



**Assessment of current trade flows between CARICOM
and the Dominican Republic**

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- Analysis of current Exporters of the Dominican Republic to CARICOM, and from CARICOM to Dominican Republic, by sectors, sub-sectors and final destination countries, for the period 2005 - 2009 (ene-jun).
- Assessment on the implementation of the CARICOM-DR Free Trade Agreement, identification of Success Stories, and problems in the implementation of market access provisions of the FTA.
- Assessment on the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) as a catalyst for increasing trade and investment flows within CARIFORUM

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1.1 Scope of Work

The following study is commissioned by **Caribbean Export**, for a research paper on the *Assessment of current trade flows between CARICOM and the Dominican Republic*.

The consultant will be required to deliver a comprehensive document with appropriate statistical back-ups supporting conclusions and recommendations, most specially in terms of whether it is possible to increase regional trade between the Dominican Republic and CARICOM countries through the implementation of the CARICOM-DR Free Trade Agreement.

The study should significantly lower current lack of knowledge and information of public and private institutions interested in developing and supporting intraregional trade; thanks to that new awareness, there should be a genuine increase in business opportunities between the Dominican Republic and the CARICOM countries.

The consultant will be collecting data through public and private database, mainly through Dominican authorities and CARICOM websites. The information on CARICOM exports and exporters to the DR will be provided by Caribbean Export Development Agency and the Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC).

1.2 Target groups

The following report was presented at the CARICOM-DR Business Forum, all private trade and export associations; public authorities.

1.3 Coverage

The Consultant will submit a Final Report, in English, indicating satisfactory completion of activities undertaken, this report must be approved by Caribbean Export Development Agency and the direct beneficiary.

The Final Report shall include, among other relevant information, the following:

1. A list of current Exporters of the Dominican Republic to CARICOM, and CARICOM to Dominican Republic, by sectors, sub sectors and final destination countries. The list of Exporters should be presented as an Export Directory of Main Exporters. (Note: Caribbean Export will assist in obtaining the data of CARICOM exporters)
2. Analysis of Trade Flows by country and sectors, for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.
3. Profile of Exporters (Area of activity, destination markets, type of enterprises, etc.)

4. Assessment on the implementation of the CARICOM-DR Free Trade Agreement. Identification of Success Stories, and problems in the implementation of market access provisions of the FTA.
5. Assessment on the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) as a catalyst for increasing trade and investment flows within CARIFORUM.

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2.1 Overview

During the last four years, from 2005 to 2008, two-way trade between the DR and CARICOM has increased in constant bases. Exports from the DR to CARICOM increased from **US\$35 million** in 2005, to **US\$135 million** to 2009. At the same time, imports from CARICOM to the DR, increased from **US\$258 million** in 2005, to **US\$615 million** in 2008. During the last four years the DR has maintained and increased its trade deficit with CARICOM.

Table No. 1
Dominican Republic – CARICOM Trade Flows
2005 -2008
In US\$

Country	2005	2006	2007	2008	Grand Total
DR Exports to CARICOM	35,082,551	44,532,081	76,010,084	134,940,790	290,565,506
DR Imports from CARICOM	257,830,712	218,370,694	438,629,856	615,433,924	1,530,265,186
Trade Balance	-222,748,161	-173,838,613	-362,619,772	-480,493,134	-1,239,699,680

Source: DR Customs authority (DGA)

The mayor markets for DR exports to CARICOM are Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago. During the last four years, these two countries concentrated **58%** of DR sales to the region. When compared individually with each of the 12 CARICOM countries, DR exports are higher in 2008 than in 2005.

Table No. 2
Dominican Republic Exports to CARICOM by country of destination
2005 -2008
In US\$

Country	2005	2006	2007	2008	Grand Total
JAMAICA	14,084,444	22,773,483	30,910,169	63,625,685	131,393,782
TRINIDAD Y TO	6,079,854	7,117,599	9,614,559	16,048,415	38,860,427
ANTIGUA Y BAR	2,551,426	1,025,749	8,347,601	13,691,082	25,615,859
BARBADOS	3,524,002	3,962,077	4,133,600	6,775,551	18,395,229
GUYANA	1,607,613	2,179,782	6,225,850	8,200,690	18,213,935
SANTA LUCIA,	3,098,280	2,129,147	4,953,976	7,455,327	17,636,730
SURINAM	2,528,346	2,704,135	4,063,232	5,439,848	14,735,561

Country	2005	2006	2007	2008	Grand Total
DOMINICA, ISL	628,390	598,471	3,265,755	5,063,623	9,556,239
SAN CRISTOBAL	464,511	473,713	2,778,301	5,570,353	9,286,878
GRANADA, ISLA	288,730	860,761	1,032,100	1,617,801	3,799,392
SAN VICENTE,	218,655	659,786	598,138	1,278,926	2,755,505
BELICE	8,300	47,378	86,801	173,489	315,969
Grand Total	35,082,551	44,532,081	76,010,084	134,940,790	290,565,506

Source: DR Customs authority (DGA)

As for DR imports from CARICOM, they also concentrate primarily from Trinidad & Tobago and Jamaica. These two countries supplied **97%** of DR purchases from 2005 and 2008.

Table No. 3
DR Imports from CARICOM by country of Origin
From 2005 to 2008
In US\$

Country	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL 2005-2008
ANTIGUA Y BARBUDA	85	1,353	59,860	8,592	69,890
BARBADOS	14,193,678	3,446,056	3,570,040	3,818,871	25,028,645
BELICE	1,496	1,508,666	5,105,665	3,372,744	9,988,571
DOMINICA	149,968	2,387,356	19,690	16,447	2,573,461
GRENADA	33,410	64,540	29,089	1,133,087	1,260,126
GUYANA	317,288	144,709	541,152	85,951	1,089,100
JAMAICA	5,056,279	5,902,545	9,870,769	35,240,527	56,070,120
SAINT KITTS Y NEVIS	-	82	1,516	24,599	26,197
SAN VIC. GRANADINAS	605	320	-	8,595	9,520
SANTA LUCIA	6,573	29,453	81,481	656	118,163
SURINAM	17,029	70,233	80,312	190,027	357,601
TRINIDAD Y TOBAGO	238,054,301	204,815,381	419,270,282	571,533,828	1,433,673,792
TOTAL	257,830,712	218,370,694	438,629,856	615,433,924	1,530,265,186

Source: DR Customs authority (DGA)

From the **US\$1,530 million** imported by the DR during the last four years, **US\$1,278 million (83%)**, accounted from items under HS heading 27 (Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes). The remaining **US\$252 millions**, was distributed among the rest of the products.

Therefore, if we exclude Oil products, DR maintained a trade surplus with the CARICOM region of US\$38 million, from the aggregate years of 2005 to 2008.

2.2 Principals Products Traded Between CARICOM and the DR

The following lists represent the main traded items between CARICOM and the Dominican Republic. They are classified at the Chapter level in the HS system:

Main DR Exports to CARICOM by HS Chapter

Chapter	Product
72	Iron and steel
25	Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement
39	Plastics and articles thereof
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations
48	Paper & paperboard, articles of pulp, paper and board
20	Vegetable, fruit, nut, etc food preparations
44	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal
31	Fertilizers
94	Furniture, lighting, signs, prefabricated buildings
19	Cereal, flour, starch, milk preparations and products
32	Tanning, dyeing extracts, tannins, derivs, pigments etc
73	Articles of iron or steel
69	Ceramic products
29	Organic chemicals
28	Inorganic chemicals, precious metal compound, isotopes
34	Soaps, lubricants, waxes, candles, modelling pastes
68	Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica, etc articles
79	Zinc and articles thereof
70	Glass and glassware
27	Mineral fuels, oils, distillation products, etc
35	Albuminoids, modified starches, glues, enzymes
63	Other made textile articles, sets, worn clothing etc
38	Miscellaneous chemical products
5	Products of animal origin, nes
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery, etc

Main DR imports from CARICOM

27	Mineral fuels, oils, distillation products, etc
72	Iron and steel
31	Fertilizers
48	Paper & paperboard, articles of pulp, paper and board
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery, etc
34	Soaps, lubricants, waxes, candles, modelling pastes
85	Electrical, electronic equipment
20	Vegetable, fruit, nut, etc food preparations
19	Cereal, flour, starch, milk preparations and products

70	Glass and glassware
39	Plastics and articles thereof
56	Wadding, felt, nonwovens, yarns, twine, cordage, etc
38	Miscellaneous chemical products
28	Inorganic chemicals, precious metal compound,
87	Vehicles other than railway, tramway
30	Pharmaceutical products
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery
10	Cereals
73	Articles of iron or steel

The following lists present a more detail analysis on the main traded products between CARICOM and the DR, at the 4 digit HS heading:

Main DR Exports to CARICOM

Top 50 - 4 digit - HS Heading

Chapter	Product
7214	Bars&rods of iron/non-al/s, nfw than forged, hr, hd,/hot-extruded
2523	Cements, portland, aluminous, slag, supersulfate & similar hydraulic c
3907	Polyacetal,o polyether,epoxide resin,polycarbonate,etc,in primary form
3917	Tubes, pipes & hoses & fittings therefor of plastics
4819	Packing containers, of paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding, webs
4418	Builders' joinery & carpentry of wood
3105	Mixtures of..nitrogen, phosphorous or potassium fertilizers
2105	Ice cream
2521	Limestone flux; limestone & other calcareous stone
2104	Soups, broths & preparations thereof
2005	Prepared or preserved vegetables nes (excl. frozen)
3924	Tableware, kitchenware, toiletery articles, of plastic
2103	Sauces mixed condiments & mixed seasonings
3212	Pigments nonaqueous media, (liquid, paste) for paints and dyes
3923	Plastic packing goods or closures stoppers, lids, caps, closures, plas
9403	Other furniture and parts thereof
6910	Ceramic sink,wash basin,bath,bidet &similar sanitary fixture
2008	Preserved fruits nes
1904	Breakfast cereals & cereal bars
7217	Wire of iron or non-alloy steel
2902	Cyclic hydrocarbons
1905	Bread, biscuits, wafers, cakes and pastries
7314	Cloth, grill, netting&fencing, of iron & steel wire
9999	Commodities not elsewhere specified
3402	Organic surface-active agents, washing & clean preparations, nes
7906	Zinc pipes or tubes and fittings
9404	Mattress supports; mattresses,quilts, etc
3920	Other plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip of plastics etc.

