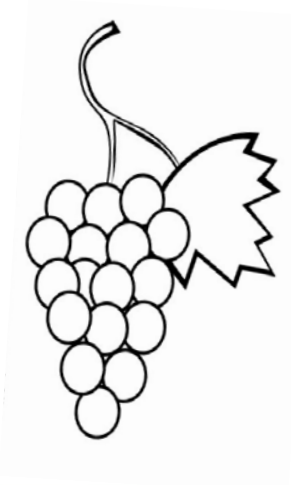




# EFTA-SACU

## Trade in Agricultural Products



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# Outline

- Agriculture policy in the EFTA States
- EFTA imports of agricultural goods
- Agriculture goods covered in the SACU – EFTA FTA (and the WTO)
- Useful information links
- Examples of exports to the EFTA States



# Agriculture in the EFTA States

- 1 % of GDP and 4 % of employment
- Difficult climatic and geographical conditions
- Key employer in rural areas
- Small scale structure agriculture
- High production costs
- High SPS standards





# Main agricultural productions

- Iceland
  - Bovine and sheep, especially tender highland lamb of high quality
  - Icelandic horses
- Norway
  - Meat and dairy
  - Grain and some vegetables
- Switzerland
  - Meat, dairy, fruit and wine
  - Famous cheese





# Agricultural policy in the EFTA States

- Not a common agricultural policy, but similar
- Active policy to maintain a certain level of agricultural production
  - High tariffs on goods from sensitive sectors; meat and dairy
- Not self-sufficient, large net-importers of agricultural products (Import ca. 50 % of consumption)



