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Freihandelsabkommen der EU



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1. Vorbemerkung

Die nachfolgenden Ausführungen vermitteln einen Überblick über die von der Europäischen Union (EU) mit Drittstaaten bzw. Staatengemeinschaften abgeschlossenen oder gegenwärtig verhandelten Freihandelsabkommen. Hierbei wird auf einschlägige Übersichten der World Trade Organization (WTO) sowie der Europäischen Kommission zurückgegriffen. Angesichts der Vielzahl der betreffenden Abkommen, aber auch der mangelnden Zugänglichkeit der entsprechenden Verhandlungsdokumente kann auf die näheren Umstände der einzelnen Verhandlungen einschließlich der jeweiligen „Knackpunkte“ nicht näher eingegangen werden. Entsprechende Hinweise ergeben sich jedoch teilweise aus den im Text angegebenen länderspezifischen Links.

2. Freihandelsabkommen zwischen der EU und Drittstaaten bzw. Staatengemeinschaften

2.1. Informationsangebot der World Trade Organization

Einen umfassenden Überblick über die zwischen der EU und Drittstaaten abgeschlossenen Freihandelsabkommen vermittelt das Regional Trade Agreements Information System (RTA-IS) der WTO. Einen Zugang zu diesem Informationssystem gewinnt man über den Link

<http://rtais.wto.org> (Stand: 19.04.2011).

Klickt man hier die Kategorie „List of all RTAs in force“¹ an und recherchiert weiter unter den Angaben „EC – “ bzw. „EU - “, so erhält man eine tabellarische Übersicht über die zwischen der EU und Drittstaaten bzw. Staatengemeinschaften abgeschlossenen und in Kraft getretenen Handels-/Freihandelsabkommen, die auch Angaben zum Datum der Notifizierung sowie zum Zeitpunkt des Inkrafttretens des jeweiligen Abkommens enthält (s. dritte und fünfte Spalte der Tabelle). Sie ist als **Anlage 1** beigelegt und im Internet unter folgender Adresse verfügbar:

<http://rtais.wto.org/WebControl/PrintGrid.aspx> (Stand: 19.04.2011).²

Weitere Informationen zu den jeweiligen Freihandelsabkommen erschließen sich über die Rubrik „By country/territory“ des RTA-IS. Recherchiert man hier unter dem Schlagwort „European Union (formerly EC)“ und weiter unter der Kategorie „Country profile“, so gelangt man zu einer länderspezifischen Übersicht, die nicht nur Informationen zu bereits in Kraft getretenen Abkommen enthält, sondern in ihrer rechten Spalte auch Hinweise auf Staaten gibt, mit denen die EU über den Abschluss eines regionalen Handelsabkommens verhandelt.

1 Nach Staaten bzw. Staatengemeinschaften geordnete tabellarische Übersicht über die entsprechenden Handelsabkommen (Link: <http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicAllRTAList.aspx> ; Stand: 19.04.2011)

2 FTA steht für „Free Trade Agreement“, EIA für „Economic Integration Agreement“, CU für „Customs Union“ und EPA für „Economic Partnership Agreement“.

Diese Übersicht ist als **Anlage 2** beigelegt und steht online unter folgender Adresse zur Verfügung:

http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/region_e/rta_participation_map_e.htm?country_selected=EEC&sense=b (Stand: 19.04.2011).

2.2. Informationsangebot der Europäischen Kommission

Die Europäische Kommission veröffentlicht unter folgendem Link Informationen zu den Handelsbeziehungen zwischen der EU und Drittstaaten bzw. anderen Staatengemeinschaften:

<http://ec.europa.eu/trade/creating-opportunities/bilateral-relations/> (Stand: 19.04.2011).

Im Rahmen dieses Informationsangebots wird auch eine tabellarische Übersicht über von der EU abgeschlossene bilaterale regionale Handelsabkommen bereitgestellt. Sie ist als **Anlage 3** beigelegt und online unter folgendem Link zugänglich:

http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc_111588.pdf (Stand: 19.04.2011).

