



Department for
Business & Trade



Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS)

*as of 7 June 2023

The DCTS will improve access to the UK market for goods imported from eligible developing countries.

£750 million

DCTS offers tariff reductions of over £750 million per year for imports from 65 beneficiary countries.

Provisions



reduce tariffs



liberalise rules of origin requirements for least developed countries



simplify the conditions attached to the scheme

Three Tiers of DCTS

A

Comprehensive (LDC) Preferences

provides "duty-free, quota-free" market access on all goods except for arms and ammunition for least developed countries.

B

Enhanced Preferences

removes import duties on a wide number of product lines for low and lower-middle income countries assessed as economically vulnerable.

C

Standard Preferences

reduces import duties on certain product lines for low and lower middle-income countries assessed as not economically vulnerable. These goods are subject to goods graduation.



The Philippines will continue to have access to Enhanced Preferences.



receive access to duty-free, quota-free trade on 92%* of eligible goods

**This covers over 99% of exports to the UK. Estimated tariff saving of £21 million for businesses in the Philippines.*



includes an additional 150+ cuts in tariffs and the removal of nuisance (less than 2%) tariffs and some seasonal tariffs.

Philippine goods that will benefit most from the scheme



£40m
of average annual exports of tuna

DCTS decreases the import duty by 20%.



£8m
of average annual exports of shirts and t-shirts

DCTS decreases the import duty by 12%.



£70,000
of average annual exports of maize starch

Export tariffs have gone from £138 per tonne to £0.



£35,000
of average annual exports of durum wheat flour

Export tariffs have gone from £143 per tonne to £0.