



# Analysis of the Utilisation of Tariff Preferences Among the EFTA States



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# Background Information

This Monitor summarises the most important information on EFTA-internal trade for the period 2018-2021. In addition to general information on bilateral trade between the EFTA States, this includes a comparison of preferential tariffs under the EFTA Convention or, where applicable for Iceland and Norway, the European Economic Area (EEA) and most-favoured nation (MFN) tariffs as well as tariff savings and preference utilisation rates. The aim of the Monitor is to enable an interested reader to see all relevant figures at a glance in order to identify both successes and potential for improvement.

## Methodology: The preference utilisation rate (PUR)

In order to calculate and compare the use of preferences across time and countries, the Monitor uses one central indicator, the preference utilisation rate (PUR):

$$\text{Preference utilisation rate (\%)} = \frac{\text{Trade value of preferences used}}{\text{Trade value of preferences that could be used}}$$

The PUR represents the value of traded goods for which economic operators actually make use of preferences in relation to the total value of traded goods for which economic operators are entitled to make use of preferences.<sup>1</sup>

## Scope

The Monitor covers trade between the EFTA States for the period 2018-2021. The Principality of Liechtenstein belongs to the Swiss customs territory and its trade is included in the Swiss trade statistics.

## Limitations

The data on preference utilisation in this report is based on import data collected and processed by different parties. Thus, the existence of different sources for the import data might limit the accuracy of the output due to possible differences in data and methods used.

Imports of gold (tariff line 7108.12) are excluded from the analysis as per standard practice in EFTA's statistics. In addition, preferences within tariff rate quotas, variable tariffs (e.g. price band systems or inputs-based tariffs) and ex-outs within tariff lines have not been considered in the calculations due to the difficulty to quantify them through customs statistics. Imports under preferential schemes other than the EFTA Convention or EEA have been included in the analysis of overall trade flows, but not in the assessment of applicable tariff rates and preference utilisation given the lack of data on

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<sup>1</sup>Further details regarding the methodology can be found in the [Swiss study](#).

the tariffs applicable under those schemes.

Subject to national laws, regulations and procedures in the EFTA States, trade under certain tariff lines may be confidential and therefore not be shown in the monitor. As a result, trade under certain tariff lines has been removed from the tables in the lower part of each country page to ensure statistical confidentiality.

Furthermore, specific and compound duties have been converted to ad-valorem equivalents (AVEs) for analytical purposes. Those AVEs constitute an attempt at best approximation and may sometimes not fully reflect the exact tariff equivalent of effectively paid duties. For many tariff lines, EFTA States employ specific tariffs (e.g. Switzerland: 200 Swiss francs per 100kg) or compound tariffs (e.g. Iceland: 30% and 95 ISK per piece). AVEs have been obtained by calculating the average product value per underlying volume for global imports of the respective EFTA State at the HS8-digit product level and per individual year. This value is then in turn used to approximate AVEs. Imports from the entire world have been used instead of imports from the respective trading partner only as values per unit would have been subject to substantive variation in the latter case.

# Explanation of the Monitor

## Information

The upper part of each country page contains general information about the bilateral trade relationship in question, incl. trade values for 2021 with and without trade in gold (tariff line 7108.12). Values are indicated consistently in USD. Moreover, the duty-free share of imports/exports and the corresponding trade value are indicated. Duty-free trade across all trade regimes, i.e. including other preferential schemes, is displayed. The information section also details the PUR for the past three years.

## Graphs

Below, the different graphs depicted in the Monitor and their meaning are explained. It is important to recall that the data analysed and results presented do not represent total trade flows but only a subset thereof. As mentioned previously, gold as well as products with import quotas have been excluded from the analysis.

The first graph (top left) shows the imports or exports for all four analysed years (2018-2021), illustrated according to the four trade regimes: EFTA Convention/EEA, MFN zero, MFN, and other preferences. The graph therefore gives an overview of the relevance of the different trade regimes. Results can vary significantly depending on the tariff structure of countries. Trade under “other preferences” may be duty free and therefore by definition lowers the use of the EFTA Convention/EEA. Due to a lack of data on applicable tariffs, trade under “other preferences” is excluded from the PUR analysis.

The second graph (top right) shows applicable tariff duties in 2021, comparing the MFN tariff duties to the optimal (lowest) tariff duties when utilising the EFTA Convention/EEA. Optimal tariff duties are equal to the MFN tariff duties if there are no concessions within the EFTA Convention/EEA. The graph also shows the actually paid duties, which lay between the MFN and the (optimal) EFTA Convention/EEA duties. In the absence of data on applicable duties under “other preferences” schemes, the assumption was made that duties under other preferential schemes were equal to 0. The horizontal axis represents the value of all imports or exports, beginning with the lowest tariffs on the left. It is important to note that the graph only shows tariff duties for products that were actually traded in 2021. Nonetheless, the graph shows how large the preference margin is and to what extent preferential tariff duties are being used (how close is the blue line to the green line?). To simplify comprehension, we use ad-valorem tariffs (in % of goods values) as explained in the limitations above.

The third graph (bottom left) shows tariff duties revenue. In addition to the duties actually paid, the hypothetical tariff savings have been included both in the graph and numerically in the heading. These hypothetical tariff savings are calculated by multiplying trade flows with the respective preferential or MFN tariffs.

The fourth graph (bottom right) compares the aggregated utilisation rates over the past three years, allowing for a comparison over the time period for which data is available.

## Table

In the lower part of each country page, the Monitor features a table with key figures for selected products. The product groups refer to the [Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization, 2017 version](#). The first part of the table displays the ten most important product groups (2-digit HS codes), sorted by trade value. In the lower section, the top ten products (6-digit HS codes) with the largest non-achieved tariff savings are listed. For all products/product groups, the trade values are shown according to trade regimes, the PUR, as well as the achieved and non-achieved tariff savings. If there is an indication of “0.00”, the corresponding value may be at a lower-digit level. Additional information on the products with the highest non-achieved tariff savings can be obtained by clicking on the hyperlinks to the dedicated sections of the World Customs Organization website provided in the lower part of the table.

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## Explanations on the EFTA Preferential Trade Monitor

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The upper part contains some general information and key figures.

Total imports/exports

Date of entry into force of the EFTA Convention

Value and share of duty-free imports/exports

PUR from 2019-2021

Imports/exports without gold and TRQs (if applicable)

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The relevant limitations are specified and background information on the composition of EFTA pref. trade (with or without EEA trade) is provided.

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Decomposition of imports/exports over the past years by trade regime.

Hypothetical customs duties on products imported/exported in 2021 (excluding non-traded products).

*Transactions in recent years according to the trade regime (EFTA pref., MFN zero, MFN, other preferential treatment).*

*Comparison of EFTA pref., MFN and actually paid duty rates on goods imported in 2021.*

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Hypothetical tariff revenue according to EFTA pref. or MFN over time.  
Green: Achieved tariff savings. Red: Non-achieved tariff savings.

Comparison of preference utilisation rates over time.

*Duty revenue if all imports had been made under EFTA pref. or MFN clauses. Actually paid tariffs are also indicated. The coloured areas show the realised and the non-realised tariff savings.*

*The preference utilisation rates over time are indicated.*

Product group	HS Code	Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.	other	Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved	Tariff savings non-achieved
Imports/Exports (in millions/thousands of USD)									

*The total import/export value is indicated.*

*The top-ten product categories (two-digit HS codes) sorted by import/export value are displayed.*

Top-10 product groups with highest import/export values

*The top-ten products (six-digit HS codes) with the greatest non-realised savings potential are displayed.  
The detailed HS tariff headings are available by clicking on the hyperlink in the HS code column.*

Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings

## List of abbreviations

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- **EEA:** European Economic Area
- **EFTA pref.:** EFTA preferential trade (either under EFTA Convention or EEA, where applicable)
- **HS:** Harmonized System
- **MFN:** Most-favoured nation
- **Other pref.:** Other preferential schemes
- **PUR:** Preference utilisation rate
- **TRQ:** Tariff-rate quota
- **USD:** United States dollar



Total imports: 0.73 bln. USD

Duty-free imports: 710.89 mln. USD, 97.4% of total imports

Date of entry into force of the EFTA Convention: 03.05.1960

Preference utilisation rate: 97.8% (2019), 99.4% (2020), 97.8% (2021)

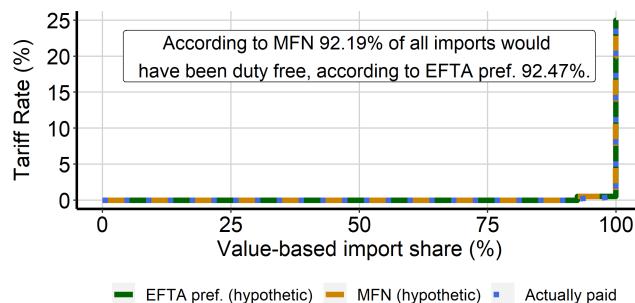
EFTA preferential trade includes trade under the EFTA Convention and EEA.