In der Übersicht wird zwischen regionalen Handelsabkommen unterschieden, die entweder unter dem Artikel XXIV des GATT notifiziert wurden und insofern den Handel mit Gütern betreffen oder unter dem Artikel V des GATS notifiziert wurden und damit den Handel mit Dienstleistungen zum Gegenstand haben.³ Hierbei werden im Rahmen der unter den Artikel XXIV des GATT fallenden Abkommen u. a. die zwischen der EU und Drittstaaten bzw. Staatengemeinschaften abgeschlossenen Freihandelsabkommen (im weiteren Sinne) aufgeführt. Einen entsprechenden Überblick vermittelt der nachfolgende Auszug aus der Anlage 3. Er enthält gleichfalls Angaben zum Datum der Notifizierung sowie zum Zeitpunkt des Inkrafttretens des jeweiligen Abkommens.

Free Trade Agreements

(a) Europe

Faroe Islands	Free Trade Agreement	L/53. 22.2.97	01.01.97	19.02.97	Factual examination concluded	Replaces earlier (1991) trade agreement.
Norway	Free Trade Agreement	L/171. 27.06.73	01.07.73	13.07.73	Working Party report adopted	
Iceland	Free Trade Agreement	L 301. 31.12.72	01.04.73	24.11.72	Working Party report adopted	
Switzerland	Free Trade Agreement	L/300. 31.12.72	01.01.73	27.10.72	Working Party report adopted	FTA also covered Liechtenstein, which now participates in EEA.

3 "GATT" steht für "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" (Allgemeines Zoll- und Handelsabkommen), GATS für "General Agreement on Trade in Services" (Allgemeines Abkommen über den Handel mit Dienstleistungen).

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA)	L/084, 20.03.04 L/085, 23.03.04 C/213e, 31.07.01	01.05.04	23.10.01	Factual examination concluded	Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement.
Croatia	Stabilisation and Association Agreement	L/26, 25.01.05	01.02.05	20.12.02	Factual examination concluded	Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement.
Albania	Stabilisation and Association Agreement	L 104 (24/04/2009) L 300 (31/10/2006) L 107 (28/04/2009)	01.04.2009	07.03.07(goods) 07.10.09(services)	Factual examination concluded for trade in goods, on going for trade in services	Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement.
Montenegro	Stabilisation and Association Agreement	L 108 (29/04/2010)	01.05.2010	16.01.08(goods) 18.06.10(services)	Factual examination ongoing for trade in goods and services	Provisions first applied under Interim Agreement
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Interim Agreement on trade and trade related matters	L 186 (15/07/2008) L 233 (30/08/2008) L 169 (30/06/2008)	01.07.08	11.07.08	Factual examination ongoing for trade in goods	Interim agreement, pending entry into force of SAA.
Serbia	Interim Agreement on trade and trade related matters	L28/2, 30.01.10	01.02.10	31.05.2010	Factual examination ongoing for trade in goods	Interim agreement, pending entry into force of SAA.

(b) Mediterranean

Algeria	Association Agreement	L/265, 10.10.05	01.09.05	24.07.06	Factual examination not started	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement replaces co-operation agreement (L/263, 27.09.78) notified to GATT on 28.07.76 (report adopted 11.11.77)
Egypt	Association Agreement	L/345, 31.12.03	01.06.04	04.10.04	WTO consideration on-going.	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement; replaces co-operation agreement (L/266, 27.09.78) notified to GATT on 15.07.77 (report adopted 17.05.78)

Israel	Association Agreement	L/147, 21.06.00	01.06.00	20.09.00	Factual examination concluded	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement; trade provisions initially applied under Interim (1995) Agreement
Jordan	Association Agreement	L/129, 15.05.02	01.05.02	20.12.02	Factual examination concluded	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, signed on 24.11.97
Lebanon	Interim Agreement	L/262, 30.09.02	01.03.03	04.06.03	WTO consideration not started.	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement signed on 17.06.02; replaces cooperation agreement (L/267, 27.09.78) notified to GATT on 15.07.77 (report adopted 17.05.78)
Morocco	Association Agreement	L/70, 18.03.00	01.03.00	13.10.00	Factual examination concluded	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement
Palestinian Authority	Association Agreement	L/187, 16.07.97	01.07.97	30.06.97	Factual examination not started	Interim Euro-Mediterranean Agreement
Syria	Co-operation Agreement	L/269, 27.09.78	01.07.77	15.07.77	Working Party report adopted 17.05.78	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement signed in October 2004. It has not entered into force yet.
Tunisia	Association Agreement	L/97, 30.03.98	01.03.98	23.03.99	Factual examination concluded	Euro-Mediterranean Agreement