3506	Prepared glues & adhesives nes; glue packaged
7310	Iron & steel tank, cask, drum can, boxes (cap
2710	Petroleum oils, not crude
3808	Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides packaged for retail sale
501	Human hair, unworked
2522	Quicklime, slaked lime and hydraulic lime
6802	Workd monumental/building stone&art;mosaic cube,granules
7010	Carboy,bottle & other container of glass
3102	Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous
3926	Article of plastic nes.
7216	Angles, shapes and sections of iron or non-alloy steel
1703	Molasses resulting from the extraction or refining of sugar
2505	Natural sands of all kinds, except metal-bearing
2106	Food preparations, nes
7210	Flat-rolled prod of iron or non-al/s wd>/=600mm,clad, plated or coated
2801	Fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine
6302	Bed, table, toilet and kitchen linens
2402	Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos & cigarettes
8418	Refrigerator, freezer, etc
6810	Articles of cement, concrete or artif. stone
2836	Carbonate;peroxocarbonate, commercial ammonium carbonate
3921	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, nes

Main DR imports from CARICOM

Chapter	Product
2711	Petroleum gases
2710	Petroleum oils, not crude
3102	Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous
7213	Bars & rods, hr, in irreg wound coils, of iron or non-alloy steel
4818	Toilet paper, handkerchiefs, tissues, napkins, table cloths, diapers,
3402	Organic surface-active agents, washing & clean preparations, nes
8507	Electric accumulator
2009	Fruit & vegetable juices, unfermented
2208	Spirits, liqueurs, other spirit beverages, alcoholic preparations
2207	Ethyl alcohol & other spirits (if undenatured then higher than 80% by
1904	Breakfast cereals & cereal bars
7010	Carboy,bottle & other container of glass
2202	Non-alcoholic beverages (excl. water, fruit or vegetable juices and mi
4821	Paper or paperboard labels of all kinds
3808	Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides packaged for retail sale
4803	Paper,household/sanitary,rolls of a width > 36 cm
2833	Sulphates; alums; peroxosulphates (persulphates)
8531	Electric sound/visual signallg app (e.g. bell/siren, fire alarms)
4819	Packing containers, of paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding, webs
4823	Other paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding cut to size & adhesive paper
1704	Sugar confectionery (incl white choc), not containing cocoa
7204	Ferrous waste and scrap; remelting scrap ingots or iron or steel
0303	Fish, frozen, whole
2106	Food preparations, nes

9405	Lamps & lighting fittings nes; signs, nameplates illuminated
7326	Articles of iron or steel nes
3923	Plastic packing goods or closures stoppers, lids, caps, closures, plas
3506	Prepared glues & adhesives nes; glue packaged
0904	Pepper, peppers and capsicum
6905	Roofing tiles, chimney pots, cowl etc&other ceramic constructional good
7323	Iron & steel tables & household articles
2105	Ice cream
7219	Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more

The following tables present a detail account of the traded goods between CARICOM and the DR, from the years 2005 to 2008, rank by order of importance. These goods not necessarily represent goods originated from the region or that received preferential treatment due to the FTA. However they do illustrate the diverse nature of the trade and its growth pattern.

In addition, when the products are analyzed, in many instances trade is complementary among specific sector, or specialized in nature. That is the case of the iron and steel products as well as in the fertilizing industry, Paper & paperboard, plastic industry, construction industry and in various food products.

For example, DR imports wire rods from Trinidad & Tobago, that are further transformed into coils, which are an input to the manufacturing of mattresses,. The mattress are then exported to CARICOM, primarily for the hospitality industries.

In addition with regards of the tourism industry in the Caribbean, the DR exports a variety of construction materials, including cement, stones, plastic and ceramic products.

On the other hand in areas such as the paper and paperboard industries, the DR exports packing containers, of paper and paperboard, while CARICOM exports Toilet paper, handkerchiefs, tissues, napkins, table cloths, diapers.

Table No. 4
Principal Exports by the DR to CARICOM –
By Chapter Heading – 2005-2008

HS Chapter	Product	2005	2006	2007	2008	Grand Total
72	Iron and steel	4,272,019	9,552,570	13,787,099	32,425,962	60,037,650
25	Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	3,503,153	4,262,831	14,810,615	25,002,134	47,578,733
39	Plastics and articles thereof	6,853,318	8,016,428	13,078,410	16,747,466	44,695,622
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	1,500,342	8,107,239	8,291,107	7,470,034	25,368,722
48	Paper & paperboard, articles of pulp, paper and board	3,217,360	1,721,604	3,209,385	5,210,949	13,359,298
20	Vegetable, fruit, nut, etc food preparations	1,401,635	1,451,080	3,685,908	5,915,278	12,453,901
44	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal	973,348	105,479	2,828,887	8,538,999	12,446,713
31	Fertilizers	682,687	968,424	1,119,125	9,104,339	11,874,576
94	Furniture, lighting, signs, prefabricated buildings	1,131,600	594,520	1,598,964	3,217,008	6,542,091
19	Cereal, flour, starch, milk preparations and products	1,048,848	827,359	2,083,939	2,268,406	6,228,552
32	Tanning, dyeing extracts, tannins, derivs, pigments etc	1,620,382	1,309,680	1,620,501	1,304,274	5,854,837
73	Articles of iron or steel	889,258	714,536	1,386,518	2,417,841	5,408,153
69	Ceramic products	884,553	876,567	1,391,926	1,541,586	4,694,632
29	Organic chemicals	388,849	314,920	1,232,421	1,491,261	3,427,452
28	Inorganic chemicals, precious metal compound, isotopes	285,444	598,463	379,184	1,274,945	2,538,036
34	Soaps, lubricants, waxes, candles, modelling pastes	169,573	312,035	610,548	968,643	2,060,800
68	Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica, etc articles	104,313	550,688	710,630	426,045	1,791,676
79	Zinc and articles thereof	978,635	23,601	31,404	703,313	1,736,953
70	Glass and glassware	354,361	373,184	219,012	558,184	1,504,741
27	Mineral fuels, oils, distillation products, etc	577,452	130,741	154,781	610,629	1,473,603
35	Albuminoids, modified starches, glues, enzymes	86,629	164,815	417,490	714,587	1,383,521
63	Other made textile articles, sets, worn clothing etc	631,848	340,345	85,679	307,458	1,365,330
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	605,939	413,020	178,793	155,113	1,352,865
5	Products of animal origin, nes	-	-	519,804	791,686	1,311,490

17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	162,966	18,539	45,892	955,052	1,182,449
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Table No. 5
Principal Exports by the DR to CARICOM
By HS – 4 Digit Code – 2005-2008

Code	Product	2005	2006	2007	2008	Grand Total
7214	Bars&rods of iron/non-al/s, nfw than forged, hr, hd,/hot-extruded	3,380,332	9,211,865	12,749,000	29,818,367	55,159,564
2523	Cements, portland, aluminous, slag, supersulfate & similar hydraulic c	108,993	2,357,432	11,235,238	21,199,493	34,901,156
3907	Polyacetal,o polyether,epoxide resin,polycarbonate,etc,in primary form	2,032,573	2,225,704	4,813,430	7,182,106	16,253,813
3917	Tubes, pipes & hoses & fittings therefor of plastics	2,247,593	3,322,410	4,014,529	2,955,001	12,539,532
4819	Packing containers, of paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding, webs	3,110,532	1,641,791	2,898,850	4,503,593	12,154,765
4418	Builders' joinery & carpentry of wood	968,476	99,148	2,777,377	8,144,124	11,989,126
3105	Mixtures of..nitrogen, phosphorous or potassium fertilizers	657,149	952,424	1,070,135	8,211,286	10,890,995
2105	Ice cream	1,079,665	3,631,969	3,811,529	1,928,326	10,451,490
2521	Limestone flux; limestone & other calcareous stone	2,852,892	1,650,294	2,866,346	2,476,597	9,846,129
2104	Soups, broths & preparations thereof	82,042	2,846,376	2,781,040	3,008,088	8,717,546
2005	Prepared or preserved vegetables nes (excl. frozen)	1,173,817	1,120,741	3,257,492	2,935,593	8,487,644
3924	Tableware, kitchenware, toiletery articles, of plastic	1,588,036	917,310	1,574,554	1,986,462	6,066,362
2103	Sauces mixed condiments & mixed seasonings	111,255	1,449,566	1,611,717	2,285,848	5,458,386
3212	Pigments nonaqueous media, (liquid, paste) for paints and dyes	1,542,747	1,250,477	1,450,980	1,168,706	5,412,910
3923	Plastic packing goods or closures stoppers, lids, caps, closures, plas	490,167	700,671	1,444,610	2,711,505	5,346,953
9403	Other furniture and parts thereof	862,650	460,109	1,135,685	1,838,520	4,296,964
6910	Ceramic sink,wash basin,bath,bidet &similar sanitary fixture	742,181	817,874	1,154,250	1,062,743	3,777,049
2008	Preserved fruits nes	104,996	142,907	343,673	2,934,015	3,525,590
1904	Breakfast cereals & cereal bars	158,850	150,649	1,479,165	1,689,172	3,477,836
7217	Wire of iron or non-alloy steel	839,060	169,516	402,590	1,608,122	3,019,288
2902	Cyclic hydrocarbons	374,373	271,508	1,162,219	1,182,519	2,990,618
1905	Bread, biscuits, wafers, cakes and pastries	889,982	676,426	590,938	577,867	2,735,212
7314	Cloth, grill, netting&fencing, of iron & steel wire	333,537	82,609	595,018	1,496,620	2,507,783
9999	Commodities not elsewhere specified	752,419	873,766	257,091	188,372	2,071,648

Code	Product	2005	2006	2007	2008	Grand Total
3402	Organic surface-active agents, washing & clean preparations, nes	153,875	257,887	575,150	900,860	1,887,772
7906	Zinc pipes or tubes and fittings	978,635	23,601	23,243	686,267	1,711,746
9404	Mattress supports; mattresses, quilts, etc	246,720	82,533	398,164	897,060	1,624,477
3920	Other plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip of plastics etc.	338,485	338,639	267,525	669,313	1,613,962
3506	Prepared glues & adhesives nes; glue packaged	86,629	164,815	417,490	714,587	1,383,521
7310	Iron & steel tank, cask, drum can, boxes (cap	436,121	181,427	428,312	305,734	1,351,594
2710	Petroleum oils, not crude	473,189	112,407	154,781	584,303	1,324,680
3808	Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides packaged for retail sale	579,539	413,020	178,793	123,632	1,294,984
501	Human hair, unworked			519,804	771,656	1,291,460
2522	Quicklime, slaked lime and hydraulic lime	487,865	202,500	246,897	245,781	1,183,043
6802	Workd monumental/building stone&art;mosaic cube, granules	94,112	524,054	230,039	234,750	1,082,955
7010	Carboy, bottle & other container of glass	322,672	325,433	109,519	295,343	1,052,967
3102	Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	25,538		48,990	893,053	967,581
3926	Article of plastic nes.	38,936	154,093	472,590	212,631	878,250
7216	Angles, shapes and sections of iron or non-alloy steel	50,977	110,254	332,034	383,145	876,410
1703	Molasses resulting from the extraction or refining of sugar				801,318	801,318
2505	Natural sands of all kinds, except metal-bearing			45,535	749,116	794,651
2106	Food preparations, nes	227,380	179,328	86,821	247,771	741,301
7210	Flat-rolled prod of iron or non-al/s wd>/=600mm, clad, plated or coated			195,560	536,895	732,455
2801	Fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine	271,230	188,200	236,550	16,190	712,169
6302	Bed, table, toilet and kitchen linens	537,064	163,813	832	4,000	705,709
2402	Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos & cigarettes	28,169	34,390	185,244	453,469	701,272
8418	Refrigerator, freezer, etc	47,710	166,233	179,302	261,350	654,595
6810	Articles of cement, concrete or artif. stone		26,634	426,039	183,261	635,934
2836	Carbonate; peroxocarbonate, commercial ammonium carbonate	3,540	392,296	93,962	138,400	628,198
3921	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, nes	20,028	56,594	326,366	203,155	606,143

