



Neighbourhood & enlargement

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Ukraine (1)

- Association Agreement (2014) including Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)
 - Free trade except for 40 tariff rate quotas for all traditionally sensitive sectors (cereals, sugar, meats, honey, etc.)
- **Autonomous trade measures** (ATMs) since June 2022
- Current ATMs
 - Expire on 5 June 2025
 - Reinforced safeguard measures & “emergency brake” for 7 products
 - Activated for oats, eggs, sugar, groats and honey

Ukraine (2)

- **Upcoming review of the DCFTA**
 - Broaden and accelerate trade liberalisation, reciprocal
 - More economic certainty and stability
 - Ukraine's accession perspective
 - Council to approve & EP kept informed
- **EU accession**

Moldova

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Enlargement

- 9 candidate countries + 1 potential candidate
- Western Balkans Growth Plan
- Candidates at early stage of preparation
- Diverse structure of agricultural sector in candidate countries
- Pre-enlargement policy reviews

Russia

- 14 packages of EU sanctions but do not cover Russia's agri-food exports (global food security)
- As of 1 July 2024: increased EU duties on imports from Russia (and Belarus) of grains and derived products
- The regulation covers approx. 88% of EU agri-food imports from Russia, or EUR 1.6 billion out of EUR 1.8 billion in 2023)
- Prevents EU market destabilisation
- Tackle Russian exports of illegally appropriated grain produced Ukraine
- Prevents Russia from using revenues from exports to the EU to fund its war of aggression against Ukraine

United Kingdom

- 1st destination for EU agri-food exports
 - EUR 51 billion; 22% of total EU agri-food exports in 2023
- New trading conditions for UK goods exported to the EU applied since 2021
- UK only phased in SPS import requirements and checks in 2024
- So far, no significant impact of new UK checks on our exports

Switzerland

- 2023 Common understanding
- To ensure homogeneity and legal certainty in the internal market.
- Cross-cutting institutional provisions
- Role of the European Court of Justice; Dispute settlement mechanism; interconnection between agreements; and dynamic alignment of agreements with the EU acquis
- Current trade concessions on agriculture and other sectoral provisions not affected
- New agreement on food safety