(c) Others

Certain Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT/PTOM II)	Association Agreement		01.01.71	14.12.70	Working Party reported adopted 09.11.71	Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories, as foreseen under Part Four of the Treaty of Rome
Chile	Association Agreement, and Additional Protocol	L/352, 30.12.02 L/38, 10.02.05	01.02.03 (trade) 01.03.05 (full)	03.02.04	Factual examination concluded	Association Agreement signed in November 2002

Mexico	Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement	L/276, 28.10.00 L/157, 30.06.00 L/245, 30.09.00	01.07.00	25.07.00	Factual examination concluded	Decision 2/2000 on EC-Mexico free trade area in the context of global agreement signed in December 1997
South Africa	Trade, Development and Co-operation Agreement	L/311, 04.12.99	01.01.00	02.11.00	WTO consideration ongoing.	Under an Exchange of Letters, the provisions establishing an FTA in Goods are applied provisionally from 01.01.00 pending entry into force of the full agreement.
CARIFORUM States (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago)	Economic Partnership Agreement	L/289, 30.10.08	Pending	16.10.08	WTO consideration ongoing.	Succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Date of signature: 15 October 2008 (Haiti signed on 11 December 2009)
Ivory Coast	Interim Economic Partnership Agreement	L/59, 03.03.09	Pending	11.12.08	WTO consideration ongoing.	Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Date of signature: 26 November 2008
Cameroon	Interim Economic Partnership Agreement	L/57, 28.02.09	Pending	24.09.09	WTO consideration ongoing.	Agreement on trade in goods which succeeds the trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement which expired on 31 December 2007. Date of signature: 15 January 2009

Weiterführende länderspezifische Informationen werden unter dem folgenden Link bereitgestellt:

<http://ec.europa.eu/trade/creating-opportunities/bilateral-relations/countries-and-regions/>
(Stand: 19.04.2011).

Darüber hinaus stellt die Europäische Kommission im Rahmen ihres handelsspezifischen Informationsangebots unter dem Link

http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc_118238.pdf (Stand: 19.04.2011)

einen Überblick über den Stand der Verhandlungen hinsichtlich des Abschlusses von Freihandelsabkommen oder anders gearteter Handelsabkommen mit Drittstaaten bzw. Staatengemeinschaften zur Verfügung (s. **Anlage 4**). Der die Verhandlungen zu den ins Auge gefassten Freihandelsabkommen betreffende Ausschnitt wird nachfolgend abgebildet.


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OVERVIEW OF FTA AND OTHER TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

 Updated 05 April 2011 - For latest updates check **highlighted** Countries or Regions, contents in **bold**
FTA NEGOTIATIONS

Country	Negotiating Directives	Current Status	Next Steps
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FAR EAST

INDIA	Negotiating authorisation and directives of April 2007	Negotiations launched in June 2007, 10 rounds held, last one in October 2010, followed by a number of intersessional meetings including chief negotiators meetings during last week of January in India and first week of March in Brussels. Negotiations are on track but work remains to be done. Important issues include how to get improvements on market access for goods and inclusion of government procurement.	Joint commitment expressed at the EU-India Summit on 10 December to intensify the negotiations with a view to concluding swiftly if possible. A number of meetings has thus been scheduled for the coming months.
KOREA	Negotiating authorisation and directives of April 2007	The FTA has been signed by Commissioner De Gucht, Minister Vanackere, representing the Belgian Presidency, and Korean Trade Minister Kim on 6 October 2010. The European Parliament has given its consent to the Agreement and approved the Regulation implementing the bilateral safeguard clause of the EU-Korea FTA on 17 February 2011.	The Council is expected to approve the Regulation implementing the bilateral safeguard clause of the EU-Korea FTA on 17 February 2011. The provisional application of the FTA is expected on 1 July 2011.
SINGAPORE	Based on 2007 ASEAN negotiating directives (see below).	In December 2009, EU Member States agreed that the Commission should start bilateral FTA negotiations with Singapore. A consultation of stakeholders is completed. Negotiations were launched in March 2010 and the fifth negotiating round has taken place in the week of 24 January 2011.	A sixth negotiating round is tentatively foreseen for April 2011.