Table No. 6
Main Imports by the DR From CARICOM
by HS – 2 Digit Code – 2005-2008

Chapter	Product	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL
27	Mineral fuels, oils, distillation products, etc	204,640,068	147,640,242	374,895,697	550,899,664	1,534,231,181
72	Iron and steel	30772698	45,927,586	19,523,307	12,618,177	136,216,746
31	Fertilizers	6,184,875	1539328	14,984,118	19,395,515	57,530,041
48	Paper & paperboard, articles of pulp, paper and board	2,089,419	3,962,096	5,063,788	4,667,655	25,532,360
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1,615,520	1,987,711	2,297,059	9404320	20,219,042
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery, etc	307,093	3054980	645,094	943,808	18,813,475
34	Soaps, lubricants, waxes, candles, modelling pastes	4,136,221	4,087,191	3,129,733	2,050,285	18,252,208
85	Electrical, electronic equipment	1,598,405	2,811,679	3,239,667	5,489,460	14,795,599
20	Vegetable, fruit, nut, etc food preparations	31,023	1,513,185	5,291,125	2,983,659	10,106,154
19	Cereal, flour, starch, milk preparations and products	1,297,979	1556384	1,821,908	1,842,496	7,549,689
70	Glass and glassware	516,757	557,155	1,260,773	1,099,189	6,216,867
39	Plastics and articles thereof	1,009,502	1,061,204	782,124	395059	5,484,128
56	Wadding, felt, nonwovens, yarns, twine, cordage, etc	7,900	20,417	134,171	0	3,403,804
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	491,439	606,502	586,523	263,859	3,219,344
28	Inorganic chemicals, precious metal compound,	1631585	347,324	286,371	305,987	3,041,845
87	Vehicles other than railway, tramway	42,417	91,550	1,675,656	158,221	2,065,958
30	Pharmaceutical products	1,536	21793	14,325	85,784	1,471,092
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	118,895	162321	218,524	113,689	1,112,386
10	Cereals	90,090	0	332,638	8,582	1,083,581
1	Live animals	0	13,800	930,082	9687	963,989
73	Articles of iron or steel	15,946	40,459	9,115	498,630	800,169
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	66,379	78937	161,280	240,660	683,843

Chapter	Product	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL
94	Furniture, lighting, signs, prefabricated buildings	99,717	84,748	114,917	195,569	629,407
33	Essential oils, perfumes, cosmetics, toileteries	46872	18,885	1,840	137,569	614,516
40	Rubber and articles thereof	150,982	47,230	31,298	2,878	602,481
3	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, aquatic invertebrates nes	0	0	4,431	155,150	590,968
23	Residues, wastes of food industry, animal fodder	0	242,074	133,242	0	540,870
47	Pulp of wood, fibrous cellulosic material, waste etc	69758	20,149	34,453	28,855	425,063
29	Organic chemicals	27,351	64696	29,455	44112	400,022
15	Animal,vegetable fats and oils, cleavage products, etc	38,795	57,924	70,818	54,918	372,642
35	Albuminoids, modified starches, glues, enzymes	13865	8,979	10,424	198,599	371,967
63	Other made textile articles, sets, worn clothing etc	2,369	4,209	281,843	14,565	353,672
9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	9049	104,186	151,310	78,799	343,744
95	Toys, games, sports requisites	5950	1,013	7,029	288,558	328,164
69	Ceramic products	5,355	177	135,501	170,314	325,809
52	Cotton	2,481	213,821	8,573	35,522	288,874
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	0	0	0	0	231,205
44	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal	37	1,145	80,508	101,657	214,680
55	Manmade staple fibres	125,728	27,432	0	33,803	194,008
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	20,006	1,121	1,459	119,617	182,408
90	Optical, photo, technical, medical, etc apparatus	4227	62,301	14,963	10,984	169,915
93	Arms and ammunition, parts and accessories thereof	143556	18,750	0	0	162,344
7	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	87	0	182	98,316	153,017
25	Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	97,823	11,222	0	20213	149,288
16	Meat, fish and seafood food preparations nes	67,321	4726	76,162	0	148,209
4	Dairy products, eggs, honey, edible animal product nes	71	66,158	1	0	141,194
49	Printed books, newspapers, pictures etc	43,799	19,704	8,631	18,689	121,909
32	Tanning, dyeing extracts, tannins, derivs,pigments etc	51,453	500	0	0	100,224

Table No. 7
Principal Imports by the DR From CARICOM
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Chapter	Product	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
2711	Petroleum gases	180,332,842	132,063,168	323,702,425	507,788,629	1,364,699,467
2710	Petroleum oils, not crude	24,307,226	15,577,074	51,193,272	43,111,035	169,473,355
7206	Iron and non-alloy steel in ingots or other primary forms, nes	25,397,104	37,232,003	5,596,860	0	75,755,658
3102	Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	6,184,875	1,539,328	14,984,118	19,395,515	57,530,041
7213	Bars & rods, hr, in irreg wound coils, of iron or non-alloy steel	3,122,941	2,922,107	11,200,277	12,254,547	42,514,082
4818	Toilet paper, handkerchiefs, tissues, napkins, table cloths, diapers,	2,012,389	2,680,803	3,396,210	2,067,889	18,465,465
3402	Organic surface-active agents, washing & clean preparations, nes	4,075,316	4,085,350	3,129,733	2,050,285	18,034,485
7227	Bars&rods,hot-rolled,in irregularly wound coils,of other alloy steel	2,236,557	5,718,146	2,360,321	0	17,012,966
8507	Electric accumulator	1,543,255	2,459,062	3,087,736	3,782,306	12,042,936
8450	Household or laundry-type washing machines	336	614	0	170	11,218,716
2009	Fruit & vegetable juices, unfermented	4,228	1,492,145	5,263,995	2,926,188	9,758,630
2208	Spirits, liqueurs, other spirit beverages, alcoholic preparations	1,248,094	1,334,090	1,024,287	2,645,415	9,751,725
2207	Ethyl alcohol & other spirits (if undenatured then higher than 80% by	228,764	422,673	1,026,196	6,178,053	7,860,970
1904	Breakfast cereals & cereal bars	1,231,551	1,393,398	1,645,334	1,819,311	6,972,171
7010	Carboy,bottle & other container of glass	492,907	540,352	1,249,463	1,082,215	6,046,666
3921	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, nes	896,784	521,184	405,602	80,296	3,548,443
5601	Wadding of tex mat&art thereof;tex fib	7,900	0	134,171	0	3,383,192
8413	Pumps for liquids; liquid elevators	544	2,410,192	3,029	7,004	2,553,273
2202	Non-alcoholic beverages (excl. water, fruit or vegetable juices and mi	138,662	101,764	245,976	580,852	2,451,202
4821	Paper or paperboard labels of all kinds	29,776	422,086	512,003	1,310,613	2,400,878
3808	Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides packaged for retail sale	267,144	316,609	308,065	219,235	2,201,824
4803	Paper,household/sanitary,rolls of a width > 36 cm	0	37,223	1,154,634	920,009	2,111,866
2842	Salts of inorganic acids or peroxyacids nes, excluding azides	1,559,279	0	0	0	1,559,279
8415	Air conditioning machines, with motor-driven elements	35,119	19,351	99,551	8,800	1,436,358

Chapter	Product	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
8703	Cars (incl. station wagon)	42,283	44,693	1,216,713	72,795	1,428,823
3004	Medicament mixtures (not 3002, 3005, 3006), put in dosage	1,536	17,927	11,043	85,784	1,415,302
2833	Sulphates; alums; peroxosulphates (persulphates)	70,417	311,258	281,552	234,363	1,332,998
8531	Electric sound/visual signallg app (e.g. bell/siren, fire alarms)	0	254	2,374	1,158,717	1,201,045
4819	Packing containers, of paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding, we	41,076	555,645	350	284,571	1,199,750
4823	Other paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding cut to size & adhesive paper	6,141	265,546	90	83,583	1,142,798
1704	Sugar confectionery (incl white choc), not containing cocoa	118,852	162,321	218,524	113,689	1,112,343
1006	Rice	90,090	0	332,638	8,582	1,083,581
0101	Live horses, asses, mules and hinnies	0	0	930,082	0	936,582
3819	Hydraulic brake fluids & liquids for hydraulic transmission	217,449	271,727	278,458	44,624	905,852
7204	Ferrous waste and scrap; remelting scrap ingots or iron or steel	0	55,330	344,249	232,727	632,306
3917	Tubes, pipes & hoses & fittings therefor of plastics	0	256,477	162,236	17,392	623,629
0303	Fish, frozen, whole	0	0	0	155,150	566,578
4011	New pneumatic tires, of rubber	150,131	12,007	23,559	0	549,649
2302	Bran,sharps and other residues	0	242,074	133,242	0	539,870
8424	Mechanical appl. for proj/dispersing/spray;sand blastg mach,etc	108,912	54,174	79,603	114,136	517,055
1905	Bread, biscuits, wafers, cakes and pastries	34,804	139,107	165,350	23,185	510,188
2106	Food preparations, nes	58,190	78,937	125,928	138,942	481,766
8426	Derricks; cranes; straddle carriers,&works trucks fitted with...	0	204,000	0	0	469,100
9405	Lamps & lighting fittings nes; signs, nameplates illuminated	97,140	73,520	85,278	173,405	457,075
7326	Articles of iron or steel nes	10,768	8,698	3,251	294,368	441,124
4707	Waste and scrap of paper or paperboard	69,758	20,149	34,453	28,855	425,063
8429	Self-propelld bulldozer, angledozer, grader, excavator,etc	0	0	191,124	231,800	423,324
3923	Plastic packing goods or closures stoppers, lids, caps, closures,	11,670	30,008	95,548	256,437	404,693
8471	Automatic data processing machines;optical reader, etc	43,473	12,538	14,829	8,197	390,951
8544	Insulated wire/cable	442	74,115	292	17,308	367,143
3304	Beauty, make-up & skin-care preparations; sunscreens, manicure	5,225	5,600	0	134,963	362,508
3506	Prepared glues & adhesives nes; glue packaged	7,997	8,979	395	198,599	356,070
8704	Trucks, motor vehicles for the transport of goods	0	6,180	280,607	6,500	303,412
0904	Pepper, peppers and capsicum	863	80,364	140,921	78,799	300,947
6302	Bed, table, toilet and kitchen linens	99	994	268,973	0	295,547
9504	Articles for funfair, table/parlour games&auto bowling alley equipment	0	11	370	287,955	288,945

