



TRADE AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS

1. Legally binding, reciprocal trade agreements

Country	Title	Status
Multilateral – Southern African Customs Union (SACU)	Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Agreement	Signed 2002. Entered into force in 2004.
Multilateral - Southern African Development Community (SADC)	Southern African Development Community (SADC) Trade Protocol	Signed in 1996. Entered into force in January 2000.
European Union (EU)	SADC-EU Economic Partnership Agreement	Signed 10 June 2016. Entered into force 10 Oct 2016.
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)	SACU-EFTA Free Trade Agreement	Signed 2006. Entered into force 1 May 2008.
MERCOSUR (Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay)	SACU-MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)	Signed 4 April 2009. Entered into force 1 April 2016.
Multilateral – 26 member states	COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) Agreement	Signed in June 2016. SA ratified in September 2018. The Agreement has not entered into force, pending the ratification by two thirds of Member States.
Multilateral - 55 member states	African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement	Signed in July 2018. SA ratified and deposited in February 2019. Entered into force in May 2019, but is not yet operational as tariff

		liberalization schedules are still being negotiated.
Multilateral - World Trade Organization (164 Member countries)	<p>Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization</p> <p>Annex 1</p> <p>Annex 1A Multilateral Agreements on Trade in Goods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT 1994) • Understanding on Other duties and charges (GATT Art.II:l(b)) • Understanding on State trading enterprises (GATT Art.XVII) • Understanding on Balance-of-payments • Understanding on Regional trade agreements (GATT Art.XXIV) • Understanding on Waivers of Obligations • Understanding on Concession withdrawal (GATT Art.XXVIII) • Marrakesh Protocol to the GATT 1994 • Agreement on Agriculture • Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures • Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade • Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs) • Agreement on the Interpretation of Article VI of GATT 1994 (Anti-dumping Agreement) • Agreement on the Interpretation of Article VII of GATT 1994 (The Customs Valuation Agreement) 	<p>An Instrument of Acceptance of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization and the Final Act of the Uruguay Round was signed on 2 December 1994. The Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization and the Final Act of the Uruguay Round were approved and ratified by the South African Parliament on 6 April 1995.</p> <p>The WTO came into force on 1 January 1995 with South Africa as one of its founding Members.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on Preshipment Inspection • Agreement on Rules of Origin • Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures • Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures • Agreement on Safeguards 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on Trade facilitation 	Entered into force on 22 February 2017; South Africa submitted its instrument of acceptance on 30 November 2017.
	Annex 1B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) 	An Instrument of Acceptance of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization and the Final Act of the Uruguay Round was signed on 2 December 1994. The Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization and the Final Act of the Uruguay Round were approved and ratified by the South African Parliament on 6 April 1995. The WTO came into force on 1 January 1995 with South Africa as one of its founding Members.
	Annex 1C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) (unamended version) • TRIPS Agreement (as amended on 23 January 2017) 	
	Annex 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispute Settlement Understanding 	
	Annex 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade Policy Review Mechanism 	

2. Economic cooperation agreements

Multi-lateral

Country	Title	Status
IBSA (India, Brazil, South Africa)	Memorandum of Understanding on Trade Facilitation for Standards, Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment between South Africa, Brazil and India (IBSA)	Signed 15 October 2008. Not ratified / not in force. (Voluntary non-binding Agreement)
BRICS (Brazil, Russian Federation, India, Peoples Republic of China, South Africa)	Framework for Cooperation on Standardisation and Conformity Assessment	Endorsed by BRICS Trade Ministers at the Sixth Meeting of the BRICS Trade Ministers on 13 October, 2016 in New Delhi India. (Voluntary non-binding Agreement.)
BRICS (Brazil, Russian Federation, India, Peoples Republic of China, South Africa)	BRICS Working Mechanism on technical regulations, standards, metrology and conformity assessment procedures	Endorsed by BRICS Trade Ministers at the Eighth Meeting of the BRICS Trade Ministers on 5 July 2018 in Magaliesburg, South Africa. (Voluntary non-binding Agreement.)

Americas

Country	Title	Status
USA	Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) between South Africa and the USA	Signed 18 February 1999. Not clear if it was ratified.
	Trade, Investment and Development Cooperation Agreement (TIDCA) between SACU and USA	Signed 16 July 2008. Not clear if it was ratified.

Canada	Trade and Investment Cooperation Arrangement.	Signed and entered into force 24 September 1998.
Chile	MOU on Joint Trade and Investment Commission (JTIC) between South Africa and Chile	Signed 16 July 2012.
Brazil	MoU towards the Promotion of Trade and Investments	Signed October 2009.
Cuba	Economic Assistance Agreement (Amended in 2015)	Signed 3 February 2012. Came into effect 21 Nov 2012.