Decomposition of imports over the past years by trade regime. 2021:

EFTA pref. (0.7%), MFN zero (91.7%), MFN (5.7%), other pref. (1.9%).



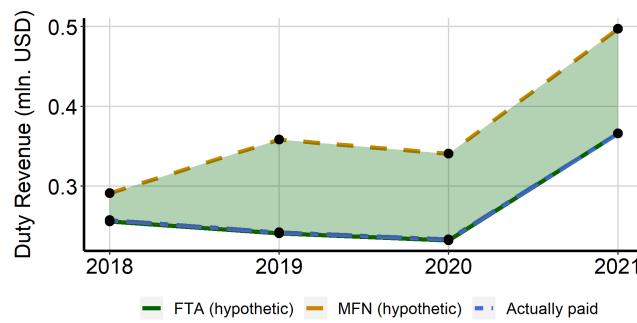
Hypothetical customs duties on products imported in 2021  
(excluding non-traded products).



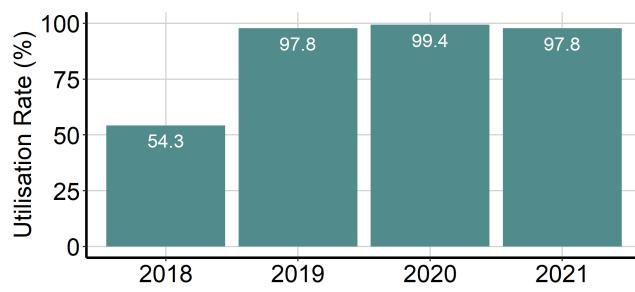
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 130'860 USD, savings rate: 99.8%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 310 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Imports (in millions of USD)					Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.	other			
	Total		729.93	41.57	669.32	5.05	13.99	97.83	130.86	0.31
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Mineral Fuels	27	373.21	0.00	372.73	0.00	0.48	—	0.00	0.00
	Specialized Machines	85	109.56	0.00	109.56	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Animal Food	23	54.78	41.34	0.03	0.00	13.42	—	0.00	0.00
	Ships	89	33.56	0.00	33.54	0.02	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Fish	03	27.65	0.00	27.65	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Salt	25	17.29	0.00	17.29	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Machines	84	13.13	0.00	13.13	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Inorg. Chemicals	28	9.77	0.00	9.77	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Misc. Chemical Goods	38	9.41	0.00	9.40	0.01	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Furniture	94	7.36	0.00	7.00	0.35	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Pastries	1905.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11
	Pastries	1904.90	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.00	99.33	2.52	0.07
	Beverages	2202.10	0.36	0.02	0.00	0.34	0.00	94.70	0.68	0.04
	Cocoa	1806.32	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	97.14	1.30	0.03
	Cocoa	1806.90	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	98.99	5.71	0.02
	Processed Meats	1604.12	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	35.25	0.01	0.01
	Processed Meats	1604.32	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.00	94.63	0.13	0.01
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# Iceland: Exports to Norway 2021



Total imports: 210.51 mln. USD

Duty-free exports: 185.45 mln. USD, 88.1% of total imports

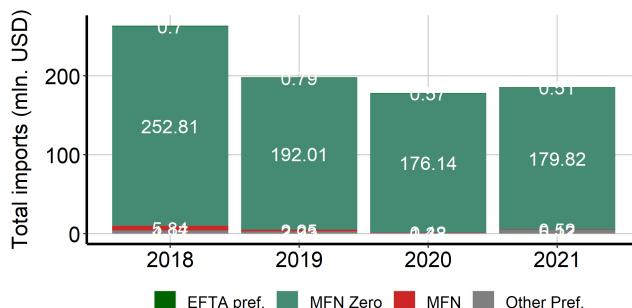
Date of entry into force of the EFTA Convention: 03.05.1960

Preference utilisation rate: 89.7% (2019), 81.7% (2020), 73.6% (2021)

EFTA preferential trade includes trade under the EFTA Convention and EEA. Preferences within TRQs, variable tariffs and ex-outs within tariff lines have not been considered. Confidential trade is excluded from the tables.

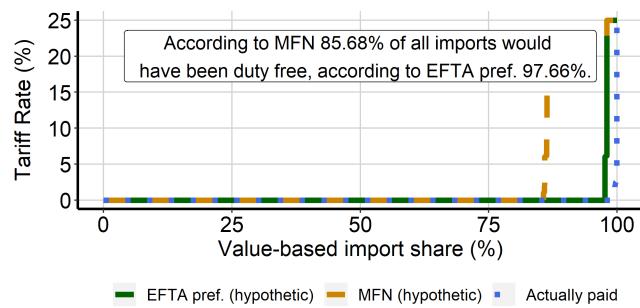
Decomposition of exports over the past years by trade regime. 2021:

EFTA pref. (0.2%), MFN zero (85.4%), MFN (0.2%), other pref. (2.4%).



Hypothetical customs duties on products exported in 2021

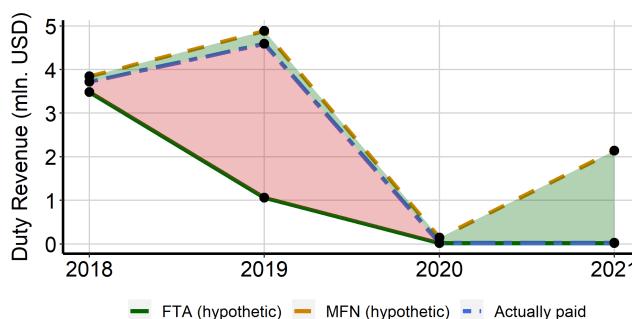
(excluding non-traded products).



Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

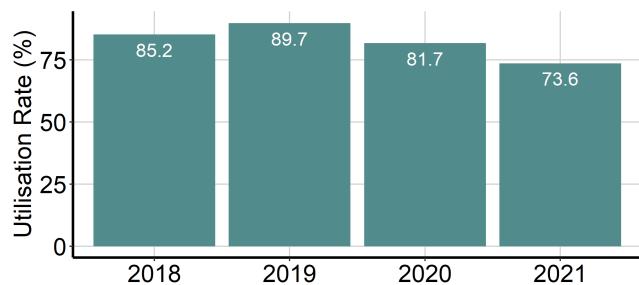
Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 2'108'930 USD, savings rate: 99.6%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 9'220 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates

over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Exports				Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero (in millions of USD)	EFTA pref.		achieved (in thousands of USD)	non-achieved
	Total		210.51	0.52	179.82	0.51	5.12	73.56	2'108.93
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Animal Food	23	72.69	0.02	72.67	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Fats and Oils	15	33.00	0.00	8.26	0.05	0.15	99.84	37.42
	Machines	84	21.40	0.00	21.37	0.00	0.02	—	0.00
	Specialized Machines	85	18.24	0.00	18.24	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Aluminium	76	13.48	0.00	13.48	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Precision Instruments	90	10.79	0.00	10.76	0.00	0.03	—	0.00
	Fish	03	10.11	0.00	10.11	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Other. Animal Products	05	8.76	0.00	8.76	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Ships	89	4.46	0.00	4.23	0.00	0.23	—	0.00
	Meat	02	4.14	0.01	0.00	0.00	4.14	—	0.00
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Clothing	6109.10	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.86
	Clothing	6110.90	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71
	Misc. Edible Preparations	2106.90	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	4.90	0.04
	Clothing	6110.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35
	Clothing	6109.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.61	0.02
	Clothing	6114.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22
	Cocoa	1806.90	0.33	0.03	0.00	0.30	0.00	89.62	2.55
	Other Textiles	6301.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17
	Other Textiles	6303.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17
	Sugar	1704.90	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	44.89	0.05