Chapter	Product	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
8418	Refrigerator, freezer, etc	2,682	2,721	120	228,253	277,342
6905	Roofing tiles, chimney pots, cowl etc & other ceramic constructional	0	0	117,990	145,953	265,325
3920	Other plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip of plastics etc.	0	8,963	0	1,763	263,682
8802	Aircraft, (helicopter, aeroplanes) & spacecraft (satellites)	0	0	0	0	231,205
3926	Article of plastic nes.	45,887	78,928	44,725	17,937	227,505
3401	Soap; organic surface-active preparations for soap use	60,905	212	0	0	216,045
8422	Dish washing machines; machinery for aerating bottles	0	93	0	70,193	214,006
2007	Jams, fruit jellies & marmalades	156	0	0	0	206,983
8539	Electric filament or discharge lamps	0	24,871	44,683	118,860	206,676
8536	Electrical app for switchg (ex fuse, switch, etc) not exceedg 1000 v	36,257	11,294	14,256	111,788	195,016
2904	Hydrocarbon derivatives, sulfonated, nitrated	0	0	0	0	183,182
8477	Machinery for wrkg rbr/plas/ for the mfr of prod from these mate	67,000	0	106,635	0	173,635
1520	Glycerol (glycerine)	26,913	12,867	0	0	172,524
5209	Woven cotton fabrics, 85% or more cotton, weight over 200 g/m2	2,481	90,182	8,573	35,522	164,540
4407	Wood sawn/chipped lengthwise, sliced/peeled	0	0	50,585	84,275	158,002
0713	Dried vegetables, shelled	80	0	0	98,316	152,828
8501	Electric motors and generators (excluding generating sets)	1,385	2,468	0	135,029	151,461
9403	Other furniture and parts thereof	2,263	8,833	22,635	14,251	147,957
2505	Natural sands of all kinds, except metal-bearing	97,823	11,222	0	18,375	147,444
8448	Auxiliary machinery (dobbie/jacquard parts), etc	0	147,235	0	0	147,235
7323	Iron & steel tables & household articles	185	4,020	1,573	136,208	144,850
4817	Card, env, letter/corre, plain postcard, stat of paper; box, wallet...	0	10	0	0	144,122
9306	Bombs, grenades, ammunitions & parts	143,556	0	0	0	143,556
2105	Ice cream	0	0	35,352	101,088	136,440
1516	Animal or veg fats, oils & fract, hydrogenated	0	25,787	50,100	54,918	130,805
5515	Woven fabrics of synthetic staple fibres, nes	125,728	0	0	0	125,848
7219	Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or +	0	0	0	124,903	124,903
2204	Wine of fresh grapes	0	119,770	600	0	120,370
8479	Machines & mech appl having indiv functions, nes	18,775	0	927	332	114,774
8716	Trailers & semi-trailers; other vehicles not mechanically propelled	0	21,066	86,680	1,000	112,790
3925	Builders' ware of plastics, nes	0	52,780	36,800	13,463	111,300
7001	Cullet & other waste and scrap of glass	23,718	16,350	0	0	109,675
8309	Stopper, caps & lid, of base metal	0	19	0	80,094	106,872
7209	Flat-rolled prod of iron/non-alloy steel wd >= 600mm, cr, not clad	0	0	0	0	103,735

2.3 Principal Economic Operators Involved in the Trade between CARICOM and the DR

In tandem with the diversity of traded goods between CARICOM and the DR, there are a variety of economic operators involved in exports and imports from both sides. The following section analyzes the main DR exporters to CARICOM and the main DR importers from CARICOM.

Due to the limited amount of information gathered on CARICOM exporters, we used mirror images data, presenting the DR importers from CARICOM countries. ,

Principal Dominican Importers from CARICOM countries

During the four years of the analysis, the following companies imported above US\$150 thousands, from 2005 to 2008:

Top 100 DR importers from CARICOM 2005-2008

- Rank alphabetically -

- 1 ACERO DEL CIBAO S A
- 2 ACEROTEC INDUSTRIAL S A
- 3 ADM DOMINICANA S A
- 4 AES ANDRES B V
- 5 AES ANDRES B V
- 6 AGENCIA MARIT Y COMERCIAL CXA
- 7 AGRIFEED S A
- 8 ALPHA MOTORS S A
- 9 ALTACOPA S A
- 10 BACARDI DOMINICANA S A
- 11 BANDALUX CORPORATION S A
- 12 BARCELO EXPORT IMPORT C POR A
- 13 BARCELO INTERNACIONAL S A
- 14 BATERIA PLUTON S A
- 15 BRUGAL Y CO C POR A
- 16 C ALVAREZ S A
- 17 CARIBBEAN RECYCLING S A
- 18 CASA ARANI C POR A
- 19 CENTRO CUESTA NACIONAL C POR A
- 20 CERVECERIA VEGANA S A
- 21 CESAR IGLESIAS C POR A
- 22 CHEVRON CARIBBEAN INC

- 23 COASTAL PETROLEUM DOMINICANA S A
- 24 COLCHONERIA Y MUEBLERIA LA NACIONAL C POR A
- 25 COLGATE PALMOLIVE DOM REP INC
- 26 COMERCIAL ROIG C POR A
- 27 COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO C POR A
- 28 COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO C POR A
- 29 CONSORCIO CITRICOS DOMINICANOS C POR A
- 30 CONST CIVILES Y MAR CXA
- 31 CONTINENTAL DE NEGOCIOS S A
- 32 CORPORACION DE ACUEDUCTO Y ALCANTARILLADO
- 33 CORPORACION DE ACUEDUCTO Y ALCANTARILLADO DE SANTI
- 34 CORPORACION DOMINICANA DE EMPRESAS ELECTRICAS ESTA
- 35 CORVI ACERO S A
- 36 CS INTERNATIONAL S A
- 37 DISTRIBUIDORA PRISMA C POR A
- 38 DOMICEM S A
- 39 EDITORIAL PADILLA S A
- 40 EMBOTELLADORA DOMINICANA CXA
- 41 ESSO STANDARD OIL LTD S A
- 42 FERRETERIA OCHOA C POR A
- 43 FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS S A
- 44 FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO S A
- 45 FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO C POR A
- 46 FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO S A
- 47 GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR PROPERTIES DR INC
- 48 GRUPO RAMOS S A
- 49 GRUPO ROJAS & CO C POR A
- 50 GRUPO ROJAS & CO C POR A
- 51 HIPERMERCADO OLE S A
- 52 IMPORTADORA MUNNE S A
- 53 IMPORTADORA Y DISTRIBUIDORA PUMA S A
- 54 INDUSTRIA DEL PAPEL SIDO S A
- 55 INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES C POR A
- 56 INDUSTRIAS SAN MIGUEL DEL CARIBE S A
- 57 INDUSTRIAS ZANZIBAR S A
- 58 INVERSIONES BEGASA S A
- 59 J A BERMUDEZ Y CO C POR A
- 60 JUGO TROPICO C POR A
- 61 LABORATORIOS CHEMPROD C POR A
- 62 LUBRICANTES DOMINICANOS S A
- 63 M & T COMERCIAL S A
- 64 MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A
- 65 MATERIAS PRIMAS C X A

- 66 MG GENERAL SUPPLY S A
- 67 MIGUEL BARCELO PASCUAL & CO C POR A
- 68 MUNDO DE DISTRIBUCION S A
- 69 MUNDO ELECTRICO R & R C POR A
- 70 NANCE COMERCIAL
- 71 NAPCO ALARMLOCK GRUPO INTERNACIONAL
- 72 NAPCO DR S A
- 73 NESTLE DOMINICANA S A
- 74 OBISPADO DE PUERTO PLATA
- 75 PASTEURIZADORA RICA C POR A
- 76 PERAVIA MOTORS C POR A
- 77 PETROQUIMICOS AUTOMOTRICES S A
- 78 PLASTIFAR S A
- 79 PRICESMART DOMINICANA S A
- 80 PRINCESS ENTERTAINMENT DOMINICANA S A
- 81 PRODUCTIVE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS DOMINICANA S A
- 82 PRODUCTOS FAMILIA SANCELA S A
- 83 RAAS S A
- 84 REFINERIA DE PETROLEO S A
- 85 REFRESCOS NACIONALES C POR A
- 86 REFRESCOS NACIONALES C POR A
- 87 RESUINSA DOMINICANA C POR A
- 88 RJ SOLUCIONES C POR A
- 89 SERVICIOS FERRO AGRI C POR A
- 90 TERMO ENVASES
- 91 TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL C POR A
- 92 THE SHELL COMP W I LTD
- 93 THE SHELL COMPANY W I LTD
- 94 TMC TRANSPORTE MARITIMO CONSOLIDADO C POR A
- 95 TODOPIEZA S A
- 96 TUREYMAR S A
- 97 UNILEVER CARIBE S A
- 98 UNILEVER DOMINICANA S A
- 99 UNITRADE S A
- 100 VINICOLA DEL NORTE S A

From the top 100 exporters, 39 of them exported more than US\$1 million from 2005 to 2008, while 61, exported between US\$150,000 and US\$1 million.

Table No. 8
Top the 100 DR Exporters to CARICOM
2005 – 2008

Exporter	Level of Export
ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A. ANTILLEAN FOODS, INC. BRENNTAG CARIBE, S.A., CARIB HAIR FACTORY, S.A. CARTONES DEL CARIBE, S.A CEMENTOS COLON CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A. COLCHONES Y MUEBLERIA LA NACIONAL C.P COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO (MET DOMICEM, S.A. DOMINICANA DE CALES, S.A (DOCALSA) EDITORIAL PADILLA, S. A. EXPORTADOR OCASIONAL FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A. HISPANO DOMINICANO DEL MUEBLE IDEAL DOMINICANA, S. A. IMPRESORA DEL YAQUE, C. POR A. INDUSTRIA ZANZIBAR, S.A. INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A. INTERNATIONAL STEEL & TUBE, S.A. INVERSIONES CORALILLO, S.A. J. FRANKENBERG, C. POR A. LA REINA, C. POR A. MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A. MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A. NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A. PISOS Y TECHADOS TORGINOL, CXA PLASTIFAR, S.A POLYPLAS DOMINICANA, C. POR A. RIERA PASCUAL, C X A	More than US\$ 1 Million

Exporter	Level of Export
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA) SANTO PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CORP. SMS SITE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TERMO ENVASES, S. A. TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A. UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.	
AGROINDUSTRIA TROPICAL, S.A. ALFONSO FERREIRA DVM, MBA ALPLA CARIBE, INC. ALVARES Y SEVERINO, JUAN A. AMERICAN STEEL BUILDING CORPORATION ASOCIACION COMERCIAL, C.POR A. CANA GROUP CORP. CARIBBEAN FOAM INDUSTRIES, INC. CENTRAL ROMANA CORPORATION CERVECERIA NACIONAL DOMINICANA, CXA CLORO DOMINICANO S.A. CLOROX DOMINICANA, C. POR A. COLGATE PALMOLIVE (DR), INC. COMPUESTOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. CONITEC, S.A. CONVATEC DOMINIICAN REPUBLIC COPEL, S.A. CORTES HNOS. & CO., C. POR A. CORVI ACERO S.A. CORVI. PVC, S.A. DECONALVA, S.A. DOM ALIVE, S.A. DOMINICANA DEL MUEBLE DOPERCO, S.A. DW PLASTIC (UK) LIMITED EMPRESAS MABRATAMA, S.A. (Z.F.E) EMPRESAS UNIDAS, C. POR A. FABRICA DE REFRIG. COMERCIALES, C. PO FIBRAS Y ACRILICOS DOMINICANOS, S.A. FRIUSA IBERIAMERICANA GOMAS Y PLASTICOS, C. POR A. (GOPLAC HELADOS BON, C. X A. IND. EMPACADORAS DOMINICANAS, C. POR	Less than US\$1 Million

Exporter	Level of Export
INDUSTRIA AGUAYO DE CONSTRUCCION, S.A	
INDUSTRIA DE TABACO LEON JIMENES, S.A	
INDUSTRIA DEL YAQUE, C. POR A. (Z.F.	
INDUSTRIA PETROQUIM, S.A.	
INDUSTRIAS DE PINTURAS POPULAR, C.X A	
INDUSTRIAS DELGADO, S. A.	
INDUSTRIAS GAT, S. A.	
INTERSPACE INDUSTRIES CORP., S. A.	
INVERSIONES & NEGOCIOS, S. A.	
INVERSIONES TUCAN, S. A.	
LA ENSENADA, C. POR A.	
LUBRICANTES DOMINICANOS, S. A.	
MACAO CARIBE BEACH S A	
MANUCHAR DOMINICANA, S.A.	
MERCASID, S.A.	
NATURAL HISPANO DOMINICANA, S.A.	
NAVICARGO, S.A.	
PALAUSTRES, S.A.	
PALO DISEÑOS CRIATIVOS, S.A.	
PAN AMERICAN GYPSUM, INC., CXA	
PERAVIA INDUSTRIAL, S.A.	
PIEZAS PLASTICAS, C. POR A.	
R.J. TORRES MFG., S.A	
RAVI CARIBE, S.A.	
SIGMAPLAST DOMINICANA, S. A.	
TRACKSS, S.A.	
TROPIJUGOS, S.A.	
VELAS HISPANIOLA, S.A	

