

# Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration

**Directorate General for Foreign Trade**

**‘Contributions to  
Sustainable Development of Agricultural Sector in Belize’**

# **TRADE AGREEMENTS AND TRADE ARRANGEMENTS**

## UNDER WHICH BELIZE CAN EXPORT AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER PRODUCTS

TYPE OF TRADE REGIME	NUMBER = 13
Unilateral Trade Arrangements: a. Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI-CBTPA) by the USA b. CARIBCAN by Canada	2
Regional Integration Agreements (EPAs & CSME)	3
CARICOM Bilateral Trade Agreements	5
Belize Bilateral Trade Agreements	2
Pending Trade Negotiations by Belize	1

# **Regional Integration Agreements**

1. CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)
2. CARIFORUM-United Kingdom Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)
3. The Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Including the CSME

NOTE: Belize's Current Focus is on exporting poultry products to CARICOM

# **CARICOM BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS**

(under principle of ‘non-reciprocity for the LDCs’):

- ❖ The *CARICOM-Venezuela Agreement on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation* (1992)
- ❖ The *CARICOM-Columbia Agreement on Trade and Technical Cooperation* (1994}
- ❖ The *CARICOM-Cuba Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement* (2000)
- ❖ The *CARICOM-Costa Rica Free Trade Agreement* (2004)
- ❖ The *CARICOM-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement* (**2004**)

**Belize is legally entitled to export agricultural products under all five trade agreements.**

# **BELIZE'S BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS**

1. Belize-Guatemala Partial Scope Agreement (2010)
2. Belize Taiwan Partial Scope Trade Agreement (2020)

## **NOTE:**

Negotiation of a **Belize-Mexico Partial Scope Agreement** is currently being pursued by the DGFT.

# **NEW PROSPECTS FOR EXPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES TO MEXICO UNDER A PSA**

The DGFT is currently in the pre-negotiating phase for the negotiation of a **Partial Scope Agreement (PSA)** with Mexico. The current status is that Belize is well prepared for the launch of trade negotiations, but is awaiting clearance of the draft **Trade Negotiating Framework** prepared by the DGFT and submitted to Mexico for its consideration and approval. **Still awaiting Mexico's response.**

Consultations with the productive private sector are still ongoing to ensure that there is consideration for all possible goods that Belize can produce to be included in the **List of Goods of Export Interest** to Belize in a PSA with Mexico.

Collaboration between the DGFT and the Ministry of Agriculture is ongoing mainly through the following **key institutional arrangements** established by the **Belize Cabinet**, and which operate under leadership of the DGFT (as **Secretariat**):

1. The inter-Ministerial **Trade Technical Team (TTT)**
2. The **Trade Negotiating Team (TNT)**
3. The **National Trade Negotiating Commission (NTNC)**