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## **Cuba**

### **Market Development Reports**

## **Websites with Cuban Agricultural and Trade Information**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Looking for trade regulations, market research, trade events, travel service providers, or general background information on Cuba? This is your "One-Stop Info-Shop on Cuba related websites and links providing useful information for companies seeking to export U.S. agricultural products to Cuba.**

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The websites and links listed in this report provide useful information which may be of interest to U.S. suppliers seeking to export U.S. agricultural products to Cuba. While it is impractical to provide a complete list of websites relating to Cuba, this partial list is furnished with the understanding that no discrimination is intended. Furthermore, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) does not assume responsibility for the reliability or accuracy of any information made available on any non-USDA website.

## A. U.S. Government websites and links.

### 1. <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/cuba/cuba.html>

The USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) website contains the following information related to Cuba:

- Answers to frequently asked questions
- General agricultural background
- Commodity fact sheets
- U.S. foreign policy, travel guidance, and general background information
- Export & trade guidance (with links to U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control websites)
- Trade data
- Trade Sanctions Reform & Export Enhancement Act of 2000

In addition,

! <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/sanctions.html> link provides:

- Federal Register Notices for exports of agricultural commodities to Cuba
- A list of eligible agricultural commodities under Section 902(1) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-387)

! <http://www.fas.usda.gov/scriptsw/attacherep/default.asp> link provides:

- Cuba - Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards, FAIRS (current)
- Cuba - HRI Cuba Food Service Sector (upcoming)

### 2. <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/cuba.htm>

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) link for poultry export requirements and FSIS certification for Cuba. This link also contains contact information on the FSIS Technical Service Center (<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/TSC/>), where exporters can seek assistance on export requirements.

### 3. <http://www.bxa.doc.gov>

The U.S. Department of Commerce (USDOC), Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) website. Click on the options listed under "Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act implemented" for BXA regulations, answers to frequently asked questions, and other useful information.

4. <http://www.treas.gov/ofac/ofactxt.html>

The **U.S. Department of the Treasury (USDT), Office of Foreign Assets Control's (OFAC)** link to an overview of Cuban assets control regulations and guidelines and information on the Cuba sanctions program, including information on travel restrictions to Cuba.

In addition, [http://www.treas.gov/ofac/cuba\\_tsp.pdf](http://www.treas.gov/ofac/cuba_tsp.pdf), links to a list of OFAC-Authorized Travel Service Providers that help disseminate the basic rules, regulations and necessary documentation essential in planning a visit to Cuba.

5. <http://ftp.usitc.gov/pub/reports/studies/pub3398.pdf>

**U.S. International Trade Commission Report (Publication 3398).** A 360-page report titled, "Economic Impact of U.S. Trade Sanctions With Respect to Cuba," Investigation No. 332-413, February 2001. This report provides estimates of U.S. exports to Cuba for various agricultural commodities if trade restrictions are reduced.

6. <http://state.gov/r/pa/bgn/index.cfm?docid=2886>

The **U.S. Department of State's** link to general background information on Cuba such as travel and business, government structure, economic conditions, and trade relations. In addition, this link provides global access to official foreign policy information including daily press briefings, recent health advisories, travel warnings, and public announcements.

7. <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook>

The **Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) World Factbook website** provides general information, reference maps, field listings, and current information on Heads of State in Cuba and other countries around the globe.

## **B. Non-U.S. Government websites and links.**

1. <http://www.cubanag.ifas.ufl.edu>

The **University of Florida's Cuban-Agriculture website** features agricultural data, useful production and trade publications with current information on the agricultural and fisheries sectors in Cuba.

*English only.*

2. <http://www.cubatrade.org>

The **U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council's website** provides an educational structure in which the U.S. business community may access accurate, consistent, and timely information and analysis on matters and issues of interest regarding United States-Republic of Cuba commercial, economic, and political relations. The U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council does not take positions with respect to United States-Republic of Cuba political relations.

*English only.*

3. <http://www.fita.org>

The **Federation of International Trade Association's website** is a well documented source for trade leads, news, events, and a link library of 4,000+ sites related to international trade such as a Buy/Sell Exchange, Global Trade Shop, and a Directory of US-based Export Management Companies. Information on web resources, trade, and events specific to Cuba can be accessed by applying "Cuba" to the search option.

*English & Spanish.*

4. <http://www.eclac.cl>

The **U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean website** promotes economic and social development in the region, provides advisory services to governments, organizes conferences, and assists in bringing regional perspective to global problems. For Cuba-specific information, the "Search" option will provide a myriad of information on Cuba's (past and present) political, economic and social situation.

*English & Spanish.*

5. <http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb>

The **Proquest Direct website** service provides newspaper articles, scholarly journals, and general interest magazines on a wide variety of topics with special emphasis on business and trade topics. A "surf and search" of Cuba-specific topics provides a multitude of publications that will allow users to quickly familiarize themselves with Cuba's historical background and current issues. (updated daily)

*English only.*

6. <http://www.alamarcuba.com>

The Washington-based **Alamar Associates website** facilitates/consults with U.S. corporations, organizations and media outlets interested in pursuing business in and with Cuba. In addition, Alamar offers a full range of consulting services (such as market entry, personal contacts, licenses, market studies, and conferences) to clients wishing to prepare for entry into the Cuban market.

*English only.*

7. <http://translation2.paralink.com>

The **PROMT-Reverso Online Translation website** assists in free and accurate translations of any document such as email messages or business letters.

*English & Spanish.*

8. <http://www.cubanwhitepages.com>

The **Cuban White Pages website** supports an on-line telephone directory for Cuba that searches by name, business, address, city, or specific province.

*English & Spanish.*

9. <http://www.cofacerating.com>

The **Coface Group @rating website** showcases an international finance program that helps SME's (Small to Medium sized Enterprises) reduce credit risk. Currently, Coface provides credit reports on Cuban companies. Coface may also offer risk protection for U.S. exports in the future.

*English & Spanish.*

### C. Cuban Based Websites and Links.

1. <http://www.cubaweb.cu>

The **CubaWeb website** presents an integrated system of information and services divided into subcategories (such as business, events, culture, etc.) guiding users towards the right area of interest. This link also provides a news service covering the most relevant daily news events in the various provinces of Cuba.

*English & Spanish.*

2. <http://www.camaracuba.cu/otros.htm>

The **Cuban Chamber of Commerce website** offers an all-encompassing interactive E-community that provides user-friendly access to Cuban based E-commerce sites in areas such as:

- Travel Agencies
- Banks
- Insurance (business/personal/travelers)
- National Hotel
- Rental Car Agencies
- Money Transfer
- Communications (cellular, fax, e-mail)
- Trademarks, patents and domain names
- Online Shopping
- Culture

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In addition, <http://www.camaracuba.cu/Extranet/Incoterms.asp> links to a detailed step-by-step explanation and pictorial showcase of INCOTERMS definitions and responsibilities.

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3. <http://www.aduana.islagrande.cu>

The **Cuban Customs website** offers detailed information on Customs clearance legislation, requirements, procedures, and other information pertinent to personal travel, courier shipment, and commercial trade.

*English & Spanish.*

4. <http://www.ocpi.cu>

The **Cuban Office of Intellectual Property website** offers information on trademark/brand name registration including a list of legal firms offering registration services.

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5. <http://www.prensa-latina.org>

Internationally known Cuban-based newspaper, **Prensa-Latina's website** is dedicated to general topics such as culture, sports, science, and world technology with special emphasis on international politics and economics. (updated daily)

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