The following table replicates the top 100 exporters for 2008, for those companies exporting more than US\$100,000 and those exporting less:

Table No. 9
Top 100 DR Exporters to CARICOM
2008

Exporter	Level of Export
ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A. ALPLA CARIBE, INC. ALVARES Y SEVERINO, JUAN A. AMERICAN STEEL BUILDING CORPORATION ANTILLEAN FOODS, INC. BRENNTAG CARIBE, S.A., CANA GROUP CORP. CARIB HAIR FACTORY, S.A. CARIBBEAN FOAM INDUSTRIES, INC. CARTONES DEL CARIBE, S.A CEMENTOS COLON CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A. CENTRAL ROMANA CORPORATION CERVECERIA NACIONAL DOMINICANA, CXA COLCHONES Y MUEBLERIA LA NACIONAL C.P COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO (MET COMPUESTOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. COPEL, S.A. CORVI. PVC, S.A. DISTRIBUIDORA RIERBA, S.A DOMICEM, S.A. DOMINICANA DE CALES, S.A (DOCALSA) DOMINICANA DEL MUEBLE DOPERCO, S.A. EDITORIAL PADILLA, S. A. EMPRESAS UNIDAS, C. POR A. EMPRESAS VILLAR CONCEPCION, S.A. EXPORTADOR OCASIONAL FABRICA DE REFRIG. COMERCIALES, C. PO FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. PORIA FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A. HELADOS BON, C. X A. HISPANO DOMINICANO DEL MUEBLE IDEAL DOMINICANA, S. A.	More than US\$100,000

Exporter	Level of Export
IMPRESORA DEL YAQUE, C. POR A. INDUSTRIA DE TABACO LEON JIMENES, S.A INDUSTRIA DEL YAQUE, C. POR A. (Z.F. INDUSTRIA ZANZIBAR, S.A. INDUSTRIAS GAT, S. A. INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A. INTERNATIONAL STEEL & TUBE, S.A. INVERSIONES CORALILLO, S.A. J. FRANKENBERG, C. POR A. LA REINA, C. POR A. MANUCHAR DOMINICANA, S.A. MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A. MERCASID, S.A. MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A. NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A. PALO DISEÑOS CRIATIVOS, S.A. PAN AMERICAN GYPSUM, INC., CXA PERAVIA INDUSTRIAL, S.A. PIEZAS PLASTICAS, C. POR A. PISOS Y TECHADOS TORGINOL, CXA PLASTIFAR, S.A POLYPLAS DOMINICANA, C. POR A. R.J. TORRES MFG., S.A RAVI CARIBE, S.A. RIERA PASCUAL, C X A SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA SANTO PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CORP. SIGMAPLAST DOMINICANA, S. A. SINERCON STAR PRODUCTS LABORATORIES TERMO ENVASES, S. A. TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A. TROPIJUGOS, S.A. UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A. VELAS HISPANIOLA, S.A	
A & L WIRE COMPANY ALAMBRES DOMINICANOS, C.POR A. ALPLAST, S.A ALTAMAR TRADING DOMINICANA, C. POR A.	Less than US\$100,000

Exporter	Level of Export
CARIBBEAN HOTEL AMENNITIES	
CARIBETRANS, S.A.	
CENTURY TWENTY FIRST INDUSTRY	
CERIALES EN GENERAL, C. POR A.	
CLOROX DOMINICANA, C. POR A.	
CONITEC, S.A.	
CORTES HNOS. & CO., C. POR A.	
CUMAYASA STRAT, C. POR A.	
DW PLASTIC (UK) LIMITED	
EXPORT ALUM. INC.	
GOYA SANTO DOMINGO , S.A.	
IND. EMPACADORAS DOMINICANAS, C. POR	
INDUSTRIA AGUAYO DE CONSTRUCCION, S.A	
INDUSTRIA DEL PAPEL SIDO	
INDUSTRIAL GAMMA C.PORIA	
INDUSTRIAS DELGADO, S. A.	
INTERSPACE INDUSTRIES CORP., S. A.	
LUBRICANTES DOMINICANOS, S. A.	
MADERARTE INDUSTRIAL, TM S.A.	
MARMOTECH, S.A.	
MIEL DE ABEJA FLOR SILVESTRE	
PALAUSTRES, S.A.	
PASTIPALMA, S.A.	
TABACALERA DE GARCIA LTD	
TALLERES PADILLA, S..A	
WARTSILA DOMINICANA NSD CORPORATION	

2.4 Principal DR Exporters to CARICOM MDC's and LDC's

CARICOM, internally, as well in its trade agreements, including the DR CARICOM FTA, differentiates by those countries classified as more developed and those that are less developed. CARICOM More Developed Countries, or MDCs, are Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Guyana and Surinam, while CARICOM Less Developed Countries, or LDCs, are Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent (also Montserrat).

The following lists presents DR main exporters to these two sub-groups of countries among CARICOM, both from the aggregate years of 2005 - 2008, as well as for 2008 by itself:

**Principal DR Exporters to CARICOM MDC's
(Exported between the years 2005-2008)**

Rank alphabetically

ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A.
ANTILLEAN FOODS, INC.
BRENNTAG CARIBE, S.A.,
CARIB HAIR FACTORY, S.A.
CARTONES DEL CARIBE, S.A
CEMENTOS COLON
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
COLCHONES Y MUEBLERIA LA NACIONAL C.P
DOMICEM, S.A.
DOMINICANA DE CALES, S.A (DOCALSA)
EDITORIAL PADILLA, S. A.
EXPORTADOR OCASIONAL
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. PORIA
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
HISPANO DOMINICANO DEL MUEBLE
IDEAL DOMINICANA, S. A.
IMPRESORA DEL YAQUE, C. POR A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
INTERIATIONAL STEEL & TUBE, S.A.
INVERSIONES CORALILLO, S.A.
J. FRANKENBERG, C. POR A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PISOS Y TECHADOS TORGINOL, CXA
PLASTIFAR, S.A
POLYPLAS DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
RIERA PASCUAL, C X A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA)
SANTO PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CORP.
TERMO ENVASES, S. A.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

Principal DR Exporters to MDC Countries in 2008

Rank alphabetically

ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A.
ANTILLEAN FOODS, INC.
BRENNTAG CARIBE, S.A.,
CARIB HAIR FACTORY, S.A.
CARTONES DEL CARIBE, S.A
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
CENTRAL ROMANA CORPORATION
COLCHONES Y MUEBLERIA LA NACIONAL C.P
DOMICEM, S.A.
DOPERCO, S.A.
EDITORIAL PADILLA, S. A.
EXPORTADOR OCASIONAL
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. PORIA
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
HISPANO DOMINICANO DEL MUEBLE
IDEAL DOMINICANA, S. A.
IMPRESORA DEL YAQUE, C. POR A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
INTERIATIONAL STEEL & TUBE, S.A.
INVERSIONES CORALILLO, S.A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PLASTIFAR, S.A
RIERA PASCUAL, C X A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
SANTO PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CORP.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

**Principal DR Exporters to CARICOM LDC's
(Exported between the years 2005-2008)
Rank alphabetically**

AMERICAN STEEL BUILDING CORPORATION
CARIBBEAN FOAM INDUSTRIES, INC.
CEMENTOS ANDINO DOMINICANOS, S.A
CEMENTOS COLON
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
CERVECERIA NACIONAL DOMINICANA, CXA
CLOROX DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
COLGATE PALMOLIVE (DR), INC.
COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO (MET
CONITEC, S.A.
CONVATEC DOMINIICAN REPUBLIC
DECONALVA, S.A.
DOMICEM, S.A.
EDITORIAL PADILLA, S. A.
EXPORTADOR OCASIONAL
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. PORIA
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
FRIUSA IBERIAMERICANA
INDUSTRIA PETROQUIM, S.A.
INDUSTRIA ZANZIBAR, S.A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
LA ENSENADA, C. POR A.
LA REINA, C. POR A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PALO DISEÑOS CRIATIVOS, S.A.
PLASTIFAR, S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
SINERCON
SMS SITE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
TERMO ENVASES, S. A.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.
WARTSILA DOMINICANA NSD CORPORATION

Principal Exporters to LDC in 2008

Rank alphabetically

INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
DOMICEM, S.A.
CEMENTOS COLON
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. PORIA
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO (MET
PALO DISEÑOS CRIATIVOS, S.A.
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
AMERICAN STEEL BUILDING CORPORATION
PLASTIFAR, S.A
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
EXPORTADOR OCASIONAL
LA REINA, C. POR A.
SINERCON
TERMO ENVASES, S. A.
EDITORIAL PADILLA, S. A.
CERVECERIA NACIONAL DOMINICANA, CXA
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
WARTSILA DOMINICANA NSD CORPORATION
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
CONITEC, S.A.
DW PLASTIC (UK) LIMITED
ALTAMAR TRADING DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
MADERARTE INDUSTRIAL, TM S.A.
ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A.
DECONALVA, S.A.
CLOROX DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
MARMOTECH, S.A.
ALAMBRES DOMINICANOS, C.POR A.
CARIBBEAN PALLET COMPANY, S.A.
MADERAS DECORATIVAS, S. A. (MADECO)
DECORACIONES METALICAS, S.A.
CARIBBEAN FOAM INDUSTRIES, INC.
FORIARTE, S.A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

COMPUESTOS DOMINICANOS, S. A.
MARMOLES DE LA ESENADA, C. X A.
POWER-ONE LIMITED
MUEBLES ESC.Y DOMESTICOS, S.A.
BORINQUEN CORAL STONE, S.A.
INDUSTRIA DE TABACO LEON JIMENES, S.A
PUBLIPLAS S.A
INDUSTRIAL GAMMA C.PORIA
LA FABRIL, S. A.
JAQUEZ & ASOCIADOS, C. POR A.
IMPORTEX, S. A.
TEJADA PRODUCE S. A.
TFS ASOCIADOS, S.A.
ENCOFRADOS HABITABLES INDUSTRIALIZADO

3. Countries Trade Analysis

3. Countries Trade Analysis

The following section presents a brief analysis of DR exporters to the CARICOM countries, presenting the traded amount as well as the top exporters, ranked alphabetically:

3.1 Antigua & Barbuda

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
2,551,426	1,025,749	8,347,601	13,691,082	25,615,859

Top 25 Exporters 2008

AMERICAN STEEL BUILDING CORPORATION
BORINQUEN CORAL STONE, S.A.
CEMENTOS COLON
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
CERVECERIA NACIONAL DOMINICANA, CXA
CLOROX DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO (MET
COMPUESTOS DOMINICANOS, S. A.
CONITEC, S.A.
DOMICEM, S.A.
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. PORIA
FREDIS CASTILLO M.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
LA REINA, C. POR A.
MADERARTE INDUSTRIAL, TM S.A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
PISOS DE TERIAZO PALCA,C.PORIA
PRODUCTOS DEL TROPICO, C. X A.
PUBLIPLAS S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
SINERCON
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

WARTSILA DOMINICANA NSD CORPORATION

Exporters in the three years 2006-2007-2008

CERVECERIA NACIONAL DOMINICANA, CXA
COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO (MET
DOMICEM, S.A.
EXPORTADOR OCASIONAL
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
LA REINA, C. POR A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PUBLIPLAS S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.
WARTSILA DOMINICANA NSD CORPORATION

3.2 Barbados

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
3,524,002	3,962,077	4,133,600	6,775,551	18,395,229

Top 25 Exporters 2008

A & L WIRE COMPANY
ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A.
ALPLAST, S.A
BRENNTAG CARIBE, S.A.,
CENTRAL ROMANA CORPORATION
EMPRESAS VILLAR CONCEPCION, S.A.
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
GOYA SANTO DOMINGO , S.A.
IND. EMPACADORAS DOMINICANAS, C. POR
INDUSTRIAS DE PINTURAS POPULAR, C.X A
INDUSTRIAS DELGADO, S. A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
INTERSPACE INDUSTRIES CORP., S. A.
J. FRANKENBERG, C. POR A.
KOVEL INDUSTRIES, S.A.
MERCASID, S.A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PLASTIFAR, S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMO ENVASES, S. A.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.