Total imports: 67.99 mln. USD

Duty-free imports: 62.15 mln. USD, 91.4% of total imports

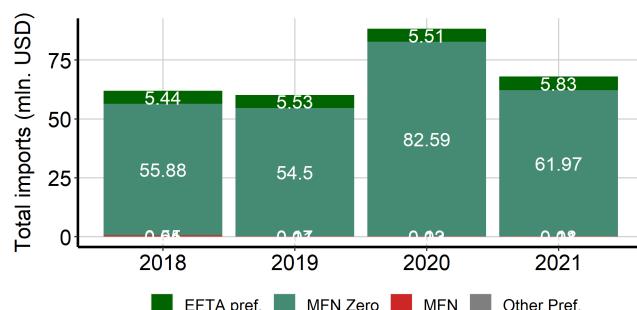
Date of entry into force of the EFTA Convention: 03.05.1960

Preference utilisation rate: 99.0% (2019), 99.1% (2020), 98.4% (2021)

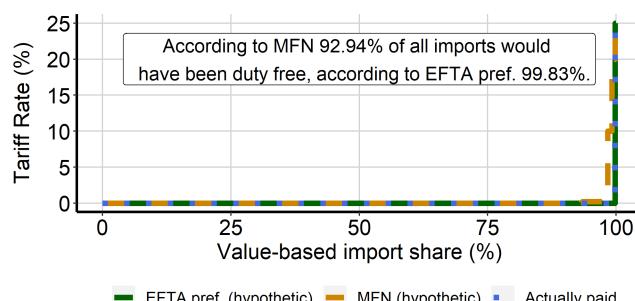
EFTA preferential trade includes trade under the EFTA Convention.

Decomposition of imports over the past years by trade regime. 2021:

EFTA pref. (8.6%), MFN zero (91.1%), MFN (0.3%), other pref. (0%).



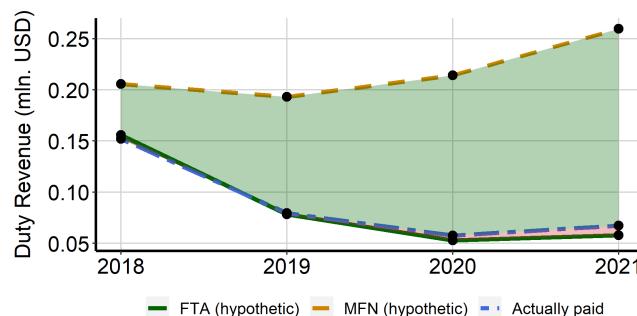
Hypothetical customs duties on products imported in 2021  
(excluding non-traded products).



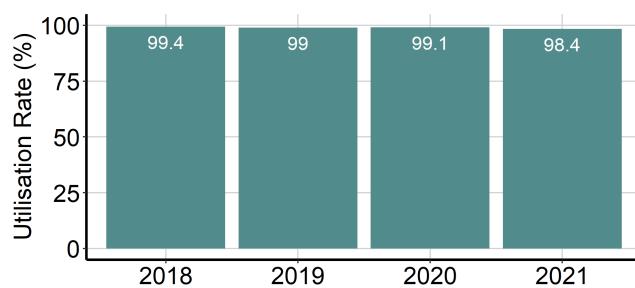
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 192'200 USD, savings rate: 95.3%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 9'550 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates  
over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Imports (in millions of USD)					Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.	other			
	Total		67.99	0.18	61.97	5.83	0.01	98.44	192.20	9.55
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Pharmaceuticals	30	17.84	0.00	17.84	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Machines	84	8.12	0.00	8.06	0.06	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Tobacco	24	6.60	0.00	6.60	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Coffee and Tea	09	5.60	0.00	5.60	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Precision Instruments	90	3.91	0.00	3.91	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Specialized Machines	85	3.71	0.00	3.71	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Beverages	22	3.14	0.02	0.08	3.04	0.00	99.51	6.23	0.03
	Misc. Edible Preparations	21	2.17	0.01	0.91	1.25	0.00	99.90	10.15	1.72
	Watches	91	2.03	0.00	2.03	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
	Plastics	39	1.98	0.00	1.93	0.04	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Cocoa	1806.32	0.55	0.03	0.00	0.52	0.00	94.52	74.11	4.08
	Cocoa	1806.90	0.43	0.01	0.00	0.42	0.00	98.12	100.18	1.76
	Cocoa	1806.31	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	36.43	0.88	1.53
	Pastries	1905.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.95	0.32	0.38
	Beverages	2201.10	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
	Pastries	1905.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73.48	0.06	0.02
	Pastries	1905.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
	Cocoa	1806.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Sugar	1704.90	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	97.87	0.12	0.00

# Iceland: Exports to Switzerland 2021



Exports →



Total imports: 38.04 mln. USD

Duty-free exports: 36.02 mln. USD, 94.7% of total imports

Imports without gold and TRQs: 35.59 mln. USD

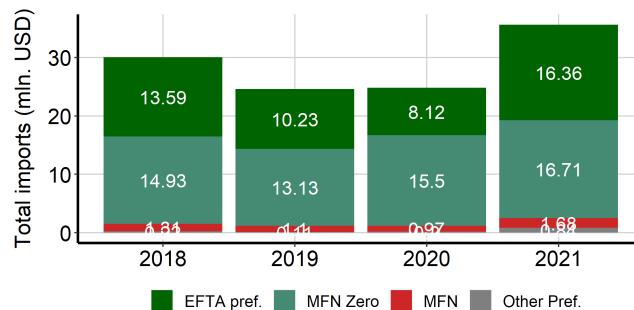
Date of entry into force of the EFTA Convention: 03.05.1960

Preference utilisation rate: 90.6% (2019), 89.8% (2020), 90.9% (2021)

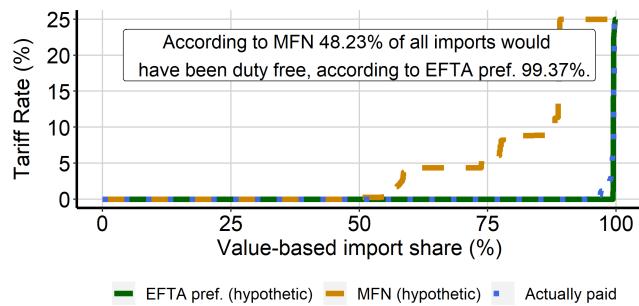
EFTA preferential trade includes trade under the EFTA Convention. Preferences within TRQs, variable tariffs and ex-outs within tariff lines have not been considered.

