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UNLOCKING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE JORDAN-PAFTA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (FTA)

Expanding Jordan's global trade footprint
through strategic partnerships

Did you know?

As an exporter to the PAFTA you
could benefit from:



1. Zero Import Tariffs:

Enjoy duty-free access to the entire PAFTA market, including countries such as Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, UAE, Algeria, Palestine, and Yemen. Duties and other restrictive regulations on substantially all trade between the signatories are eliminated under the FTA provisions.



2. Simplified Rules of Origin:

PAFTA requires detailed rules of origin on goods, agreed upon between member states. Ensure that your product meets the specific requirements and processes outlined for compliance.



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وزارة الصناعة والتجارة والاستثمار



*The Pan Arab Free Trade Area (PAFTA), also named
The Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA)



4. Enhanced Market Access:

Reach a combined consumer base of 437 million people across the 18 member countries with improved access.



5. Regional Integration:

Utilize inputs from other Arab states to boost local production and enjoy preferential tariffs. This allows products containing parts from multiple participating countries to be treated as local products, expanding sourcing options for Jordanian manufacturers.



6. Investment Opportunities:

The goal of the agreement is to facilitate and develop inter-Arab Trade, while preserving the economic interests of Arab States, encouraging investments targeted at creating a unified Arab market.



7. Liberalized Agricultural Trade:

Export most agricultural products to PAFTA States with minimal restrictions. For instance, Jordanian meat and dairy goods have access to these markets, making PAFTA a key export destination for such goods.

KEY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Goods Tariffs: Jordanian goods gain seamless access to the PAFTA market, free of customs duties. Duties and other restrictive regulations on substantially all trade between the signatories are eliminated.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES

- PAFTA Imports Worth (billions)
- Jordan's Global Exports (millions)

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In-demand Goods

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Cereals Maize Corn (HS Code 100590):

- \$7.16B
- \$20.5M

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Electrical Apparatus Photo-sensitive (HS Code 854140):

- \$2.19B
- \$92M

Chemical Products Preparations and Residual Products (HS Code 382490):

- \$1.72B
- \$24.3M

Jewelry of Precious Metal Excluding Silver (HS Code 711319):

- \$24.08B
- \$675.2M

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Goods with Investment Potential

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Cereals Rice (HS Code 100630):

- \$5.1B
- \$2.5M

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Sulphur (HS Code 250300):

- \$2.3B
- \$0.2M

Taps, Cocks, Valves, and Similar Appliances (HS Code 848180):

- \$4.0B
- \$2.1M

Boring or Sinking Machinery Parts (HS Code 843143):

- \$2.1B
- \$0.3M

BACKGROUND

- The PAFTA-Jordan Free Trade Agreement, signed in 1997, facilitated Jordanian exports worth USD 5 billion to the PAFTA market in 2023, primarily comprising chemicals, pharmaceutical products, vegetables, and other goods.
- The PAFTA-Jordan Association Agreement is one of eight free trade agreements Jordan has signed, which facilitate trade and export channels with the US, UK, Canada, Singapore, EU, EFTA, Arab and Mediterranean countries. They provide access to over 1.5 billion consumers around the world.
- Jordan is a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), enabling it to benefit from expanded market access, technical assistance, and trade stability, resulting in reduced uncertainty and fostering economic growth.

Resources and Contact Information:

- 🌐 Jordan-PAFTA Free Trade Agreement
- 🌐 WTO Regional Trade Agreement Database: <https://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicMaintainRTAHome.aspx>
- 🌐 Export Procedures: <https://tradeportal.customs.gov.jo/>
- 🌐 Export Opportunities: <https://jordanexportportal.gov.jo/>

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