDEAN GROUP* : (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela) OJ L 127/98	Framework agreement on co-operation.	Signed on 23.4.93. In force since 1.5.98.	"Third generation" agreement. Framework agreement on co-operation and development which will replace the 83 agreement by widening co-operation.
	New initiative: political dialogue and co-operation agreement	Launched at the Madrid Summit, 16.05.02. Negotiating directives to be submitted to the Council before end-2002 (GAC 15.4.02).	The parties undertook to negotiate an agreement on co-operation and political dialogue which would prepare for the negotiation of a FTA, on the basis of the results of the Doha working programme that are committed to complete by end-2004. No real customs union for the moment.
ARGENTINA OJ L 295/90 OJ L 208/91	Framework agreement on commercial and economic co-operation.	Signed 2.4.90. In force since 1.8.91. 5 years validity with tacit renewal every year.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.
BRAZIL OJ L 262/95	Framework agreement on co-operation.	Signed 26.6.92. In force since 1.11.95.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause).
CHILE OJ L 209/96	Framework agreement on commercial and economic co-operation.	Signed on 21.6.96. In force since 1.2.99. Unlimited validity.	This agreement replaces the 1990 co-operation agreement (OJ L 79/91). It covers the co-operation aimed in preparing the progressive and mutual liberalisation of all trade. The final aim is to establish a political and economic association.
	Association Agreement	<i>Signed on 18.11.02.</i> <i>Anticipated implementation of the trade chapter in the first months of 2003, once the Chilean congress has ratified it.</i>	The agreement comprises 3 main chapters: politic dialogue, co-operation and trade. A FTA is foreseen for goods, including the agricultural and food sector. It includes a Wine and Spirits Agreement, a Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement.

* The Andean Group changed to the Andean Customs Union following the July 97 agreement in Peru.

VIII. Agreements with countries of Latin America (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
MERCOSUR (Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay) OJ L 69/96 OJ L 112/99 OJ L 175/99	Inter-regional framework agreement. It will replace the framework agreements on co-operation that individually exist with these countries. Association Agreement in negotiation	Signed on 15.12.95. In force since 1.7.99. Negotiating mandate adopted on 21.6.99.	Framework agreement providing for commercial and economic co-operation. The parties have made a commitment to prepare a progressive and reciprocal liberalisation of the trade. <i>At the 8th meeting of bi-regional negotiations Committee on 11-14.11.02, the parties reiterated commitment to a rapid progress of the negotiations, despite all the difficulties faced by Mercosur. Progress was made on issues such as business facilitation measures, standards. On agriculture, the EU is waiting for a new offer from Mercosur compatible with the WTO. Next meeting on 17-21.03.02.</i>
MEXICO OJ L276/00	Economic Partnership, political co-ordination and co-operation Agreement	Signed on 8.12.97. In force since 1.10.00. Unlimited validity.	It replaces the 1991 co-operation Agreement. The global agreement has 3 pillars: political dialogue, trade liberalisation and co-operation.
OJ L 226/98 OJ L 157/00 OJ L 245/00	Interim agreement for trade and accompanying arrangements.	In force since 1.7.00.	The results of the negotiations have been formally adopted by the joint Council, during the Lisbon Summit on 23 – 24.3.99. The FTA covers trade in goods to be fully completed for the most part by 2003 with limited longer transitional periods for Mexican industrial products by 2007 and for agricultural products until 2012, accordingly with article XXIV. A clause for the revision of concessions is planned following 3 years of application of the agreement.
PARAGUAY OJ L 313/92	Framework agreement on co-operation.	Signed 3.2.92. In force since 1.11.92. 5 years validity with tacit renewal every year.	“Third generation” agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.

VIII. Agreements with countries of Latin America (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
SAN JOSE GROUP (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama) OJ L 63/99	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 22.4.93. Entry into force on 1.3.99. 5 years validity with tacit renewal every year.	“Third generation” agreement. Framework agreement on co-operation and development which will replace the 86 agreement on co-operation.
	New initiative: political dialogue and co-operation agreement	Launched at the Madrid Summit, 16.05.02. Negotiating directives to be submitted to the Council before end-2002 (GAC of 15.4.02).	The parties undertook to negotiate an agreement on co-operation and political dialogue, which would prepare for the negotiation of a FTA, on the basis of the results of the Doha working programme that are committed to complete by end-2004. Establishment of common external tariffs on 1.1.03 and common customs administration on 1.1.04.
URUGUAY OJ L 94/92	Framework agreement on co-operation.	Signed 4.11.91. In force since 1.1.94. 5 years validity with tacit renewal every year.	“Third generation” agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.