Decomposition of exports over the past years by trade regime. 2021:

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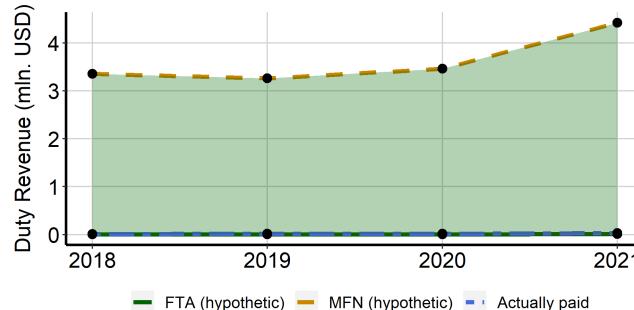
Hypothetical customs duties on products exported in 2021  
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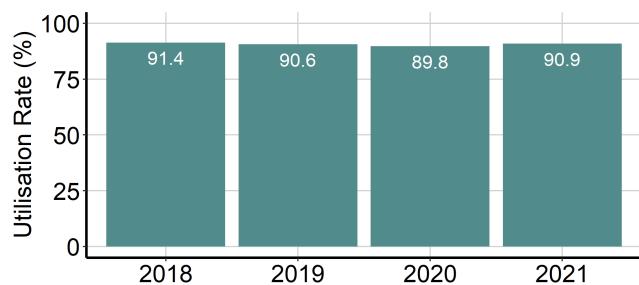
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 4'391'090 USD, savings rate: 99.6%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 17'750 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates  
over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Exports (in millions of USD)				Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.	other	achieved	non-achieved
	Total		35.59	1.68	16.71	16.36	0.84	90.92	4'391.09
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Fish	03	11.75	0.27	9.55	1.92	0.00	87.48	6.97
	Aluminium	76	9.96	0.00	0.00	9.96	0.00	100.00	585.03
	Precision Instruments	90	3.96	0.43	3.46	0.07	0.00	13.44	0.10
	Diary Products	04	3.70	0.00	0.00	3.70	0.00	100.00	3'776.34
	Pharmaceuticals	30	2.94	0.00	2.94	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Machines	84	0.50	0.05	0.11	0.01	0.34	9.44	0.01
	Other. Animal Products	05	0.38	0.00	0.31	0.00	0.07	—	0.00
	Plastics	39	0.33	0.07	0.04	0.20	0.02	73.44	7.76
	Tools	82	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	13.79	0.01
	Cosmetics	33	0.18	0.06	0.00	0.11	0.00	63.51	1.44
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Misc. Edible Preparations	2106.90	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.57
	Plastics	3917.32	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.68
	Precision Instruments	9025.80	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.44
	Soap	3401.11	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	85.65	8.90
	Beverages	2208.50	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.96
	Wool	5109.10	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.96
	Clothing	6110.11	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.82
	Cosmetics	3304.99	0.16	0.04	0.00	0.11	0.00	71.79	0.79
	Fish	0304.89	0.19	0.14	0.01	0.04	0.00	21.19	0.18
	Cosmetics	3307.30	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49

Total imports: 210.51 mln. USD

Duty-free imports: 185.45 mln. USD, 88.1% of total imports

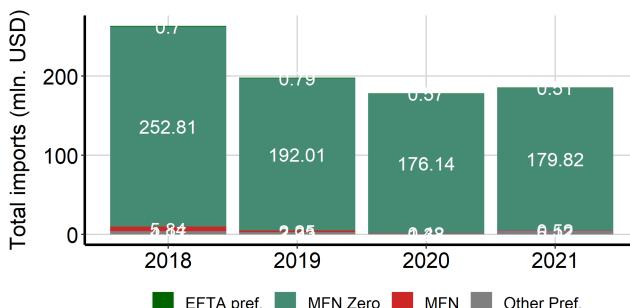
Date of entry into force of the EFTA Convention: 03.05.1960

Preference utilisation rate: 89.7% (2019), 81.7% (2020), 73.6% (2021)

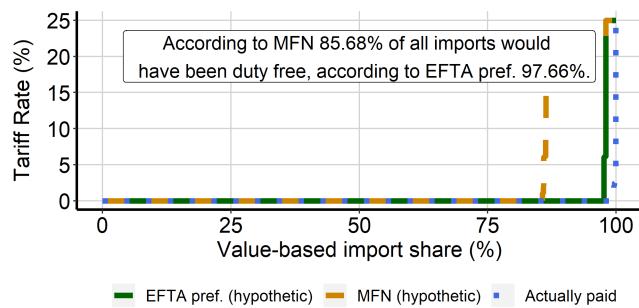
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Decomposition of imports over the past years by trade regime. 2021:

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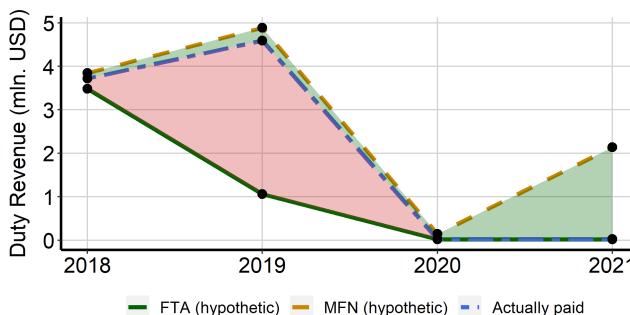
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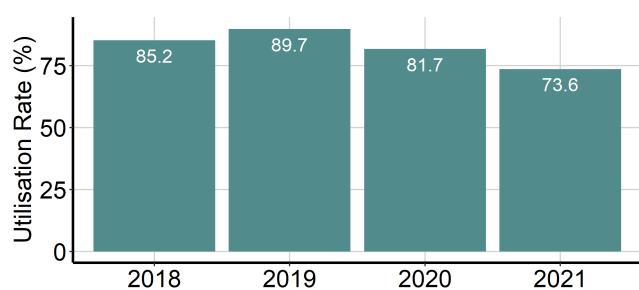
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 2'108'930 USD, savings rate: 99.6%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 9'220 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Imports (in millions of USD)				Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.	other	achieved	non-achieved
	Total		210.51	0.52	179.82	0.51	5.12	73.56	2'108.93 9.22
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Animal Food	23	72.69	0.02	72.67	0.00	0.00	—	0.00 0.00
	Fats and Oils	15	33.00	0.00	8.26	0.05	0.15	99.84	37.42 0.00
	Machines	84	21.40	0.00	21.37	0.00	0.02	—	0.00 0.00
	Specialized Machines	85	18.24	0.00	18.24	0.00	0.00	—	0.00 0.00
	Aluminium	76	13.48	0.00	13.48	0.00	0.00	—	0.00 0.00
	Precision Instruments	90	10.79	0.00	10.76	0.00	0.03	—	0.00 0.00
	Fish	03	10.11	0.00	10.11	0.00	0.00	—	0.00 0.00
	Other. Animal Products	05	8.76	0.00	8.76	0.00	0.00	—	0.00 0.00
	Ships	89	4.46	0.00	4.23	0.00	0.23	—	0.00 0.00
	Meat	02	4.14	0.01	0.00	0.00	4.14	—	0.00 0.00
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Clothing	6109.10	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 4.86
	Clothing	6110.90	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.71
	Misc. Edible Preparations	2106.90	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	4.90	0.04 0.62
	Clothing	6110.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.35
	Clothing	6109.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.61	0.02 0.25
	Clothing	6114.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.22
	Cocoa	1806.90	0.33	0.03	0.00	0.30	0.00	89.62	2.55 0.21
	Other Textiles	6301.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.17
	Other Textiles	6303.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.17
	Sugar	1704.90	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	44.89	0.05 0.15

Total imports: 0.73 bln. USD

Duty-free exports: 710.89 mln. USD, 97.4% of total imports

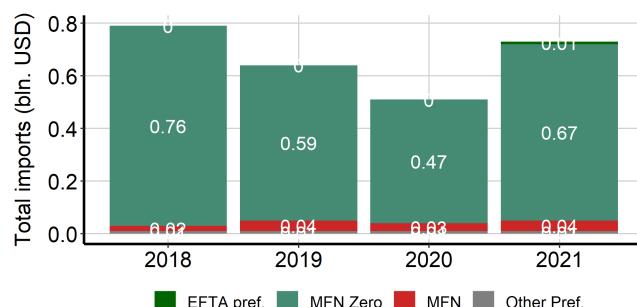
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Preference utilisation rate: 97.8% (2019), 99.4% (2020), 97.8% (2021)

