

FTA Tariff Tool

New Online Tool Highlights Tariff Benefits of Free Trade Agreements for American Businesses

<http://www.export.gov/FTA/FTATariffTool/>

- *Are you an exporter seeking a market where the United States has an existing competitive advantage?*
- *Are you spending time looking through pages of legal texts to figure out the tariff under a trade agreement for your products?*
- *Would you like to perform instant and at-a-glance searches for trade and tariff trends in one easily accessed location online?*

The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Tariff Tool will ease your exporting process and could help you increase your exports to U.S. trade agreement partner markets. It will streamline your industrial and consumer product tariff searches by making information on tariff benefits companies receive under U.S. trade agreements more accessible. The FTA Tariff Tool consolidates and condenses trade, tariff and sectoral information into a user-friendly public interface. The tool is provided free of charge by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The FTA Tariff Tool:

- consolidates and distills tariff schedules down to a simple search function
- allows users to see how particular sectors are treated under the agreements or recent trends in exports to the trade agreement partner markets
- helps reduce costs and uncertainty for U.S. businesses

Businesses are able to see the current and future tariffs applied to their products, as well as the date on which those products become duty free. By combining sector and product groups, trade data, and the tariff elimination schedules, users can also analyze how various sectors are treated across multiple trade agreements.

The FTA Tariff Tool is particularly useful for small and medium enterprise (SME) exporters:

- Many small business owners would benefit from exporting but might not have the time or resources to get started.
- While SMEs comprise a large portion of exporting firms, SMEs contribute significantly less to total exported value than their larger counterparts.
- Of those SMEs that export, many export to only one market.
- The FTA Tariff Tool improves access to critical information, significantly reducing uncertainty and lowering business costs, providing for SME export growth.



The FTA Tariff Tool comprises three sections:

- 1) **“What’s My Tariff?”** - empowers the user to perform instant and at-a-glance searches for industrial products’ tariff treatment under U.S. trade agreements
- 2) **Market Access Reports** - allow exporters to look at tariff reductions in an FTA partner across an industry or a Harmonized Schedule (HS) chapter
- 3) **Tariff and Trade Snapshot** - provides an industry-wide overview of the current trade agreement partner tariffs for each HS subheading and the dollar value of U.S. exports for the last five years

The screenshot shows the 'export.gov' website with the 'FTA Tariff Tool Home > Tariff Search > Tariff Search Details' path. The main heading is 'U.S. Exports to Korea (Pending)'. A table displays the following details:

HS Code	3304991000
Tariff Line Description	Skin care cosmetics
Subheading Description	BEAUTY & SKIN CARE PREPARATION, NESOI
Staging Basket	10 Years
Zero Duty As Of	Not Yet Approved

Below this table is a 'Base Rate' table:

Base Rate	8
Year 1	7.2
Year 2	6.4
Year 3	5.6
Year 4	4.8
Year 5	4.0
Year 6	3.2
Year 7	2.4
Year 8	1.6
Year 9	0.8
Year 10	Free
Year 11	Free
Year 12	Free
Year 13	Free
Year 14	Free
Year 15	Free

At the bottom, there is a 'Rule of Origin Links' section with a link to 'Chapter 6: Rules of Origin and Product-Specific Rules of Origin'.

The development of the FTA Tariff Tool will be ongoing, with plans underway to incorporate agricultural and textile information. Trade data will be updated on an annual basis and future trade agreements will be incorporated as they are negotiated. The website also provides an instructional video and quick start guide.

The screenshot shows the 'export.gov' website with the 'FTA Tariff Tool Home > Market Access Reports > Market Access Reports Results' path. The main heading is 'Results of the U.S.-Peru Free Trade Agreement Negotiations: U.S. Exports to Peru' under the 'Chemicals Sector'.

Staging Category	Trade (2010)		Tariff Lines (Peru)	
	% of U.S. Exports	U.S. Exports (US\$ millions)	% of HS Tariff Lines	Number of HS Tariff Lines
Immediate	87.2%	1046.9	81.4%	1306
5 Years	5.7%	68.1	6.2%	99
7 Years	1.3%	16.0	1.2%	19
10 Years	5.8%	69.3	11.3%	181
Total	100.0%	1200.3	100.0%	1605

Below the table are two pie charts:

- Percent of U.S. Exports by Staging Basket - 2010:** A pie chart showing that the 'Immediate' basket (blue) accounts for 87.2% of exports, while other baskets (5 Years, 7 Years, 10 Years) account for the remaining 12.8%.
- Percent of Peru's Tariff Lines by Staging Basket:** A pie chart showing that the 'Immediate' basket (blue) accounts for 81.4% of tariff lines, while other baskets (5 Years, 7 Years, 10 Years) account for the remaining 18.6%.

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