



Rapid comparison of EAC and COMESA tariffs on agricultural products

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Farmers and agroindustries of Uganda and the rest of EAC would suffer a lot if the Tripartite agreement is implemented because its import duties (IDs) are much higher for many agricultural products than those of COMESA (another time we will compare with SACU CET):

- for dairy products, COMESA IDs are of 25% of codes 0401 and 0402 (and even of 10% on codes 040210 to 024022910 and 024029910) when they are of 60% in the EAC CET.

- for live animals COMESA IDs are of 10% when they are in EAC of 25% (for pure breed all are at 0 in the two CET).

- for birds' eggs (code 0408) COMESA IDs are at 10% when they are at 25% in EAC.

- for code 05 up to 0506 they are at 0 in COMESA against 25% in EAC.

- for code 0604 COMESA IDs are at 10% against 25% in EAC.

- for code 0713 (dried leguminous vegetables) COMESA IDs are at at 0 (excepted 07131090 and 071339) against 25% in EAC.

- for cereals (code 10), if both CET have 0 ID on wheat, COMESA IDs are lower than in EAC for non-seed barley (10% against 25%) and much lower for maize: 0% on seed against 25% and 10% on non-seed against 50%. For rice COMESA IDs is only of 10% when it is officially of 75% in EAC (or 345 \$/t whichever is higher) but the flexibility granted to Member States leads to only 35% in Kenya and 15% in Uganda and Tanzania (at least in 2011). On sorghum and millet COMESA rates are of 10% against 25% in EAC.

- for cereals flours and other processed cereals (11) all COMESA rates are at 10% (except malt of barley at 0% and wheat gluten at 25%) when wheat flour is at 60% in EAC and other processed cereals at 25% except for 1107 (malt) and 1108 (starch) at 10%.

- for oilseeds (12), from 1201 to 1207 COMESA IDs on oilseeds for sowing are at 0 when they stay at 10% in EAC. For code 1211 they are mostly at 0 in COMESA (except for 121130, 121140, 123050 at 10%) when they are at 10% in EAC (except 12119010 at 0%).

- for vegetable plaiting materials (14) rates are at 0 in COMESA (except 140410 on cotton linters at 10%) when all EAC rates are at 10%.

- for sugar (17), code 1701 is at 25% in COMESA and mostly at 100% in EAC (or 35% for jiggery).

- for cocoa (18), cocoa beans are at 0 in COMESA and at 10% in EAC. Paradoxically cocoa paste (1803) and cocoa butter (1804) and cocoa powder (1805) are at 10% in COMESA and at 0 in EAC even if chocolate (1806) is at 25 in both regions.

- for cereals preparations (19), preparations for infant use (19011010) are at 0 in COMESA and 25% in EAC. Tapioca (1903) is at 10% in COMESA against 25% in EAC.
- for preparations of vegetables and fruits (20) all IDs of EAC are at 25% when some are at 10% in COMESA (20029010 of tomato paste of drum weight of at least 36%) and some at 0 for infant use.
- for miscellaneous edible preparations (21) all IDs of codes 2101 to 2105 are at 25% in EAC (except 210111 at 10%) when they are at 10% for 2102 in COMESA.
- for beverages (22) all EAC rates are at 25% (except 220430) when COMESA has rates of 0 or 10% on 2207 (undenatured ethyl alcohol).
- for residues of agroindustries and animal fodder (23) all rates of EAC are at 10% and most of them also in COMESA except at 25% or dogs and cats feed and at 0 for premixes with vitamins.
- for tobacco (24) all rates of COMESA are at 25% whereas some of EAC (240220 and 240310) are at 35%.
- for essential oils (3301) all EAC rates are a 0 whereas some of COMESA are at 10% or 25%.
- for albuminoidal substances (3501 to 3505) all EAC rates are at 10% (and one at 25%: glues 350520) and two COMESA rates (350300 and 350400) at 0%.