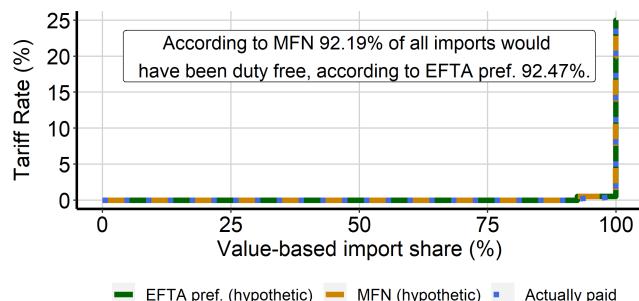
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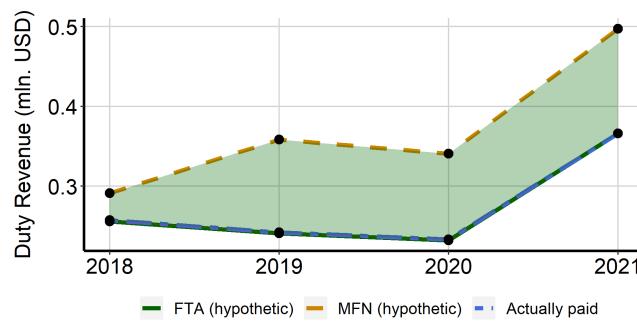
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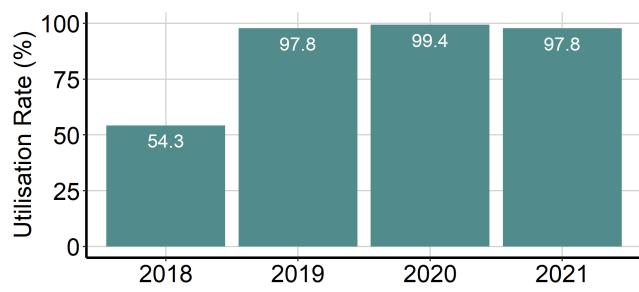
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 130'860 USD, savings rate: 99.8%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 310 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Exports (in millions of USD)				Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.		achieved	non-achieved
	Total		729.93	41.57	669.32	5.05	13.99	97.83	130.86
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Mineral Fuels	27	373.21	0.00	372.73	0.00	0.48	—	0.00
	Specialized Machines	85	109.56	0.00	109.56	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Animal Food	23	54.78	41.34	0.03	0.00	13.42	—	0.00
	Ships	89	33.56	0.00	33.54	0.02	0.00	—	0.00
	Fish	03	27.65	0.00	27.65	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Salt	25	17.29	0.00	17.29	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Machines	84	13.13	0.00	13.13	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Inorg. Chemicals	28	9.77	0.00	9.77	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Misc. Chemical Goods	38	9.41	0.00	9.40	0.01	0.00	—	0.00
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Furniture	94	7.36	0.00	7.00	0.35	0.00	—	0.00
	Pastries	1905.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11
	Pastries	1904.90	0.23	0.00	0.23	0.00	99.33	2.52	0.07
	Beverages	2202.10	0.36	0.02	0.00	0.34	0.00	94.70	0.68
	Cocoa	1806.32	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	97.14	1.30
	Cocoa	1806.90	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	98.99	5.71
	Processed Meats	1604.12	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	35.25	0.01
	Processed Meats	1604.32	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.00	94.63	0.13
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Total imports: 0.98 bln. USD

Duty-free imports: 959.64 mln. USD, 97.9% of total imports

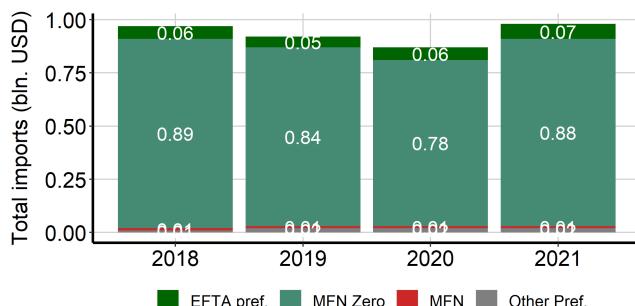
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Preference utilisation rate: 88.3% (2019), 86.4% (2020), 80.0% (2021)

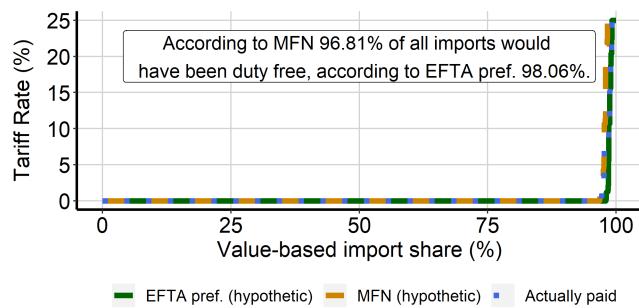
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Decomposition of imports over the past years by trade regime. 2021:

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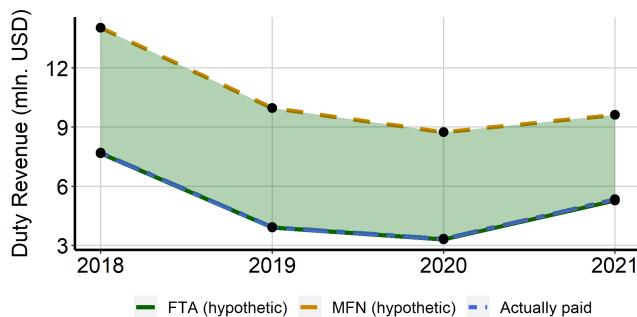
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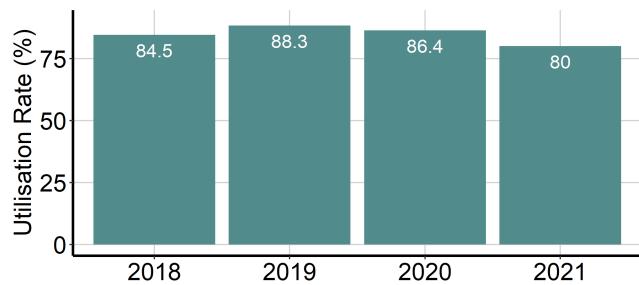
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 4'282'790 USD, savings rate: 98.5%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 64'930 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Imports (in millions of USD)				Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.	other	achieved	non-achieved
	Total		979.86	13.69	879.72	68.74	17.70	80.03	4'282.79
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Pharmaceuticals	30	219.12	0.00	218.89	0.23	0.00	—	0.00
	Machines	84	141.98	0.00	133.31	7.80	0.87	—	0.00
	Precision Instruments	90	106.97	0.00	101.77	4.58	0.62	—	0.00
	Specialized Machines	85	83.94	0.00	79.53	3.86	0.54	—	0.00
	Watches	91	64.77	0.00	51.90	11.74	1.14	—	0.00
	Plastics	39	39.86	0.00	37.87	1.84	0.15	—	0.00
	Beverages	22	38.13	0.01	38.03	0.08	0.00	82.27	2.05
	Misc. Edible Preparations	21	24.24	1.65	12.32	10.26	0.01	86.09	4'005.38
	Tools	82	20.95	0.00	20.15	0.79	0.01	—	0.00
	Rail Vehicles	86	18.64	0.00	7.68	4.60	6.37	—	0.00
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Misc. Edible Preparations	2106.90	12.59	1.52	3.57	7.50	0.01	83.16	3'962.82
	Clothing	6115.21	0.16	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.01
	Lac and Gums	1302.19	0.21	0.14	0.01	0.06	0.00	32.39	1.95
	Clothing	6110.11	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.00	2.86	0.10	3.55
	Clothing	6110.12	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	80.25	2.91
	Clothing	6103.10	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.66	0.41
	Clothing	6115.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.73	0.02
	Clothing	6115.95	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00
	Beverages	2202.99	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.00	77.53	1.82
	Pastries	1905.90	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.73	0.00	99.48	22.55



