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Annex 3: Regional Trade Agreements ratified by countries

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RTAs ratified by countries

There have been included only RTAs in force in March 2021.¹

Table 1 – RTAs ratified by countries

Selected Country	Agreement	Acronym	Date of Signature	Entry in Force		
Bangladesh	Asia Pacific Trade Agreement	APTA	31/07/1975	17/06/1976	UNESCAP	General Exception
	Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation	BIMSTEC	08/02/2004 05/06/2004 (For Bangladesh only)	30/06/2004	BIMSTEC	General Exception
	Preferential Trade Agreement among D-8 Member States	D-8	2006	2011	D-8	General Exception
	Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference	TPS-OIC	October 1990	October 2002	Organization of the Islamic Conference	No provision
	Global System of Trade Preferences	GSTP	November 2005	05/02/2010	UNCTAD	No provision
	Protocol on Trade Negotiations	PTN	13/04/1988	19/04/1989	GATT/WTO	No provision
	Protocol on the Preferential Tariff Scheme for TPS-OIC (PRETAS) Organization of the Islamic Conference	PRETAS-OIC	08/12/1971	11/02/1973	Organization of the Islamic Conference	No provision
	South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation Preferential Trade Agreement	SAPTA	11/04/1993	07/12/1995	SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)	No provision
	South Asian Free Trade Area	SAFTA	06/01/2004	01/01/2006	SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)	General Exceptions
Nepal	South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation Preferential Trade Agreement (SAPTA)	(SAPTA)	11/04/1993	07/12/1995	SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)	No provision

¹However, essential agreements, such as the historical Lomé and Cotonou Conventions, have been analysed and included in the research database. Cotonou Convention expired in December 2020. A new agreement on the cooperation amongst Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific (ACP-EU) is still under negotiations.

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	South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA)	(SAFTA)	06/01/2004	01/01/2006	SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)	General Exceptions
Pakistan	Preferential Trade Agreement among D-8 Member States	D-8	2006	2011	Developing 8 Organization for Economic Cooperation	General Exceptions
	Economic Cooperation Organization Trade Agreement (ECOTA)	Ecota	17/07/2003		Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)	General Exceptions
	Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP)	GSTP	13/04/1988	19/04/1989	UNCTAD	No provision
	Protocol on Trade Negotiations (PTN)	PTN	08/12/1971	11/02/1973	GATT / WTO	No provision
	South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation Preferential Trade Agreement	(SAPTA)	11/04/1993	07/12/1995	SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)	No provision
	South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation Free Trade Agreement	SAFTA	06/01/2004	01/01/2006	SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)	General Exceptions
Ethiopia	African Continental Free Trade Area	AFCFTA	March 21st 2018	January 1st 2021	African Union	General Exceptions – No derogation of other legal obligations
	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa	COMESA	November 5th 1993	December 8th 1994	COMESA	General Exceptions and others.
Ghana	African Continental Free Trade Area	AFCFTA	March 21st 2018	January 1st 2021	African Union	General Exceptions – No derogation of other legal obligations
	Economic Community of Western African States	ECOWAS	May 28th 1975	June 20th 1975	ECOWAS	General Exceptions
	Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP)	GSTP	13/04/1988	19/04/1989	UNCTAD	No provision
Kenya	African Continental Free Trade Area	AFCFTA	March 21st 2018	May 30th 2019	African Union	General Exceptions – No derogation of other legal obligations
	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa	COMESA	November 5th 1993	December 8th 1994	COMESA	General Exceptions and others
	Eastern Africa Community	EAC	November 30th 1999	July 7th 2000	EAC	Only in the environmental chapter
Nigeria	African Continental Free Trade Area	AFCFTA	July 7th 2019	January 1st 2021	African Union	General Exceptions – No derogation of other legal obligations

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Republic Democratic of Congo	African Continental Free Trade Area	AFCFTA	March 21st 2018	Not ratified	African Union	General Exceptions – No derogation of other legal obligations
	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa	COMESA	November 5th 1993	December 8th 1994	COMESA	General Exceptions and others
Rwanda	African Continental Free Trade Area	AFCFTA	March 21st 2018	May 30th 2019	African Union	General Exceptions – No derogation of other legal obligations
	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa	COMESA	November 5th 1993	December 8th 1994	COMESA	General Exceptions and others
	Eastern Africa Community	EAC	November 30th 1999	July 7th 2000	EAC	Only in the environmental chapter
Senegal	African Continental Free Trade Area	AFCFTA	March 21st 2018	May 30th 2019	African Union	General Exceptions – No derogation of other legal obligations
	Economic Community of Western African States	ECOWAS	May 28th 1975	June 20th 1975	ECOWAS	General Exceptions
	Western Africa Economic Monetary Union	WAEMU	January 10th 1994	August 1st 1994	WAEMU	General Exception
United Republic of Tanzania	African Continental Free Trade Area	AFCFTA	March 21st 2018	Not ratified	African Union	General Exceptions – No derogation of other legal obligations
	Eastern Africa Community	EAC	November 30th 1999	July 7th 2000	EAC	Only in the environmental chapter
	Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP)	GSTP	13/04/1988	19/04/1989	UNCTAD	No provision
	Southern African Development Community	SADC	August 1992		SADC	General Exception
Uganda	African Continental Free Trade Area	AFCFTA	March 21st 2018	May 30th 2019	African Union	General Exceptions – No derogation of other legal obligations
	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa	COMESA	November 5th 1993	December 8th 1994	COMESA	General Exceptions and others trade. Polluter pays principle
	Eastern Africa Community	EAC	November 30th 1999	July 7th 2000	EAC	Only in the environmental chapter.
Zambia	African Continental Free Trade Area	AFCFTA	December 10th 2019	Not ratified	African Union	General Exceptions – No derogation of other legal obligations

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