IX. Agreements with countries of Asia

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ASEAN (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand) OJ L 144/80 ASEAN extended to Burma, Vietnam and Laos.	Co-operation agreement. Adhesion of Vietnam to the agreement (OJ L 117/99) but not Burma (human rights problem - Council conclusions of the 26.7.97)	Signed on 7.3.80. In force since 1.10.80. 5 years validity with tacit renewal every 2 years.	Framework agreement on commercial, economic and development co-operation. The parties undertake to study ways and means of eliminating trade barriers on an MFN basis.
BANGLADESH OJ L 118/01 OJ L 319/76	Co-operation Agreement in the area of partnership and development. Commercial co-operation agreement.	Signed on 22.5.00 In force since 1.3.01. Signed on 16.11.76. In force since 1.12.76. Validity for 5 years with tacit renewal every year.	Non-preferential agreement. Agreement covering co-operation, trade, economic and development issues. Non-preferential agreement aimed at promoting economic co-operation.
CAMBODIA OJ L 269/99	Framework agreement on co-operation and trade.	Signed on 29.4.97. In force since 1.11.99.	Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause.
CHINA OJ L 250/85 OJ L 151/99	Agreement on trade and economic co-operation Mutual co-operation and administrative assistance agreement on customs.	Signed on 21.5.85. In force since 1.10.85. Validity for 5 years with tacit renewal every year. Signed on 18.6.99. In force since 1.7.99 (OJ L 248/99).	Non-preferential agreement. Agreement setting objectives and action taken in the area of trade and economic co-operation. Agreement concluded to facilitate the movement of goods, the administrative procedures and the technical assistance between the parties on customs.

IX. Agreements with countries of Asia (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
INDIA	Strengthened EU-India partnership	Adoption by the Council on 6.12.96 of a Communication on strengthened partnership.	
OJ L 223/94	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 20.12.93. In force since 1.8.94. Validity for 5 years with tacit renewal every year.	Non-preferential agreement. Parties concede most favoured nations treatment. Among the fields for co-operation are agriculture and intellectual property.
KOREA South OJ L 90/01	Framework agreement on co-operation and trade	Signed on 28.10.96. In force since 1.4.01.	Non preferential Agreement. Framework agreement on co-operation in fields such as: sciences, technology, technical regulations, standards and conformity assessments. Agreement contains a chapter on trade measures.
OJ L 121/97	Mutual co-operation and administrative assistance agreement on customs.	Signed on 10.04.97. Concluded for a period of five years.	Agreement concluded to facilitate the movement of goods, the administrative procedures and the technical assistance between the parties on customs.
LAOS OJ 334/97	Framework agreement on co-operation and trade.	Signed on 29.4.97. Entry into force on 1.12.97. Validity of 5 years.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.
MACAO OJ L 404/92	Agreement on commercial co-operation.	Signed on 5.6.92. In force since 1.1.93. Validity of 5 years with tacit renewal.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.
MONGOLIA OJ L 41/93 OJ L 51/93	Agreement on trade and economic co-operation	Signed on 16.6.92. In force since 1.3.93. Validity of 5 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement (NPF clause). Agriculture and intellectual property are among the areas of co-operation.

IX. Agreements with countries of Asia (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
NEPAL OJ L 137/96	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 20.11.95. In force since 1.6.96. Validity of 5 years with tacit renewal.	"Third generation" Framework Agreement. Non-preferential Agreement (NPF). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.
PAKISTAN OJ L 108/86	Framework agreement on co-operation and trade.	Initialled on 22.6.99. To be signed on 26.6.99 (Council decision of 17.5.99).	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). A joint Committee will ensure the functioning of the agreement.
	Agreement on commercial, economic and development co-operation.	Signed on 23.7.85. In force since 1.5.86. Validity of 5 years with tacit renewal.	
SRI LANKA OJ L 85/95	Agreement on commercial co-operation	Signed on 18.7.94. In force since 1.4.95. Prolonged yearly.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.
TAIPEI-CHINA (Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, Matsu) COM(97) 397 final	Interim agreement for agricultural products.	Proposal adopted by the Commission on 25.7.97. Entry into force at the time of the accession of Taipei to WTO.	This agreement concerns the concessions of market access obtained by the EU in the framework of negotiations of accession of Taipei-China to the WTO.
VIETNAM OJ L 136/96	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 17.7.95. In force since 1.6.96.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.