Total imports: 513.22 mln. USD

Duty-free exports: 479.65 mln. USD, 93.5% of total imports

Imports without gold and TRQs: 406.5 mln. USD

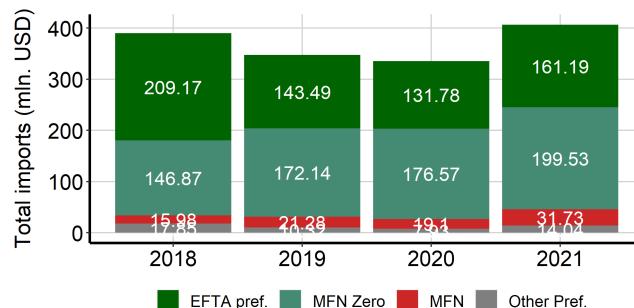
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Preference utilisation rate: 87.2% (2019), 87.6% (2020), 83.9% (2021)

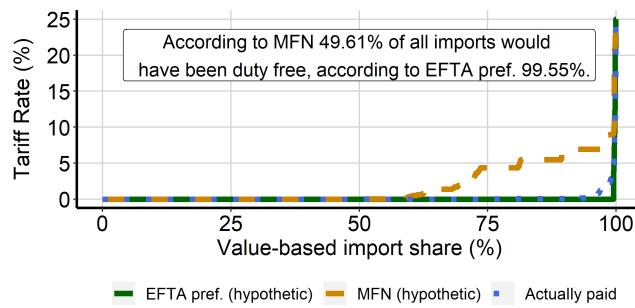
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Decomposition of exports over the past years by trade regime. 2021:

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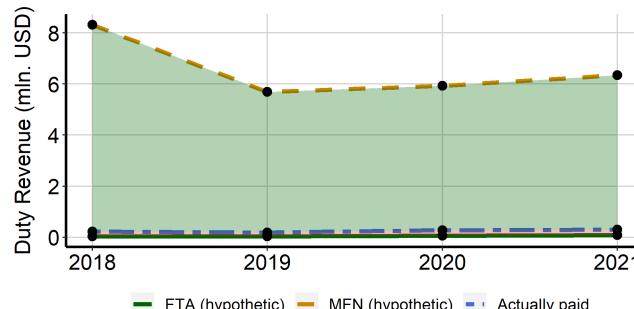
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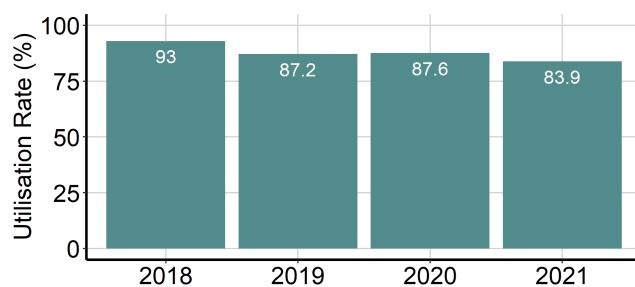
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 6'047'150 USD, savings rate: 96.6%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 213'230 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Exports (in millions of USD)				Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.		achieved	non-achieved
	Total		406.50	31.73	199.53	161.19	14.04	83.88	6'047.15 213.23
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Fish	03	104.62	0.32	104.06	0.23	0.00	41.72	4.98 3.84
	Aluminium	76	95.19	0.38	0.00	94.81	0.00	99.60	5'080.68 14.78
	Specialized Machines	85	24.86	1.79	17.78	3.83	1.46	68.17	56.20 25.59
	Pharmaceuticals	30	18.14	0.00	18.14	0.00	0.00	—	0.00 0.00
	Org. Chemicals	29	16.32	0.79	4.36	11.15	0.02	93.37	170.44 9.17
	Zinc	79	14.81	6.74	0.00	8.07	0.00	54.46	2.15 1.67
	Misc. Chemical Goods	38	13.30	0.05	12.40	0.67	0.19	93.23	26.66 0.61
	Furniture	94	13.00	0.35	10.34	2.30	0.01	86.73	58.77 4.98
	Beverages	22	10.87	0.08	10.41	0.37	0.00	81.47	14.56 3.85
	Jewelry	71	10.18	0.94	0.00	9.24	0.00	90.79	1.24 1.48
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Cars	8708.10	4.07	4.06	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.26	0.05 37.67
	Aluminium	7606.12	29.75	0.25	0.00	29.50	0.00	99.16	1'995.93 12.07
	Cars	8703.40	1.09	1.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 11.66
	Cars	8708.29	0.66	0.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.13 9.70
	Org. Chemicals	2905.11	11.44	0.61	0.00	10.83	0.00	94.64	167.44 8.48
	Specialized Machines	8544.60	0.07	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00 7.89
	Machines	8427.10	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 5.05
	Misc. Edible Preparations	2106.90	0.44	0.28	0.00	0.15	0.00	35.04	3.24 4.86
	Specialized Machines	8544.11	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 4.37
	Cars	8703.80	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 3.64



Total imports: 38.04 mln. USD

Duty-free imports: 36.02 mln. USD, 94.7% of total imports

Imports without gold and TRQs: 35.59 mln. USD

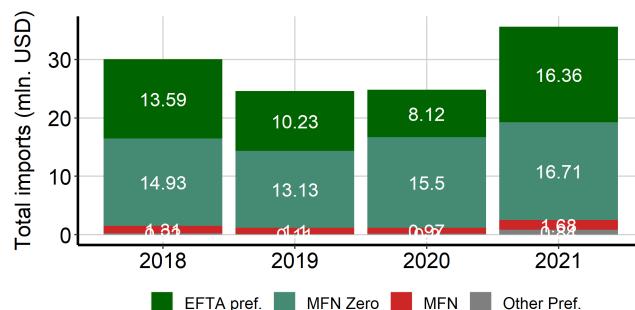
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Preference utilisation rate: 90.6% (2019), 89.8% (2020), 90.9% (2021)

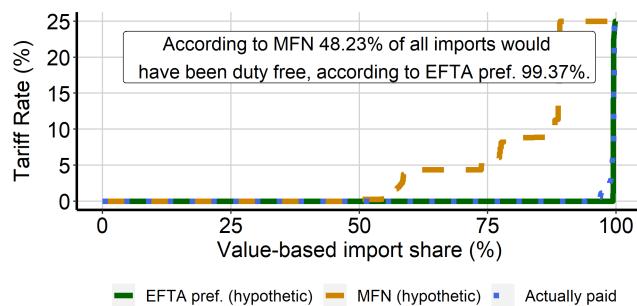
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Decomposition of imports over the past years by trade regime. 2021:

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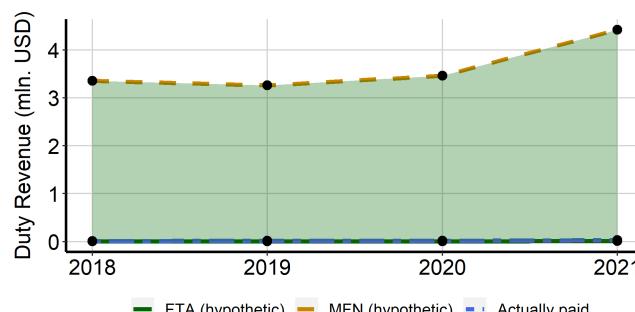
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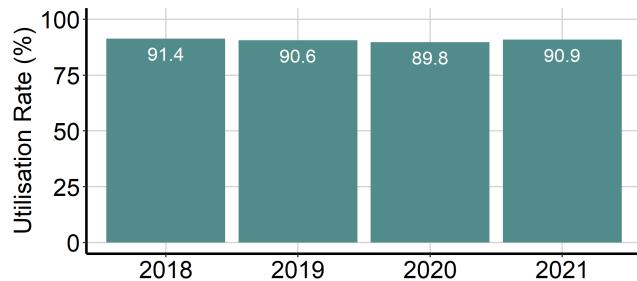
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 4'391'090 USD, savings rate: 99.6%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 17'750 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Imports (in millions of USD)				Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.	other	achieved	non-achieved
	Total		35.59	1.68	16.71	16.36	0.84	90.92	4'391.09
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Fish	03	11.75	0.27	9.55	1.92	0.00	87.48	6.97
	Aluminium	76	9.96	0.00	0.00	9.96	0.00	100.00	585.03
	Precision Instruments	90	3.96	0.43	3.46	0.07	0.00	13.44	0.10
	Diary Products	04	3.70	0.00	0.00	3.70	0.00	100.00	3'776.34
	Pharmaceuticals	30	2.94	0.00	2.94	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Machines	84	0.50	0.05	0.11	0.01	0.34	9.44	0.01
	Other. Animal Products	05	0.38	0.00	0.31	0.00	0.07	—	0.00
	Plastics	39	0.33	0.07	0.04	0.20	0.02	73.44	7.76
	Tools	82	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	13.79	0.01
	Cosmetics	33	0.18	0.06	0.00	0.11	0.00	63.51	1.44
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Misc. Edible Preparations	2106.90	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.57
	Plastics	3917.32	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.68
	Precision Instruments	9025.80	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.44
	Soap	3401.11	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	85.65	8.90
	Beverages	2208.50	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.96
	Wool	5109.10	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.96
	Clothing	6110.11	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.82
	Cosmetics	3304.99	0.16	0.04	0.00	0.11	0.00	71.79	0.79
	Fish	0304.89	0.19	0.14	0.01	0.04	0.00	21.19	0.18
	Cosmetics	3307.30	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49