MALAYSIA	Based on 2007 ASEAN negotiating directives (see below).	On 10 September, EU Member States agreed that the Commission could start FTA negotiations with Malaysia. The negotiations were officially launched in Brussels on 5 October 2010. A consultation of stakeholders is completed.	A second round took place in Kuala Lumpur 1-4 March 2011. A third round will be held in Brussels 10 to 13 May 2011.
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ASEAN	Negotiating authorisation and directives of April 2007.	Negotiations with a regional grouping of 7 ASEAN countries launched in July 2007. 7 th Joint Committee in March 2009 agreed to "take a pause" in the regional negotiations.	In December 2009, EU Member States agreed that the Commission will pursue FTA negotiations in a bilateral format with countries of ASEAN. Negotiations with Singapore and Malaysia were launched in 2010. The Commission continues exploratory informal talks with other individual ASEAN members with a view to assessing the level of ambition at bilateral level. Vietnam has given a political signal that it is ready to engage in a bilateral FTA with the EU and are ongoing.
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NORTH AMERICA

CANADA	Negotiating directives obtained in April 2009	Negotiations were launched in May 2009 and the content of the CETA (Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement) and its general modalities were agreed in June 2009. Six negotiating rounds have been held (in October 2009 and January, April, July and October in 2010). The last one took place in Brussels on 17-21 January 2011. Good progress has been made.	A seventh round is foreseen for 11-15 April 2011.
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LATIN AMERICA

<p>ANDEAN COMMUNITY</p>		<p>Negotiations for a multiparty trade agreement (MTA) with Colombia and Peru were concluded in February 2010. Contacts are maintained to explore the possibility to include Ecuador in the MTA. The legal and linguistic review of the text of the Agreement negotiated with Colombia and Peru has been finalised.</p>	<p>- Initialling of the Agreement will take place on 13 April by Commissioner De Gucht and Minister Sergio Diazgranados (Colombia) and Minister Eduardo Ferreyros Küppers (Peru).</p> <p>- Translation and preparation of Commission proposal for signature of the Agreement.</p>
<p>CENTRAL AMERICA</p>		<p>The negotiations with Central America (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama) for an Association Agreement including an FTA pillar were concluded in May 2010. The legal and linguistic review of the text of the Agreement negotiated with Central America has been finalised.</p>	<p>- The agreement was initialled on 27 March.</p> <p>- Translation and preparation of Commission proposal for signature of the Agreement.</p>
<p>MERCOSUR</p>	<p>Negotiating Directives of 1999</p>	<p>Negotiations with Mercosur were officially relaunched at the EU-Mercosur summit in Madrid on 17 May 2010. Four negotiation rounds (the last one from 14 – 18 March) have taken place since then. Until now, rounds have focused on the normative part of the agreement.</p>	<p>The next rounds of negotiations are scheduled in Asuncion (2-6 May) and in Brussels (4–8 July). The parties are working towards exchanging market access offers.</p>