Exporters in the three years 2006-2007-2008

ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A.
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
GOYA SANTO DOMINGO , S.A.
IND. EMPACADORAS DOMINICANAS, C. POR
INDUCA, LTD (INDUS. CONSTRUCTORA)
INDUSTRIAS DE PINTURAS POPULAR, C.X A
INDUSTRIAS DELGADO, S. A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
INDUSTRIAS SANTO DOMINGO, CXA
INTERSPACE INDUSTRIES CORP., S. A.
J. FRANKENBERG, C. POR A.
LABORATORIOS ALFA, CXA.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MERCASID, S.A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
P.G. PHARIATECH
PLASTIFAR, S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

3.3 Belize

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
8,300	47,378	86,801	173,489	315,969

Top Exporters 2008

ENCOFRADOS HABITABLES INDUSTRIALIZADO
FERIONDO TAMBURINI Y/O CARIBETRANS, S
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
LABORATORIO SAN LUIS, C.POR A.

Exporters in the three years 2006-2007-2008

INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.

3.4 Dominica

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
628,390	598,471	3,265,755	5,063,623	9,556,239

Top Exporters 2008

CEMENTOS COLON
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
CLOROX DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO
(MET
DOMICEM, S.A.
FEDERAL EXPRESS DOMINICANA, S. A.
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
LA FABRIL, S. A.
MEDICINAS DEL CARIBE, S.A.
MUEBLES ESC.Y DOMESTICOS, S.A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
O. MUSTAD & SON DR., S.A.
PLASTIFAR, S.A
PUBLIPLAS S.A
RAVI CARIBE, S.A.
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.

Exporters in the three years 2006-2007-2008

FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PUBLIPLAS S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.

3.5 Grenada

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
288,730	860,761	1,032,100	1,617,801	3,799,392

Top 20 Exporters

21 ST CENTURY LABELS INTERIATIONAL, I
ALAMBRES DOMINICANOS, C.POR A.
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
IND. EMPACADORAS DOMINICANAS, C. POR
INDUSTRIAL GAMMA C.PORIA
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
LA REINA, C. POR A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PIEZAS PLASTICAS, C. POR A.
PLASTIFAR, S.A
POWER-ONE LIMITED
PUBLIPLAS S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.
VITRO PLANTA DEL CARIBE S. A.

Traditional Exporters – Last Three Years

FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PLASTIFAR, S.A
PUBLIPLAS S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

3.6 Guyana

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
1,607,613	2,179,782	6,225,850	8,200,690	18,213,935

Top Exporters 2008

ASOCIACION COMERCIAL, C.POR A.
CEMENTOS COLON
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
EMPRESAS MABRATAMA, S.A. (Z.F.E)
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
INDUSTRIAS GAT, S. A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
PLASTIFAR, S.A
POLYPLAS DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
PRONTO FRITO, S. A.
RAVI CARIBE, S.A.
TERMO ENVASES, S. A.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
TROPIC NONI, S.A.
TROPIJUGOS, S.A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

Traditional Exporters – Last Three Years

CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
EMPRESAS MABRATAMA, S.A.
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
POLYPLAS DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
TERMO ENVASES, S. A.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

3.7 Jamaica

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
14,084,444	22,773,483	30,910,169	63,625,685	131,393,782

Top Exporters 2008

ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A.
ANTILLEAN FOODS, INC.
BRENNTAG CARIBE, S.A.,
CARIB HAIR FACTORY, S.A.
CARTONES DEL CARIBE, S.A
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
COLCHONES Y MUEBLERIA LA NACIONAL C.P
DOMICEM, S.A.
EDITORIAL PADILLA, S. A.
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
HISPANO DOMINICANO DEL MUEBLE
IMPRESORA DEL YAQUE, C. POR A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
INTERIATIONAL STEEL & TUBE, S.A.
INVERSIONES CORALILLO, S.A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PLASTIFAR, S.A
RIERA PASCUAL, C X A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

Traditional Exporters – Last Three Years

21 ST CENTURY LABELS INTERIATIONAL, I
AGROINDUSTRIA TROPICAL, S.A.
CARIB HAIR FACTORY, S.A.
CARTONES DEL CARIBE, S.A
CLOROX DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
COPEL, S.A.
CORTES HNOS. & CO., C. POR A.
DOM ALIVE, S.A.
DOMICEM, S.A.
EDITORIAL PADILLA, S. A.
EMPRESAS UNIDAS, C. POR A.
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
GOMAS Y PLASTICOS, C. POR A. (GOPLAC
GRADINOX C. X A.
HELADOS BON, C. X A.
HISPANO DOMINICANO DEL MUEBLE
INDUSTRIA DEL GRANITO MENICUCCI C. PO
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
INVERSIONES & NEGOCIOS, S. A.
INVERSIONES CORALILLO, S.A.
J. FRANKENBERG, C. POR A.
MACAO CARIBE BEACH S A
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PISOS Y TECHADOS TORGINOL, CXA
PLASTIFAR, S.A
PUBLIPLAS S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
SERVICIOS INDUSTRIALES RIERBA, S.A.
TABACALERA DE GARCIA LTD
TERMO ENVASES, S. A.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
TROPIJUGOS, S.A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

3.8 St. Kitts & Nevis

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
464,511	473,713	2,778,301	5,570,353	9,286,878

Top Exporters 2008

ALTAMAR TRADING DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.
CEMENTOS COLON
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
CLOROX DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO (MET
DOMICEM, S.A.
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
INDUSTRIA DE TABACO LEON JIMENES, S.A
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
JAQUEZ & ASOCIADOS, C. POR A.
MADERAS DECORATIVAS, S. A. (MADECO)
PLASTIFAR, S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TEJADA PRODUCE S. A.
TERMO ENVASES, S. A.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
TFS ASOCIADOS, S.A.

Traditional Exporters – Last Three Years

EXPORTADOR OCASIONAL
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
PUBLIPLAS S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.

3.9 St. Vicent & The Granadines

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
218,655	659,786	598,138	1,278,926	2,755,505

Top Exporters 2008

ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A.
BORINQUEN CORAL STONE, S.A.
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
CERVECERIA NACIONAL DOMINICANA, CXA
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
INDUSTRIA AGUAYO DE CONSTRUCCION, S.A
INDUSTRIA DE TABACO LEON JIMENES, S.A
INDUSTRIAS GAT, S. A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
MADERAS DECORATIVAS, S. A. (MADECO)
MARMOLES DE LA ESENADA, C. X A.
PLASTIFAR, S.A
PUBLIPLAS S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.

Traditional Exporters – Last Three Years

ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
PUBLIPLAS S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA

3.10 St. Lucia

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
3,098,280	2,129,147	4,953,976	7,455,327	17,636,730

Top Exporters 2008

CARIBBEAN FOAM INDUSTRIES, INC.
CARIBBEAN PALLET COMPANY, S.A.
DECONALVA, S.A.
DECORACIONES METALICAS, S.A.
DW PLASTIC (UK) LIMITED
EDITORIAL PADILLA, S. A.
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FORIARTE, S.A.
IMPORTEX, S. A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
LA REINA, C. POR A.
MARMOTECH, S.A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
PALO DISEÑOS CRIATIVOS, S.A.
PLASTIFAR, S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMO ENVASES, S. A.

Traditional Exporters – Last Three Years

EDITORIAL PADILLA, S. A.
EXPORTADOR OCASIONAL
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
LA ENSENADA, C. POR A.
LA REINA, C. POR A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PUBLIPLAS S.A
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
TERMO ENVASES, S. A.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.

3.11 Surinam

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
2,528,346	2,704,135	4,063,232	5,439,848	14,735,561

Top Exporters 2008

CARIBBEAN FOAM INDUSTRIES, INC.
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO (MET
DOMICEM, S.A.
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
IDEAL DOMINICANA, S. A.
INDUSTRIA DE TABACO LEON JIMENES, S.A
INDUSTRIA ZANZIBAR, S.A.
INDUSTRIAS GAT, S. A.
MICROTEK DOMINICANA, S.A.
MIEL DE ABEJA FLOR SILVESTRE
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
RAVI CARIBE, S.A.
TABACALERA DE GARCIA LTD
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

Traditional Exporters – Last Three Years

CARIBBEAN FOAM INDUSTRIES, INC.
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
IDEAL DOMINICANA, S. A.
INDUSTRIA ZANZIBAR, S.A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PUBLIPLAS S.A
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

3.12 Trinidad & Tobago

2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 05-08
6,079,854	7,117,599	9,614,559	16,048,415	38,860,427

Top Exporters 2008

ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A.
BRENNTAG CARIBE, S.A.,
CEMEX DOMINICANA, S.A.
COMPUESTOS DOMINICANOS, S. A.
DOMINICANA DE CALES, S.A (DOCALSA)
DOPERCO, S.A.
FABRICA DE REFRIG. COMERCIALES, C. PO
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
IDEAL DOMINICANA, S. A.
INDUSTRIA DE TABACO LEON JIMENES, S.A
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
MANUCHAR DOMINICANA, S.A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PERAVIA INDUSTRIAL, S.A.
PIEZAS PLASTICAS, C. POR A.
PISOS Y TECHADOS TORGINOL, CXA
POLYPLAS DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
SANTO PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CORP.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

Traditional Exporters – Last Three Years

ACERO DEL CIBAO, S.A.
BRENNTAG CARIBE, S.A.,
DOMINICANA DE CALES, S.A (DOCALSA)
FABRICA DE REFRIG. COMERCIALES, C. PO
FERTILIZANTES QUIMICOS DOMINICANOS, S
FERTILIZANTES SANTO DOMINGO, C. POR A.
FRITO-LAY DOMINICANA, S. A.
IDEAL DOMINICANA, S. A.
INDUSTRIAS NACIONALES, C.POR A.
MANUCHAR DOMINICANA, S.A.
MATERIAS PRIMAS C POR A.
MERCASID, S.A.
MULTIQUIMICA DOMINICANA, S. A.
NESTLE DOMINICANA, S.A.
PERAVIA INDUSTRIAL, S.A.
PIEZAS PLASTICAS, C. POR A.
PISOS Y TECHADOS TORGINOL, CXA
POLYPLAS DOMINICANA, C. POR A.
SANITARIOS DOMINICANOS, S. A. (SADOSA
SANTO PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CORP.
TERMOPAC INDUSTRIAL, C.POR A.
UNILEVER CARIBE, S.A.