Total imports: 67.99 mln. USD

Duty-free exports: 62.15 mln. USD, 91.4% of total imports

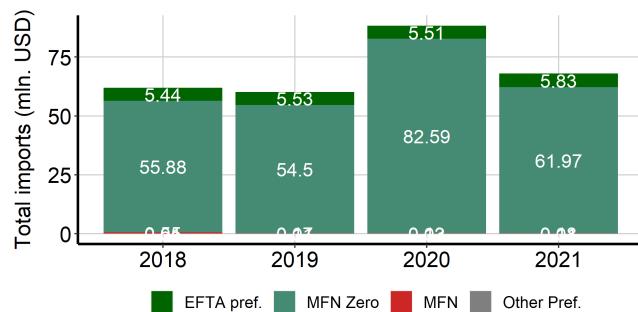
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Preference utilisation rate: 99.0% (2019), 99.1% (2020), 98.4% (2021)

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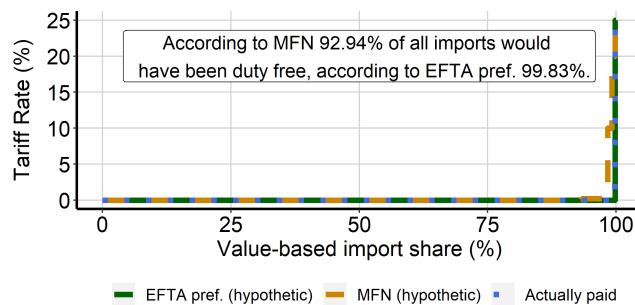
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Hypothetical customs duties on products exported in 2021

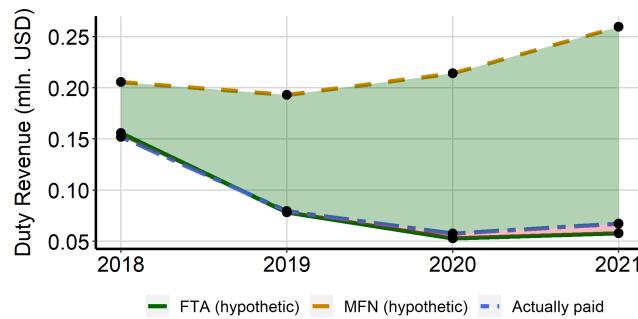
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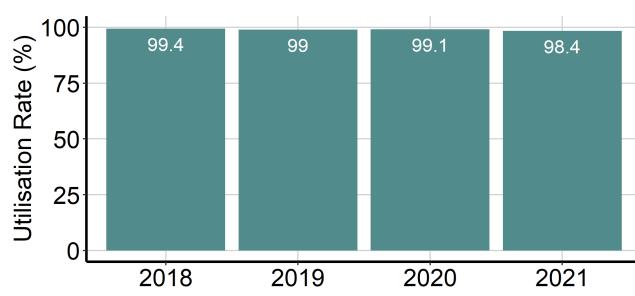
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 192'200 USD, savings rate: 95.3%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 9'550 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates over the past years.



Product group	HS code	Exports (in millions of USD)				Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
		Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.		achieved	non-achieved
Total		67.99	0.18	61.97	5.83	0.01	98.44	192.20
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Pharmaceuticals	30	17.84	0.00	17.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Machines	84	8.12	0.00	8.06	0.06	0.00	0.00
	Tobacco	24	6.60	0.00	6.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Coffee and Tea	09	5.60	0.00	5.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Precision Instruments	90	3.91	0.00	3.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Specialized Machines	85	3.71	0.00	3.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Beverages	22	3.14	0.02	0.08	3.04	0.00	99.51
	Misc. Edible Preparations	21	2.17	0.01	0.91	1.25	0.00	10.15
	Watches	91	2.03	0.00	2.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Plastics	39	1.98	0.00	1.93	0.04	0.00	0.00
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Cocoa	1806.32	0.55	0.03	0.00	0.52	0.00	94.52
	Cocoa	1806.90	0.43	0.01	0.00	0.42	0.00	98.12
	Cocoa	1806.31	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	36.43
	Pastries	1905.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.95
	Beverages	2201.10	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Pastries	1905.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73.48
	Pastries	1905.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Cocoa	1806.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Sugar	1704.90	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.12



Total imports: 513.22 mln. USD

Duty-free imports: 479.65 mln. USD, 93.5% of total imports

Imports without gold and TRQs: 406.5 mln. USD

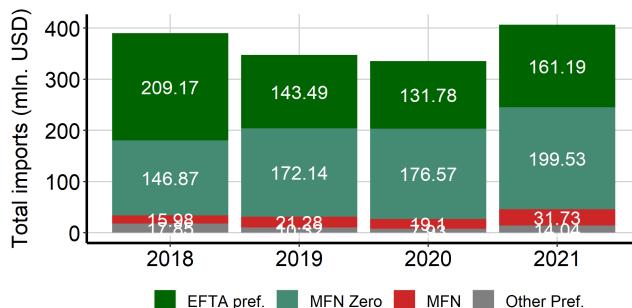
Date of entry into force of the EFTA Convention: 03.05.1960

Preference utilisation rate: 87.2% (2019), 87.6% (2020), 83.9% (2021)

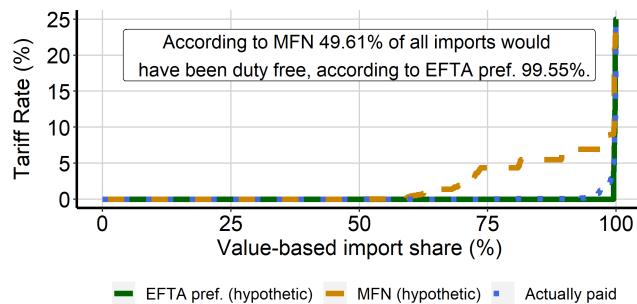
EFTA preferential trade includes trade under the EFTA Convention. Analysis of imports without unwrought gold (7108.12) and TRQs. Preferences within TRQs, variable tariffs and ex-outs within tariff lines have not been considered.

Decomposition of imports over the past years by trade regime. 2021:

EFTA pref. (39.7%), MFN zero (49.1%), MFN (7.8%), other pref. (3.5%).



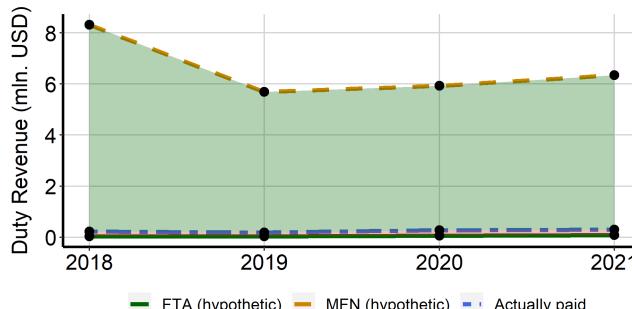
Hypothetical customs duties on products imported in 2021  
(excluding non-traded products).