MAGHREB & MIDDLE EAST

<p>EUROMED - BY TOPIC <i>(by country see below)</i></p>		<p>Progress made especially on North-South relations: the network of Association Agreements has been established, with the only exception of Syria, though the coverage of these Agreements is essentially limited to trade in goods.</p> <p><u>Negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment:</u> Discussions in 2006-2007 took place at regional Euro-Mediterranean format. In 2008, bilateral negotiations started with Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia and Israel.</p> <p><u>Negotiations on further liberalisation for agricultural, processed agricultural and fisheries products:</u> Negotiations were concluded with Jordan in 2005, Israel and Egypt in 2008, and Morocco in 2009 (agreement signed in 2010). They continue with Tunisia.</p> <p><u>Dispute Settlement Mechanism:</u> Negotiations concluded with Tunisia, (agreement signed in December 2009), Lebanon (signed in 2010), Jordan (initialled in December 2009), Morocco (signed in 2010) and Egypt (signed in 2010). They are on-going with other Mediterranean partners (Israel and Palestine) and our aim is to conclude the remaining bilateral protocols as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Negotiations on Agreements on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA):</u> Agreement signed with Israel in May 2010 in the pharmaceutical sector. Preparations are on-going to launch negotiations in the near future with other Southern Mediterranean partners.</p>	<p>Bilateral negotiations have been launched to complement our current trade agreements, particularly on the liberalisation of services and establishment and on the establishment of a dispute settlement mechanism. Further negotiations to deepen the existing Association Agreements on trade-related regulatory areas are foreseen in the future in the Euromed Trade Roadmap beyond 2010, which was generally endorsed at the 8th Union for the Mediterranean Trade Ministerial in Brussels on 9 December 2009.</p>
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EUROMED – BY COUNTRY			
EGYPT	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Egypt obtained in 1995	Negotiations were concluded in June 1999. The Association Agreement was signed in June 2001. The trade provisions entered into force provisionally on 1 January 2004 and the whole Association Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2004. Agri negotiations have been concluded in 2008, and the Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2010. DSM protocol signed in November 2010.	Bilateral negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment are under way.
ISRAEL		Association Agreement signed in November 1995 and entered into force in June 2000. Agri negotiations have been concluded in 2008. Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA) Agreement signed with Israel in May 2010 in the pharmaceutical sector.	Bilateral negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment and on DSM are under way.
JORDAN		Association Agreement signed in November 1997 and entered into force in May 2002. Agri negotiations concluded in 2005. DSM protocol initialled in December 2009.	Services and establishment negotiations in regional mode.
LEBANON	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Lebanon, 1995	Concluded in January 2002. Association Agreement signed in June 2002, Interim Agreement entered into force on 1 February 2003. AA Entered into force in April 2006. DSM protocol signed in November 2011.	Services and establishment negotiations in regional mode. Agri negotiations not yet started.
MOROCCO		Association Agreement signed in February 1996 and entered into force in March 2000. Agriculture negotiations concluded in December 2009 and agreement signed in December 2010. DSM protocol signed in December 2010.	Bilateral negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment continue. Further negotiations to deepen the current Association Agreement on Agreements in trade-related regulatory areas will be launched as soon as there is substantial progress in the above negotiations.
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY		Association Agreement signed in February 1997. Interim Agreement entered into force in July 1997.	Services and establishment negotiations in regional mode and on DSM under way. Agri negotiations not yet started. Duty-free quota-free initiative for Palestinian exports ongoing.
SYRIA	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Syria, 18 December 1997	Negotiations concluded in 2004, signature on hold for political reasons. Following technical adaptation initialled in December 2008. Adopted by the Council on 27 October 2009. Signature pending further notice from Syria.	No dates for further consultations with Syria on the possible signature of the Agreement.
TUNISIA		Association Agreement signed in July 1995 and entered into force in March 1998. Agreement on DSM signed in December 2009.	Bilateral negotiations on agriculture and on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment are under way.
LIBYA	Negotiating directive for a Framework Agreement with Libya July 2008.	Negotiations over the framework agreement/FTA formally launched on 12-13 November 2008, 7 th round took place on 08-09/06 in Tripoli. Libya started to discuss an ambitious FTA including trade in goods, in services/ establishment, trade rules, regulatory cooperation, and dispute settlement.	The EU has decided to suspend negotiations on the Libya-EU framework agreement on 23 February 2011.
GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council)		Suspended, but discussions going on; very advanced on all elements of the Agreement Objective to conclude negotiations as soon as possible	No dates for the next round agreed, informal consultations between EU and GCC chief negotiators ongoing.
EASTERN EUROPE			
UKRAINE		Negotiations launched in February 2008, 15 rounds held so far. Last one took place 7-11 February 2011 in Kiev. Some technical progress, but still some outstanding key issues.	16th round of negotiations will take place 4-8 April 2011 in Brussels.
ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries)			
See Overview of EPAs (Economic Partnership Agreements)			

Im Hinblick auf weitere länderspezifische Angaben wird auf den Link

<http://ec.europa.eu/trade/creating-opportunities/bilateral-relations/countries-and-regions/>
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verwiesen.

Zusätzliche länderspezifische Informationen ergeben sich aus den nachfolgend aufgeführten Veröffentlichungen der Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik sowie der als Anlage beigefügten Antwort der Bundesregierung auf eine Kleine Antwort seitens der Fraktion BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN zu dem vorgesehenen Freihandelsabkommen zwischen der EU und Indien.

3. Weiterführende Veröffentlichungen

Deutscher Bundestag (2011), Antwort der Bundesregierung auf die Kleine Anfrage der Abgeordneten Thilo Hoppe, Uwe Kekeritz, Kerstin Andreae, weiterer Abgeordneter und der Fraktion BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN, BT-Drs. 17/4359 vom 03.01.2011

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Hilpert, Hanns Günther (2009), Freihandelsabkommen mit Korea, Stiftung für Wissenschaft und Politik - Deutsches Institut für Internationale Politik und Sicherheit, SWP-Aktuell, Nr. 57, Berlin

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