**4. Free Trade Agreement between Dominican Republic and
CARICOM**

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Under the FTA CARICOM - RD of 1998, two-way trade between the Dominican Republic and the more developed countries of CARICOM, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, Surinam and Guyana, was liberalized, with the exception of a few products established in 3 annexes. The DR opened its market to the LDC's of CARICOM as of day one of the agreement, with the exception of these three annexes.

The three lists of exemptions are:

1. Products subject to Gradual Reduction of the NMF Tariff Rate (phase out list): These correspond to a reduced product group, which was subject to liberalization in a gradual way. The Dominican Republic stands that this group must be liberalized in a 5 years term, according to the agreement reached by the Joint Council of the Treaty. However CARICOM stays that there are some legal aspects still to be resolve by the resolution of the Joint Council. The FTA agreement began implementation in the 2001, thus the 5 year phase out calendar concluded in the 2006. Up to this day, for some of the CARICOM countries these products continue paying the NMF rate. It is our understanding that countries as Barbados implemented the phase out schedule. The DR also implemented it. Therefore for products originated in the CARICOM under the "phase out list" enjoy free access to the DR.
2. Products subject to MFN Rate (exclusion list): It corresponds to products excluded from the agreement, to which MFN rate will applied.
3. Agricultural products subject to trade liberalization on a Seasonal Calendar (seasonal agricultural calendar): For a group of agricultural product the countries will be able to apply the MFN rate on specific months, allowing for free trade on the rest of the calendar.

Goods Subject Most Favorite Nation Rate (MFN) Under the FTA between the Dominican Republic and the CARICOM

Code Tariff	Description (free translation)
02.01	Animal meat of the bovine species, fresh or cooled.
02.02	Animal meat of the bovine species, congealed.
02.03	Animal meat of the pig, fresh species, cooled or congealed.
Ex- 02.07	Eatable meat and despoliation, of birds, rooster or hen, fresh, cooled or congealed.

Code Tariff	Description (free translation)
0210.11	Jamones, trowels, and their pieces, without piting.
Ex- 0210.12	Bacon.
03.02	Fresh or cooled fish, except fillets and other meat of fish of the Game No 03.04.
03.03	Fish congealed, except fillets and other meat of fish of the Game No 03.04.
03.04	Fillets and other meat of fish (even itched), fresh, cooled or congealed.
04.01	Milk and cream (cream), without concentrating, sugar addition nor another edulcorante.
04.02	Milk and cream (cream), concentrated or with sugar addition or another edulcorante.
0703.10	Onions and chalotes.
0703.20	Garlic.
0713.31	Frijoles (fréjoles, porotos, string beans, beans) of the Vigna species mungo (l) Hepper or radiata Vigna (l) Wilczek.
0713.32	Frijoles (fréjoles, porotos, string beans, beans) Adzuki (Phaseolus or Vigna angularis).
0713.33	Frijoles (fréjoles, porotos, string beans, beans) common (Phaseolus vulgaris).
Ex- 08.01	Coconut
10.06	Rice.
Ex- 11.01 ^[1]	Flour of Wheat.
Chapter 15	Fats and oils animals or vegetables; products of its deployment; elaborated nutritional fats; origin waxes animal or vegetable.
1602.41 ^[2]	Jamones and pieces of jamón of the pig species.
1602.42	Trowels and pieces of trowel of the pig species.
17.01	Sugar of cane or beet and chemically pure saccharose, in solid state.
Ex- 20.07	Paste of guayaba.
Ex- 20.08	Peanuts (peanut, peanut), prepared or conserved, even with sugar addition or another edulcorante.
Ex- 20.09	Grapefruit, orange juice or pomelo and files (citric).
Ex- 21.03	Sauce of pepper.
Ex- 22.01	Water, including the natural or artificial mineral water.

Code Tariff	Description (free translation)
22.02	Water, including the mineral water and the gassed one, with sugar addition either another edulcorante additive, excluding the vegetable or fruit juices or other fruits of the Game No 20.09.
22.03	Beer of Malta.
2401.20	Total or partially desvenado or desnervado tobacco.
2402.20	Cigarettes that contain tobacco.
2403.10	Tobacco to smoke, even with sucedáneos of tobacco in any proportion.
Ex- 25.23	Portland cement and cement without pulverizing (to clinker)
32.08	Paintings and varnishes with modified, dispersed or dissolved synthetic or natural polymers in nonwatery means; dissolutions defined in Note 4 of this Chapter.
32.09	Paintings and varnishes with modified, dispersed or dissolved synthetic or natural polymers in watery means.
32.10	The other paintings and varnishes; prepared pigments to the water of the type of the used ones for the leather finished one.
Ex- 33.04	Corporal lotions.
Ex- 33.05	Champúes and conditioning of hair.
Ex- 33.06	Dental cream and toothpastes.
Ex- 33.07	Preparations to shave or for before or after the shaved one, corporal and antitranspirantes deodorants.
34.01	Soap; used products and tensoactivos organic preparations like soap, in bars, breads, pieces or troqueladas or molded pieces, although contain soap; paper, guata, felt and fabric without weaving, impregnated, covered or had with soap or detergents.
34.02	Agents of organic surfaces (except the soap); tensoactivas preparations, preparations to wash (including the auxiliary preparations of washing) and preparations of cleaning, although they contain soap, except those of the Game No 34.01.
Ex- 34.06	Candles.
38.08.40	Disinfectants.
Ex- 38.14	Dissolvents and extenders organic compounds, not expressed nor included/understood elsewhere.
7010.92	Bottles, superior a 0.33l but inferior or equal to 1l.
7010.93	Bottles, superior a 0.15l but inferior or equal to 0.33l.
ex72.07	Intermediate products of iron or steel without beating wings, smaller section to 100cm ² .
7213.10	Alambrón of iron or steel without alloying with notches, cords, furrows or reliefs, produced in the laminate.

Code Tariff	Description (free translation)
Ex7213.20	Alambrón of steel of easy mechanization without alloying of circular section with equal or greater diameter to 7mm and the others alambrones of steel of easy mechanization of section not to circulate.
Ex7213.91	Alambrón of iron or steel without beating wings of circular section with inferior equal or greater diameter to 7mm but to 14mm.
7213.99	The others alambrones of iron or steel without beating wings.
7214.10	Barras of iron or steel without beating wings.
7214.20	Barras of iron or steel without alloying with notches, cords, furrows or reliefs, produced in the laminate or put under torsion after the laminate.
7214.91	Barras of iron or steel without beating wings of cross-sectional section rectangular.
7214.99	The other bars of iron or steel without beating wings, forged.
7215.90	The other bars and alambrones of iron or steel without beating wings.
7216.10	Profiles of iron or steel without beating wings in U, I or H simply laminated or extruded in hot, of inferior height a 80mm.
7216.21	Profiles of iron or steel without beating wings in Ls simply laminated or extruded in hot, of inferior height a 80mm.
7216.22	Profiles of iron or steel without beating wings in T simply laminated or extruded in hot, of inferior height a 80mm.
7216.99	The other profiles of iron or steel without beating wings.
Ex72.27	Alambrón of other alloy steels of circular section with equal or greater diameter to 7mm and the others alambrones of other alloy steels.
7306.30	The other hollow tubes and profiles, soldiers, of circular section, iron or steel without beating wings.
7306.50	The other hollow tubes and profiles, soldiers, of circular section, other alloy steels.
7306.60	The other hollow tubes and profiles, soldiers, except those of circular section.
7306.90	The other tubes and hollow profiles of iron or steel.
Ex- 84.19	Solar water heaters.

**Products Subject to Phase out Reduction of the Tariff Rate
Under the FTA between the Dominican Republic and CARICOM**

CODE TARIFF	DESCRIPTION (free translation)
Ex- 06.03	Anturios, lilas, orquídeas and heliconias, fresh.
09.01	Coffee, toasting or without toasting or decaffeinated, rind and husk of coffee, sucedáneos of coffee that contain coffee in any proportion.
Ex- 16.01	Sausages, with exception of salami, nutritional preparations with sausages and similar products.
Ex- 16.02	Tocineta and other prepared and preserved meats of the pig species, including mixtures.
19.02	Paste nutritional, cooked or stuffed (of meats or other substances) or even prepared of another form, such as spaghetti, vermicelli, tubular powders, tallarines, lasaña, gnocchi, ravioles, canelones, cuscús, even prepared.
Ex- 19.05	Products of bakery, pastry shop or galletería, with or without edulcorante, even with addition of cacao.
Ex- 20.07	Confituras, jellies, and jams.
Ex- 20.09	Juice of Chinola.
Ex- 21.04	Soups, potajes or broths; preparations for soups, potajes or broths.
Ex- 22.08*	Rum.
Ex- 33.01	Essential oils of Lima (citric fruit).
33.03	Dressing table perfumes and water.
Ex- 3923.10	Boxes.
3923.21	Coats (bags), bags and cucuruchos of ethylene polymers.
3923.29	Coats (bags), bags and cucuruchos of other plastics.
Ex- 3923.90	Trays, cups and glasses.
Ex- 39.24	Plastic sets of dishes.
Ex- 48.19	Baskets and boxes of paper or cardboard.
64.02	The other footwear with sole and superior part of rubber or plastic.
Ex- 94.04	Mattresses.

*This line will be subject to gradual reduction of tariff in a period of five years.

For the following product group, the countries will have preferential access in the months where seasonal restrictions do not exist.

Products Subject to Seasonal Preferential Treatment

CODE TARIFF	DESCRIPTION (free Translation)
0701.90	Popes, fresh or cooled.
07.02	Tomatos, fresh or cooled.
0703.10	Onions and chalotes, fresh or cooled.
0704.10	Coliflores and brécoles (broccoli), fresh or cooled.
0704.90	The others coles, fresh or cooled.
0705.11	Or cooled repolladas, fresh lettuces.
0705.19	The other lettuces, fresh or cooled.
0706.10	Carrots and nabos, fresh or cooled.
Ex- 0706.90	Radishes, fresh or cooled.
07.07	Cucumbers and gherkins, fresh or cooled.
07.08	Vegetables (even wild) of case, although are shelled, fresh or cooled.
0709.60	Fruits of the sorts capsicum or pepper.
0709.70	Spinach (including the one of New Zealand) and armuelles.
Ex- 0709.90	Molondrón, pumpkins and sweet maize.
07.13	Vegetables (even wild) of case dry shelled, although are cleaned or started off.
0714.10	Roots of yucca (mandioca).
0714.20	Sweet potatoes (sweet potatoes, sweet potatoes).
Ex- 0714.90	Yautías and ñames.
08.03	Bananas or bananas, fresh or dry.
0804.30	Fresh or dry fragmentation hand grenades (pineapples).
0804.40	Fresh or dry avocados (paltas).
Ex- 0804.50	Guayabas and handles, fresh or dry.
08.05	Bitter (citric), fresh or dry.
08.07	Melons, watermelons and papayas, fresh.
Ex- 0810.90	Fresh gold Zapotes and zapotillos, apple and cannons