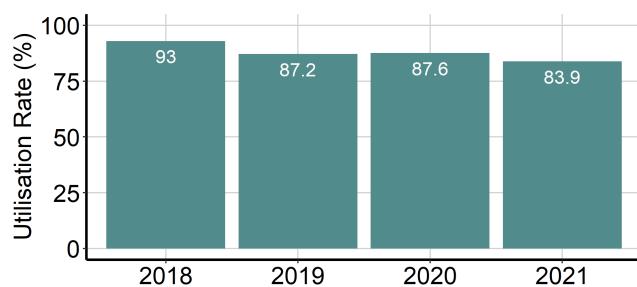
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 6'047'150 USD, savings rate: 96.6%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 213'230 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates  
over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Imports (in millions of USD)				Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.	other	achieved	non-achieved
	Total		406.50	31.73	199.53	161.19	14.04	83.88	6'047.15
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Fish	03	104.62	0.32	104.06	0.23	0.00	41.72	4.98
	Aluminium	76	95.19	0.38	0.00	94.81	0.00	99.60	5'080.68
	Specialized Machines	85	24.86	1.79	17.78	3.83	1.46	68.17	56.20
	Pharmaceuticals	30	18.14	0.00	18.14	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
	Org. Chemicals	29	16.32	0.79	4.36	11.15	0.02	93.37	170.44
	Zinc	79	14.81	6.74	0.00	8.07	0.00	54.46	2.15
	Misc. Chemical Goods	38	13.30	0.05	12.40	0.67	0.19	93.23	26.66
	Furniture	94	13.00	0.35	10.34	2.30	0.01	86.73	58.77
	Beverages	22	10.87	0.08	10.41	0.37	0.00	81.47	14.56
	Jewelry	71	10.18	0.94	0.00	9.24	0.00	90.79	1.24
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Cars	8708.10	4.07	4.06	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.26	0.05
	Aluminium	7606.12	29.75	0.25	0.00	29.50	0.00	99.16	1'995.93
	Cars	8703.40	1.09	1.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.66
	Cars	8708.29	0.66	0.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	9.70
	Org. Chemicals	2905.11	11.44	0.61	0.00	10.83	0.00	94.64	167.44
	Specialized Machines	8544.60	0.07	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	7.89
	Machines	8427.10	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.05
	Misc. Edible Preparations	2106.90	0.44	0.28	0.00	0.15	0.00	35.04	3.24
	Specialized Machines	8544.11	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.37
	Cars	8703.80	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.64



Total imports: 0.98 bln. USD

Duty-free exports: 959.64 mln. USD, 97.9% of total imports

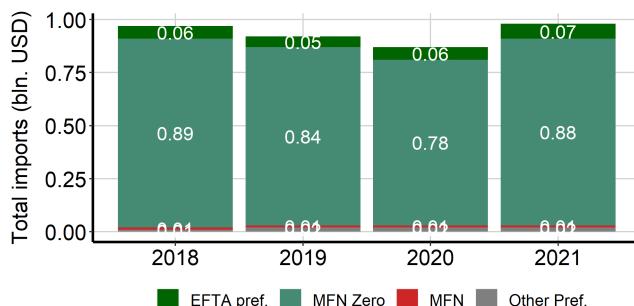
Date of entry into force of the EFTA Convention: 03.05.1960

Preference utilisation rate: 88.3% (2019), 86.4% (2020), 80.0% (2021)

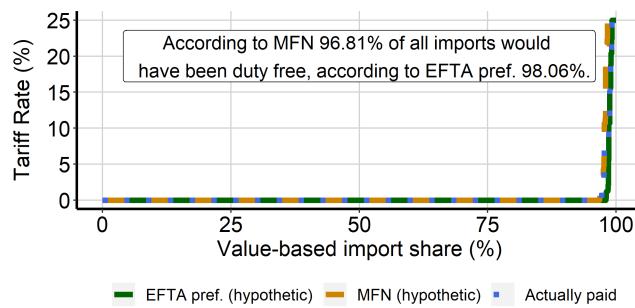
EFTA preferential trade includes trade under the EFTA Convention. Preferences within TRQs, variable tariffs and ex-outs within tariff lines have not been considered. Confidential trade is excluded from the tables.

Decomposition of exports over the past years by trade regime. 2021:

EFTA pref. (7%), MFN zero (89.8%), MFN (1.4%), other pref. (1.8%).



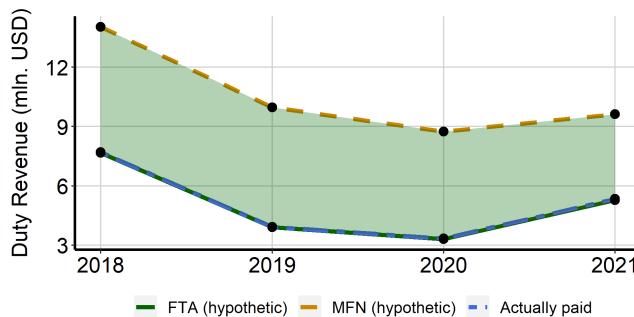
Hypothetical customs duties on products exported in 2021 (excluding non-traded products).



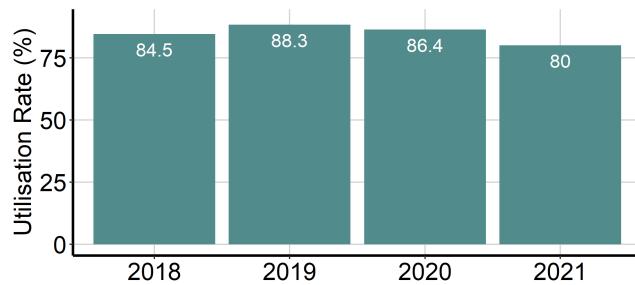
Hypothetical duty revenue according to MFN or EFTA pref.

Green: achieved tariff savings (2021: 4'282'790 USD, savings rate: 98.5%).

Red: non-achieved tariff savings (2021: 64'930 USD).



Comparison of aggregated utilisation rates over the past years.



	Product group	HS code	Exports (in millions of USD)				Utilisation Rate (%)	Tariff savings achieved non-achieved (in thousands of USD)	
			Total	MFN	MFN-zero	EFTA pref.	other	achieved	non-achieved
	Total		979.86	13.69	879.72	68.74	17.70	80.03	4'282.79
Top-10 product groups with highest imp. values	Pharmaceuticals	30	219.12	0.00	218.89	0.23	0.00	—	0.00
	Machines	84	141.98	0.00	133.31	7.80	0.87	—	0.00
	Precision Instruments	90	106.97	0.00	101.77	4.58	0.62	—	0.00
	Specialized Machines	85	83.94	0.00	79.53	3.86	0.54	—	0.00
	Watches	91	64.77	0.00	51.90	11.74	1.14	—	0.00
	Plastics	39	39.86	0.00	37.87	1.84	0.15	—	0.00
	Beverages	22	38.13	0.01	38.03	0.08	0.00	82.27	2.05
	Misc. Edible Preparations	21	24.24	1.65	12.32	10.26	0.01	86.09	4'005.38
	Tools	82	20.95	0.00	20.15	0.79	0.01	—	0.00
	Rail Vehicles	86	18.64	0.00	7.68	4.60	6.37	—	0.00
Top-10 products with highest non-ach. tariff savings	Misc. Edible Preparations	2106.90	12.59	1.52	3.57	7.50	0.01	83.16	3'962.82
	Clothing	6115.21	0.16	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.01
	Lac and Gums	1302.19	0.21	0.14	0.01	0.06	0.00	32.39	1.95
	Clothing	6110.11	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.00	2.86	0.10	3.55
	Clothing	6110.12	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	80.25	2.91
	Clothing	6103.10	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.66	0.41
	Clothing	6115.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.73	0.02
	Clothing	6115.95	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00
	Beverages	2202.99	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.00	77.53	1.82
	Pastries	1905.90	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.73	0.00	99.48	22.55