United Kingdom-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (UKSFTA)

DEC 2020

UKSFTA was signed.



The UKSFTA is the first free trade agreement between the UK and an ASEAN member state



UKSFTA took effect from 1 Jan 2021 via provisional application.



2021 UKSFTA entered in

UKSFTA entered into force on 11 Feb 2021.



Did you know?



The UKSFTA ensures trade continuity, allowing UK and Singapore companies to continue enjoying the same benefits that were available under the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.



Key Benefits Include:

Elimination of Tariffs



Asian food products, electronics, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals and processed agricultural products

Selected meat and seafood produce, fruits, textiles and consumer goods

Liberal and flexible Rules of Origin (ROO) for UK and Singapore's key exports to each other's markets





Chemicals



Clothing and

Textiles





Machinery







Asian food products made in Singapore can also enter the UK tariff-free, up to an annual quota of 350 tons.

EU Cumulation



UK and Singapore companies can continue to use EU materials in their exports to each other's markets according to the requirements under the Rules of Origin Protocol.

Reduction of Technical and Non-Tariff Barriers in Key Sectors

Singapore exporters will have lower operational costs with the reduction of duplicative testing and certification procedures as well as other non-tariff barriers in the following sectors:



Electronics



and vehicle parts



Pharmaceuticals



Renewable energy

Enhanced Market Access To Services Sectors

Singapore businesses will have improved market access to a wider range of services sectors in the UK.







Advertising services



Computer-related services



Environmental services



Maintenance and repair of ships and aircraft services



International maritime transport services



Hotels and restaurants services

More Opportunities in Government Procurement



Singapore companies can bid for more government procurement projects in the UK including at the city and municipal-level. These include transport, financial services and utilities projects.

Strengthened cooperation in customs procedures



The UK-Singapore Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) became operational in August 2023, enabling exporters on both sides to benefit from expedited customs clearance.

Enhanced Intellectual Property Rights





The UKSFTA will allow both countries to continue enjoying the benefits of a comprehensive intellectual property rights chapter which includes enhanced rights for copyright, enforcement, and geographical indications.