X. Agreements with other countries

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
AUSTRALIA OJ L 229/98 OJ L 5/99	Mutual recognition agreement in the area of conformity assessment, certificates and marking.	Signed on 24.6.98. In force since 11.1.99.	This agreement covers only some industrial sectors in particular the pharmaceutical sector. Its field of application could be extended to other sectors.
OJ L 86/94	Agreement on trade in wine.	Signed on 26.1.94 In force since 1.3.94.	Agreement destined to regulate and promote bilateral trade of wine.
OJ L 188/94	Agreement on scientific and technical co-operation.	Signed on 23.2.94. In force since 25.7.94.	Agreement modified on 9.12.99 in order to broaden co-operation possibilities.
CANADA	Veterinary agreement.	In force since 1999.	Through equivalence recognition of sanitary measures between the EU and Canada, this agreement is destined to facilitate the trade of live animals and animal products.
OJ L 7/98	Agreement mutual customs and assistance co-operation agreement in the area of customs.	Signed on 4.12.97 In force since 14.1.98.	Agreement demanded because of the importance of trade relations between contracting parties as well as by obligations towards the international conventions to which they adhered.
OJ L 280/98	Mutual recognition agreement.	Signed on 14.5.98. In force since 1.11.98.	
OJ L 260/76	Commercial and trade agreement	Signed on 6.7.76. In force since 1.10.76. Unlimited validity.	Non-preferential Agreement.
JAPAN	Mutual recognition agreement	Signed on 4.4.01	
NEW-ZEALAND OJ L 229/98 OJ L 5/99	Mutual recognition agreement in the area of conformity assessment, certificates and marking.	Signed on 25.6.98 In force since 1.1.99	

X. Agreements with other countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
USA	No global agreement.	Beginning of the "New Transatlantic Agenda" in December 95.	Reinforcement of the Transatlantic Dialogue in view of finding fields of reinforced co-operation and agreements for commercial improvement in fields that wish so.
	Transatlantic Economic Partnership (TEP)	Launched during EU/ US Summit on 18.05.98.	Partnership destined to strengthen co-operation between European and American administration: in this framework, the EU action plan was adopted by the Council on 9.11.98 and was officially launched during the EU/US Summit on 18.12.98.
OJ C 162/98 OJ L 284/98	Scientific and technical co-operation agreement.	Signed on 5.12.97 In force since 14.10.98	
OJ L 222/97	Agreement on customs co-operation and mutual assistance in this matter.	Signed on 28.5.97. Entry into force on 1.8.97.	
OJ L 31/99	Agreement on mutual recognition.	Signed on 18.5.98 In force since 1.12.98	

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Algeria	WT/L/23	17 June 1987
Andorra	WT/ACC/AND/1	22 October 1997
Armenia	WT/L/25 and WT/L/25/Corr.1	17 December 1993
Azerbaijan	WT/ACC/AZE/1	16 July 1997
Bahamas	WT/ACC/BHS/1	18 July 2001
Belarus	L7297 and WT/L/40	27 October 1993
Bhutan	WT/ACC/BTN/1/Rev.1	6 October 1999
Bosnia Herzegovina	WT/ACC/BIH/1	15 July 1999
Cambodia	WT/ACC/CAM/1	21 December 1994
Cape Verde	WT/ACC/CPV/1	17 July 2000
Kazakhstan	WT/ACC/KAZ/1	6 February 1996
Lao People's Democratic Republic	WT/ACC/LAO/1	19 February 1998
Lebanese Republic	WT/ACC/LBN/1	14 April 1999
Nepal	WT/ACC/NPL/1	21 June 1989
Russian Federation	PC/W/26	16 June 1993
Samoa	WT/ACC/WSM/1	15 July 1998
Saudi Arabia	WT/ACC/SAU/1	21 July 1993
Seychelles	WT/ACC/SYC/1	11 July 1995
Sudan	WT/L/13	25 October 1994
Tajikistan	WT/ACC/TJK/1	18 July 2001
Tonga	WT/ACC/TON/1	15 November 1995
Ukraine	L/7333	17 December 1993
Uzbekistan	PC/W/20	21 December 1994
Vietnam	WT/L/1	31 January 1995
Yemen	WT/ACC/YEM/1	17 July 2000
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	WT/ACC/FRY/1	8 February 2001

Requests for accession have been circulated from Syria (WT/ACC/SYR/1 on 30 October 2001) and Libya (WT/ACC/LBY/1 on 10 December 2001). Working parties have not yet been established.