



# Introduction to the WTO

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# What is exactly the WTO?

- The only international organization for **global trade rules** to secure smooth & predictable trade flows. **Governments negotiate** rules and application, and **sort out trade issues**
- **WTO Agreements: Trade in Goods, Trade in Services, Intellectual Property, Dispute settlement, Trade monitoring**
- **Technical assistance and training** to build trade capacity in developing economies
- WTO is **not just** for liberalizing trade. In some circumstances its rules support maintaining trade barriers — for example to protect consumers, prevent the spread of disease or protect the environment
- **Mission: raising standards of living, ensuring full employment** while allowing for the **optimal use of the world's resources** in accordance with **objective of sustainable development**
- It's an inter-governmental organization, not a supra-national organization



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# Geneva is the meeting point



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# What about Chinese Taipei?

Member of WTO since 1 January 2002

## Member of plurilateral agreements

- Civil Aircraft Agreement
- Government Procurement Agreement
- Information Technology Agreement

## Participation in joint initiatives

- E-commerce
- Investment facilitation for development
- Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)
- Domestic regulation of trade in services

## Participation in environmental initiatives

- Trade and environmental sustainability

## Groups in the negotiations

- Asian developing members
- APEC
- Article XII Members
- G-10
- G-33
- Friends of Anti Dumping Negotiations (FANs)
- Joint proposal (Intellectual Property)



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# How about Trade & Environment?

## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND TRADE

Policy brief

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Fighting climate change, transitioning to green economy, and supporting sustainable development, while ensuring economic development and social inclusion is key for trade, for the environment, and for finding sustainable solutions. Multilateral trade and environment cooperation, which will be the focus of the opening event, are pivotal drivers for this transition.



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# Chinese Taipei

GDP (million current US\$, 2020)	668 510	<b>Rank in world trade, 2020</b>	<u>Exports</u>	<u>Imports</u>
GDP per capita (US\$, 2018-2020)	26 690	Merchandise	15	18
Current account balance (% GDP, 2020)	14.1	excluding intra-EU trade	11	13
Trade per capita (US\$, 2018-2020)	15 074	Commercial services	27	28
Trade (% GDP, 2018-2020)	56.5	excluding intra-EU trade	16	17

## MERCHANDISE TRADE

Million US\$	Value		Annual percentage change		
	2020	2010-2020	2019	2020	
Merchandise exports, f.o.b.	347 193	2	-2	5	
Merchandise imports, c.i.f.	288 053	1	0	0	
	2020			2020	
Share in world total exports (%)	1.97			Share in world total imports (%)	1.62

### Breakdown in economy's total exports

#### By main commodity group, % (2019)

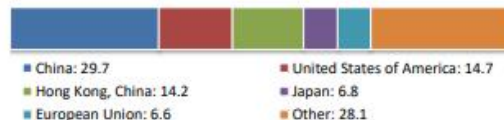


### Breakdown in economy's total imports

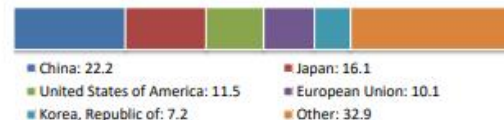
#### By main commodity group, % (2019)



### By main destination, % (2020)



### By main origin, % (2020)



## Agricultural Products

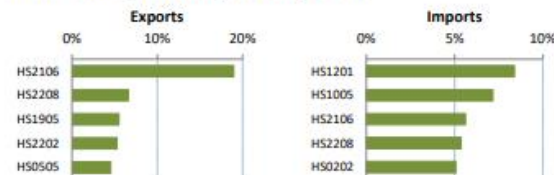
### Top exported products (Million US\$)

	Value
	2020
HS2106 Other food preparations	692
HS2208 Alcohol of less than 80% volume	241
HS1905 Bread, pastry, other bakers' wares	201
HS2202 Waters containing added sugar	193
HS0505 Skins and other parts of birds	166

### Top imported products (Million US\$)

	Value
	2020
HS1201 Soya beans, whether or not broken	1 040
HS1005 Maize (corn)	889
HS2106 Other food preparations	696
HS2208 Alcohol of less than 80% volume	666
HS0202 Meat of bovine animals, frozen	629

### Share in economy's trade in agricultural products



Million US\$	Value		Annual percentage change	
	2020	2010-2020	2019	2020
Exports	3 654	8	4	-4
Imports	12 424	2	0	-2

## Non-Agricultural Products

### Top exported products (Million US\$)

	Value
	2020
na na	na na na
na na	na na na
na na	na na na
na na	na na na
na na	na na na

### Top imported products (Million US\$)

	Value
	2020
na na na	na
na na na	na
na na na	na
na na na	na
na na na	na

### Share in economy's trade in non-agricultural products

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Merchandise exports by product group - annual (Million US dollar)

Reporting Economy †	Product/Sector †	Partner Economy †	Year --	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 ^
Chinese Taipei	SI3_AGG - TO - Total merchandise	World		151,357	125,900	135,080	150,298	182,432	198,432	224,017	246,677	255,629	203,675	274,601	308,257	306,409	311,428	320,092	285,3
	SI3_AGG - AG - Agricultural products	World		3,509	3,202	3,441	3,750	4,346	4,468	4,360	4,557	5,002	4,325	5,522	6,769	6,938	6,266	6,766	6,2
	SI3_AGG - AGFO - Food	World		1,819	1,742	1,818	1,935	2,164	2,205	1,932	2,001	2,489	2,185	2,736	3,373	3,761	3,287	3,902	3,8
	SI3_AGG - MI - Fuels and mining products	World		3,485	3,300	3,821	5,228	8,204	12,161	15,936	19,832	24,731	15,677	20,416	25,084	28,987	29,138	26,162	16,7
	SI3_AGG - MIFU - Fuels	World		1,657	1,793	2,138	3,338	5,446	8,854	10,785	13,713	18,539	11,288	14,359	17,391	21,542	23,023	20,023	11,5
	SI3_AGG - MA - Manufactures	World		141,040	116,088	122,996	134,770	160,961	171,738	202,367	220,504	223,081	180,150	244,758	270,773	261,938	263,945	278,121	254,0
	SI3_AGG - MAIS - Iron and steel	World		4,603	3,773	4,625	5,835	7,719	8,773	10,063	12,218	12,738	8,581	10,981	12,902	11,462	11,145	11,787	8,9
	SI3_AGG - MACH - Chemicals	World		9,250	8,760	9,983	11,990	16,166	19,908	22,391	28,553	31,218	25,872	35,516	40,640	37,971	39,120	39,017	32,4
	SI3_AGG - MACHPH - Pharmaceuticals	World		64	60	65	78	103	151	188	241	198	222	272	319	416	502	484	5
	SI3_AGG - MAMT - Machinery and	World		86,605	69,465	73,870	78,513	91,277	94,245	114,107	120,731	118,973	98,393	134,751	147,992	144,086	147,789	159,944	151,3

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