**Calendar for Agricultural Products for CARICOM countries
For the shadowed months the countries could apply tariffs**

CULTIVO	CODIGO ARANCELARIO	MESES											
		ENE.	FEB.	MAR.	ABRIL	MAYO	JUN.	JUL.	AGO.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DIC.
Potatoes	O701.90		2	2	2	2	2	2					
Tomatoes	O702.00	3	2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 2	2	2	2			3
Onion	O703.10	1	1	1	1								
LECHUGA REPOLLADA	O7.04	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 2	1, 2			2	2		3
COLIFLOR	O7.04	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 3				1	1	1
LECHUGA	O7.05	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	1, 3	3	3	3	1, 3	1, 3	1, 3
Carrot	O7.06		2	2	2	2	2				1	1	1
PEPINO	O7.07	1, 3	1, 3	1, \\\3	1, 2	1, 2	2	3\\\\	3	2, 3	2, 3	3	3
PIMIENTA	O709.60			1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2		
PIMIENTO	O709.60			1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	1	1	1, 2	1, 2		

CULTIVO	CODIGO ARANCELARIO	MESES											
		ENE.	FEB.	MAR.	ABRIL	MAYO	JUN.	JUL.	AGO.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DIC.
MOLONDRON	0709.902			2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1,2	1,2	1
AUYAMA	0709.903	1	1	1		2	2	2	2	2	1,2	1	1
HABICHUELAS ROJAS	07.13			2	2	2	2	2	2	2			
GUISANTES, ARVEJAS Y GARBANZOS	07.13												
GUANDUL	07.13	2	2	2									2
BATATAS	07.14					2	2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1	1
YUCA	07.14	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			1	1
YAUTIA	07.14				2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
ÑAME-NEGRO	07.14	1	1					2	2	2	2	1,2	1
-AMARILLO	07.14	1,2	1,2	2	2	2					2	1,2	1,2
-DULCE	07.14	1,2	1,2	2								1,2	1,2
PLATANO	08.03					1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2		
BANANA	08.03					1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2		
Pineapple	08.04					2	2	2	2	2	2		
Avocado	08.04							2	2	2	2	2	

CULTIVO	CODIGO	MESES											
GUAYABA	08.04	2	2	2							2	2	2
MANGO	08.04				2	2	2	2	2	2			
CITRICOS	08.05	2	2	2	2	2						2	2
MELON	08.07	1				2	2	2	2	1,2	1,2	1	1
LECHOZA	08.07			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		

Note: The shadowed area represents the months of main production, during which the countries may applied the MFN rate.

Keys:

1 Barbados

2 Jamaica

3 Trinidad & Tobago

\\3 – represents the first half of the month

3\\ - represents the second half of the month

Calendar for Agricultural Products for the Dominican Republic

For the shadowed months the DR could apply tariffs

CULTIVOS	Código Arancelario	M E S E S											
		Enero	Febrero	Marzo	Abril	Mayo	Junio	Julio	Agosto	Sept.	Octu.	Novie.	Dici.
Guandul	07.13	Shadowed	Shadowed	Shadowed									
Yuca	07.14		Shadowed	Shadowed									
Batata	07.14	Shadowed	Shadowed	Shadowed	Shadowed								
Yautía	07.14	Shadowed	Shadowed	Shadowed	Shadowed								
Ñame	07.14										Shadowed	Shadowed	Shadowed

5. Context of the Regional Preferences in the EPA

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Although the text of the EPA makes a great amount of references to the aspects related to the strengthening of the regional integration of CARIFORUM, the true commitment to deepen integration between countries of the CARIFORUM are shaped in article of *Regional preferences*, included in the Institutional provisions of the Agreement.

This article states that *Any more favorable or advantageous treatment given in this Agreement by a signatory country of the CARIFORUM to the European Union, it will have also to be enjoyed by each one the signatory countries of the CARIFORUM.* In other words, the commitments assumed by the Dominican Republic, in terms of market opening, towards the European Union, automatically will be granted to each one of the other 14 CARIFORUM countries, and vice versa.

This clause could have important ramifications in the commercial opening of the region, particularly with countries where currently the DR does enjoy preferential market access.

However, as a transition mechanism and taking in consideration the sensitivities of some CARIFORUM countries, this regional preferences clause will be applied with the following grace periods:

1. A year after signature of the Agreement, between Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Surinam and Trinidad & Tobago and the Dominican Republic.
2. Two years after signature in the Agreement, between Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, Dominican, Grenada, St Kitts & Nevis, St. Bright, St. Vincent & Grenadines and the Dominican Republic.
3. Haiti will not be required to extend this type of treatment before five years to the Republic Dominican.

With the formal signature of the EPA in October of the 2008, the grace year would correspond to October 2009 and 2010 respectively. Nevertheless, for the majority of the commitments of tariff liberalization under de EPA, the reductions begin as of January 1st 2011, that is to say after the transition period of one and two years. With the only country where this would have an impact, corresponds to Haiti, due to the grace period of 5 years.

Haiti signed the EPA on December 2009, therefore the regional preference clause for tariff preferences would apply on January 2014.

Although the Dominican Republic do have a FTA implemented with the CARICOM MDC's (two way trade) and with the CARICOM LDC's (one way trade), this only includes preferential treatment in goods, and does not include services. The EPA therefore, with its regional clause, expands the scope of coverage into the services sector.

The EPA expands trade relations between the DR and CARIFORUM in four dimensions:

- First, for Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Surinam & Trinidad & Tobago, the current FTA already has liberalized the bulk of trade in goods, making the EPA market access commitments marginal in this context. The benefits therefore concentrate in the area of services and institutional strengthening in area of trade facilitation.
- Second, under the FTA CARICOM – DR, the DR agreed to unilaterally liberalized most of the trade in goods with the CARICOM LDC's. Under the EPA the Dominican Republic obtained an incremental access to these markets in the same levels reached by the European Union, both in goods and services. However, the conservative nature of the market opening commitment by CARIFORUM towards the EU, particularly in the area of goods, presents a very limited impact in effective preferential market access to CARICOM LDC's by the DR. Many the goods were excluded from trade liberalization from Europe, and the rest enjoyed 15 to 25 years phase out periods.
- Third, the EPA establishes a new preferential commercial commitment with the Bahamas; a country that is not part of the FTA CARICOM-DR, thus the EPA will serve as legal base to regulate trade in goods and services between these two countries. The Bahamas is not a member of CARICOM under the FTA negotiated with the DR.
- Finally, just as the Bahamas, the EPA will represent the new legal framework in the preferential trade relations between the DR and Haiti. Due to the relative important size of the Haitian market and its proximity with the DR, it is with this country that the regional preference could have the greatest impact. Although the conservative market opening commitments by CARIFORUM to the EU in goods, as well as the current lack of a services offer by Haiti, limits considerably the impact of the regional preference clause, the institutional framework provided by the EPA, encompasses its greatest asset to foster DR-Haitian dialogue and cooperation in trade issues.

In addition, due to the DR complementary market liberalization towards the EU, CARICOM exporters will enjoy greater market access to the DR than what the DR will have to CARICOM under the EPA. However, as in other cases, the DR negotiated long phase out periods of 5, 10, 15 and 20 years, not providing immediate market access to potential CARICOM exporters.

Comparative on the Levels of Access between the Dominican Republic and the other countries members of the CARIFORUM,

Country/Group of Countries	Commercial relation before the EPA	Commitments Assumed in EPA (Regional Preference)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barbados - Guyana - Jamaica - Surinam - Trinidad & Tobago 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberalization of Goods via the FTA CARICOM - DR (with a short list of exclusions) • This FTA does not include commitments in the area of services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberalization of Goods according to the calendar granted to the European Union • This access of goods will prevail under the rules of origin of the EPA • FTA CARICOM - RD stays • Commitments differentiated by countries in the area of services • The EPA grants a year to implement clause Regional Preferences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bahamas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A preferential commercial relation with Bahamas did not exist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberalization of Goods according to the calendar granted to the European Union • This access of goods will prevail under the rules of origin of the EPA • Commitments differentiated in terms of the trade in services • The EPA grants a year to implement clause of Regional Preferences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Antigua & Barbuda - Belize - Dominica - Grenada - St Kitts & Nevis - St. Lucia - St. Vincent & Grenadines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In FTA CARICOM - DR, the DR unilaterally committed to liberalize tariffs. • Market opening on the part of these CARICOM countries has not occurred towards DR exports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberalization of Goods according to the calendar granted to the European Union • This access of goods will prevail under the rules of origin of the EPA • Differentiated commitments in terms of the commerce of services • The EPA grants two years to implement Regional Preferences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Haiti (has not signed the EPA yet) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A preferential commercial relation with Haiti did not exist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberalization of Goods according to the calendar granted to the European Union • This access of goods will prevail under the rules of origin of the EPA • Commitments differentiated in terms of the commerce of services • The EPA grants a term of up to five years to Haiti implementing Regional Preferences

5.1 Preferential Commercial relations within the CARIFORUM

Therefore, after the EPA, the Dominican Republic and the countries of the CARIFORUM have two commercial mechanisms for trade preferences:

- a) The FTA of the 1998¹
- b) The EPA via the regional preferences clause.

The FTA of 1998 includes the reciprocal trade between the DR and Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Guyana and Surinam, and one way trade with CARICOM LDC's.

In terms of the opening of goods in the EPA, CARIFORUM decided on a unique list of commitments, being therefore common commitments between the 15 participants. Nevertheless, some exceptions were negotiated, including an increase access granted by the Dominican Republic in 800 tariff lines where the European Union asked for a similar treatment granted by the DR to the United States.

In addition, as part of the modalities of the negotiation, CARIFORUM agreed on a common base rate for each phase out commitment. This base rate was a referential rate, calculated as the average of CARIFORUMS tariffs.

After comparing the current market access provided by the CARICOM – DR FTA between the DR and the CARICOM MDC's, with the market access commitments under the regional preference clause under the EPA, there are some marginal gains for some sectors and products. The following list presents the principal ones:

1. Milk: CARICOM MDC's acquired access to the DR market, unilaterally, in 15 years, both for process milk (powder) and fresh milk (liquid). .
2. Garlic: DR committed to liberalize garlic in 15 years, from a 85% tariff. CARICOM countries consolidated zero tariffs. .
3. Beans: (different types) Although the DR excluded this product, Barbados, Jamaica St. Lucia and Trinidad & Tobago consolidated zero tariffs.
4. Coconuts: CARICOM agreed to liberalize in a 20 year phase out schedule s, starting with a 40% base rate. 40%
5. Guava Paste: The DR agreed to unilaterally liberalize in 15 years, starting from a 20% base rate.
6. Orange Juice: The DR agreed to unilaterally liberalize in 5 years, starting from a 20% base rate.
7. Grapefruit Juice: The DR agreed unilaterally to immediate liberalization.

¹ With the exception of Haiti and Bahamas

8. Tobacco: CARICOM agreed to a 15 years phase out, starting from a 5% base rate. The DR will start from a base rate of 14%.
9. Cigarettes: The DR agreed unilaterally to liberalize it, in 20 years from a base rate of 20%.
10. Portland Cement: CARIFORO agreed to liberalize it in 20 years, starting from a 25% base rate (Trinidad & Tobago consolidated a 0% rate)
11. Body Lotions: The DR agreed unilaterally to liberalize it, in 10 years from a base rate of 20%.
12. Shampoos and hair conditioners: The DR agreed unilaterally to liberalize in 15 years, from a base rate of 20%.
13. Organic Dissolvent: CARIFORUM agreed to liberalize in 15 years, from a base rate of 25%
14. Glass bottles: CARIFORO agreed to liberalize in 20 years from a base rate of 20%
15. Products of iron and steel: CARIFORO agreed to liberalize a series of products in a range period of 15 and 20 years.