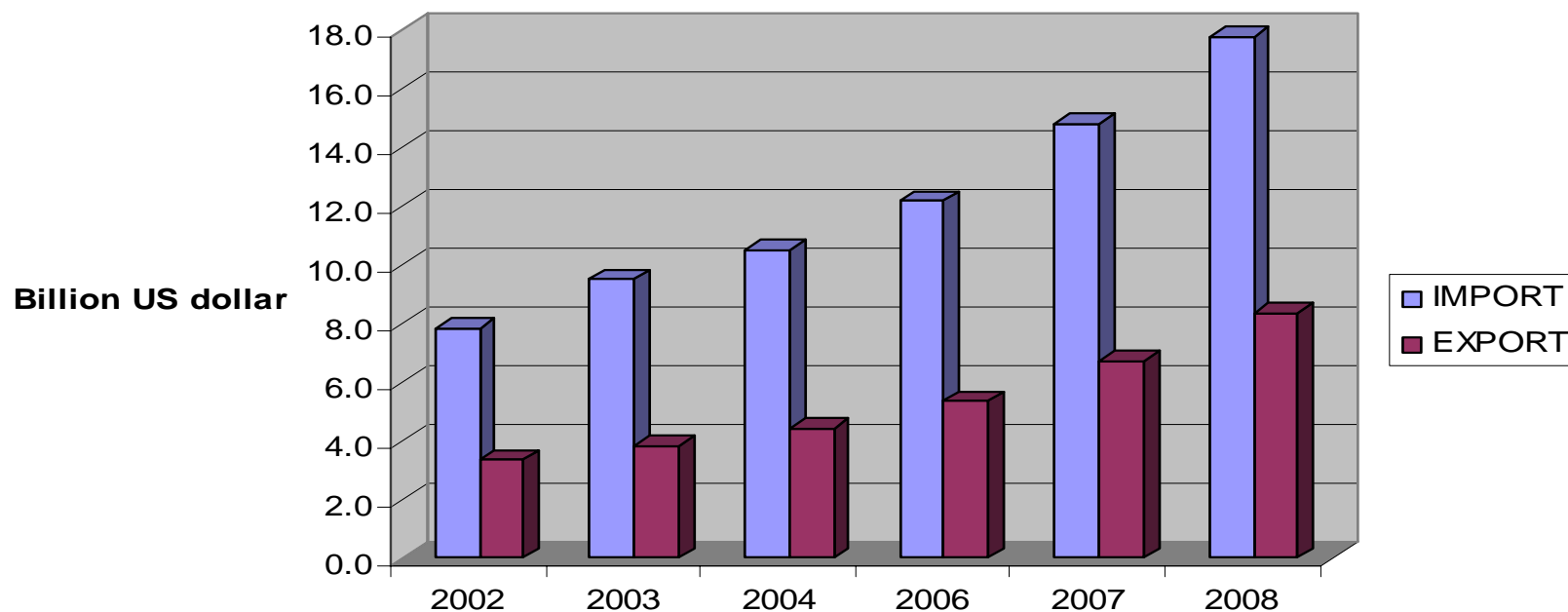


# EFTA imports of agricultural goods

- Major net-importers of agricultural goods
- Main trading partner is the European Union (ca. 70%)
- Major product groups that are imported from SACU:
  - Fruits and nuts
  - Beverages
  - Meat
  - Processed agricultural products



# EFTA trade with agricultural goods





# Framework for trade in agricultural goods between EFTA and SACU

- WTO



- EFTA - SACU Free Trade Agreement



# Structure of the FTA

## **EFTA-SACU Free Trade Area**

SACU – Switzerland – Norway – Iceland – Lichtenstein

**Free Trade Agreement**

**Three Bilateral  
Complementary Agreements  
On Agriculture**



# Agriculture in the SACU – EFTA FTA

## ARTICLE 1

### *Establishment of a free trade area*

1. The Parties hereby establish a free trade area in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, which is based on trade relations between market economies.



## Agriculture in the SACU – EFTA FTA

### ARTICLE 6

#### **Scope** (of trade in goods chapter)

This Chapter shall apply to:

- (a) products falling within Chapters 25 to 98 of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), except as provided for in Annex II;
- (b) **products specified in Annex III, with due regard to the arrangements provided for in that Annex;** and
- (c) fish and other marine products as provided for in Annex IV.



# Agriculture in the SACU – EFTA FTA

- Processed agricultural products
  - Included in the Main Free Trade Agreement in **Annex III**
- Basic agricultural products
  - **Bilateral complementary agricultural agreements** between each of the EFTA States and SACU



## Annex III - Processed agricultural products

- Covers products like; **bread, soups, chocolate, preserved fruits and vegetables, prefabricated food....**
- EFTA offers SACU the same treatment as EFTA offers the EU for these products
- No industrial protection. Duty based on content of certain raw materials (mainly dairy and cereal products)



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## SACU INTRO

### SOUTHERN AFRICAN CUSTOMS UNION (SACU)

**Dates of signature and entry into force:**

# Bilateral agreements



- Signature: 26 June 2006
- Entry into force: 1 May 2008
- Scope of the Agreement: Article 3 and Annex I

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#### **Agricultural Agreements**

- [Iceland](#)
- [Norway](#)
- [Switzerland](#)



# Useful information links

- The SACU – EFTA Free Trade Agreement (including Annex III) and the Bilateral Agricultural Agreements: <http://efta.int/>
- Icelandic Customs tariff: [www.tollur.is](http://www.tollur.is)
- Norwegian Customs tariff: [www.toll.no](http://www.toll.no)
- Swiss Customs tariff: [www.tares.ch](http://www.tares.ch)



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## Examples:

- Dried grapes (HS 08.06) into Switzerland:
  - Basic product, bilateral agricultural agreement **Free**
- Natural honey (HS 04.09) into Switzerland:
  - Basic product, bilateral agricultural agreement **19 Fr./100 Kg**  
**(MFN = 38 Fr./100 Kg)**
- Beer (HS 22.03) into Iceland:
  - Processed product, Annex III **Free**
- Wine (HS 22.04) into Norway:
  - Basic product, bilateral agricultural agreement **Free**





# Questions ?

- Questions related to agriculture in the EFTA - SACU FTA:

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Thank you!