Asia

Country	Title	Status
People's Republic of China	MoU on Promoting Bilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation	Signed August 2006. Tabled in Parliament.

3. Investment protection/ bilateral investment treaties

EIF: Entered into force

Country	Title	Status
Argentina	Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investment between South Africa and Argentina	Signed 23 July 1998. EIF: 1 Jan 2001. Terminated: 30 March 2017. Protection period: 15 years.
Cuba	Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investment between South Africa and Cuba	Signed 8 Dec 1995. EIF: 7 April 1997. Intention to terminate letter: 14 Dec 2015. Currently in force. Protection period: 20 years (effective only after BIT has been terminated).
South Korea	Agreement on the Promotion & Protection of Investments	Signed 7 July 1995. EIF: 28 June 1997. Currently in force. Protection period: 20 years (effective only after BIT has been terminated).
People's Republic of China	Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investment	Signed 30 Dec 1997. EIF: 1 April 1998. Currently in force. Protection period: 10 years (effective only after BIT has been terminated).
UK	Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments	Signed 20 Sep 1994. EIF: 27 May 1998. Terminated: 30 August 2014. Protection period: 20 years.

Netherlands	Agreement on Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investments	Signed 9 May 1995. EIF: 1 May 1999. Terminated: 30 April 2014. Protection period: 15 years.
Switzerland	Agreement on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments.	Signed 27 June 1995. EIF: 30 Nov 1997. Terminated: 30 August 2014. Protection period: 20 years.
Germany	Treaty concerning Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment (Plus Protocol).	Signed 11 Sep 1995. EIF: 10 April 1998. Terminated: 30 August 2014. Protection period: 20 years.
France	Agreement on the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments.	Signed 11 Oct 1995. EIF: 22 June 1997. Terminated: 30 August 2014. Protection period: 20 years.
Denmark	Agreement concerning the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments	Signed 22 Feb 1996. EIF: 23 April 1997. Terminated: 30 August 2014. Protection period: 10 years.
Austria	Agreement on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments plus Protocol.	Signed 28 Nov 1996. EIF: 30 Nov 1997. Terminated: 30 August 2014. Protection period: 20 years.
Italy	Agreement on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments	Signed 9 June 1997. EIF: 16 March 1999. Terminated: 15 March 2019.

		Protection period: 10 years.
Sweden	Agreement on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments	Signed 25 May 1998. EIF: 1 Jan 1999. Intention to terminate letter: 18 June 2014. Currently in force Protection period: 20 years (effective only after BIT has been terminated).
Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union	Agreement on the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments	Signed 14 Aug 1998. EIF: 14 March 2003. Terminated: 13 March 2013. Protection period: 10 years.
Finland	Agreement on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments plus Protocol.	Signed 14 September 1998. EIF: 3 Oct 1999. Intention to terminate letter: 18 June 2014. Currently in force. Protection period: 20 years (effective only after BIT has been terminated).
Spain	Agreement on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments	Signed 30 September 1998. EIF: 23 December 1999. Terminated: 22 December 2013. Protection period: 10 years.
Greece	Agreement for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments plus Protocol.	Signed 19 November 1998. EIF: 6 September 2001. Currently in force. Protection period: 10 years.

Russian Federation	Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation	Signed: 23 November 1998. Entered into force 12 April 2000. Currently in force. Protection period: 15 years.
Mauritius	Agreement for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments	Signed 17 February 1998. EIF: 23 October 1998. Currently in force. Protection period: 20 years.
Nigeria	Agreement for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments	Signed 9 April 2000. EIF: 27 July 2005. Currently in force. Protection period: 20 years.
Senegal	Agreement for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments	Signed 19 June 1998. EIF: 29 December 2010. Currently in force. Protection period: 20 years.
Zimbabwe	Agreement for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments	Signed 27 November 2009. EIF: 15 September 2010. Currently in force. Protection period: 20 years.

4. Non Proliferation Agreements/Conventions/Treaties

Country	Title	Status
South Africa	Non Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Act	Signed June 1993. Entered into force August 1993.
Multilateral	Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons (CWC)	Entered into force 1997.
Multilateral	Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)	South Africa became a member on 5 April 1995.
Multilateral	Missile Technology Control Regime (MTRC)	South Africa became a member on 13 September 1995.
Multilateral	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban-Treaty (CTBT).	South Africa ratified on 30 March 1999. Not yet in force.