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Report Highlights: Slovakia, along with other countries in the region, is about to finalize a preferential trade agreement covering certain agricultural products traded with the European Union. A list of the commodities covered and the preferential tariff rates are provided in this report.

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EU negotiations with Slovakia on agricultural trade

Under article 21 (5) of “European Agreement on Association of Slovakia to European Community“, EU member-states started negotiations with Slovakia at the end of 1998. The purpose of the agreement is to remove barriers to trade as a transitional measure before full EU membership is granted.

As a result of these negotiations, the EU and Slovakia agreed to trade concessions for certain agricultural products effective July 1, 2000. The concessions will be applied as unilateral, non-binding measures until they are approved in the national parliaments of EU member countries as well as the National Council of the Slovak Republic.

Separate negotiations on processed food products are expected to be completed by the end of 2000, with an agreement going into effect January 1, 2001. AGRI, (the EU Commission’s former DG VI) is not responsible for processed food. These negotiations will be done by **DG Enterprise**, (the former DG III), which is also responsible for industrial food products. The trade of fish products is not covered because there is no negotiating mandate from the EU Commission.

Based on the principle of ‘symmetry and reciprocity’, the EU submitted a proposal to liberalize three broad categories of agricultural commodities:

1. non-sensitive commodities
2. minimum sensitive commodities
3. sensitive commodities

Non-sensitive commodities: For commodities listed under this category, there will be no duty for all trade between the EU and Slovakia. Currently, EU applies tariffs of approximately 10% to this category of while Slovakia applies a slightly lower rate.

Minimally sensitive commodities: Trade of minimally sensitive commodities will be liberalized through a so called "double zero" initiative, meaning trade under a certain volume (under a TRQ) will have no tariffs applied and both parties, (generally the EU) will forgo the use of export subsidies. This agreement specifically covers pork, poultry, cheese, salami, fresh tomatoes and processed tomatoes. Volumes of preferential quotas within this system, will increase by 60% over a four year period. The EU has agreed not to use export subsidies for products listed in this category, even if exports exceed the "double zero" TRQ.

Sensitive commodities: Sensitive commodities are subject of further discussions and have not yet been negotiated.

In addition to the three categories, Slovakia developed another list of products for further trade liberalization. Commodities such as animal nutrition additives, small fruits, black cherries, (non-roasted) malt, asparagus, and fruit juices will be covered. The EU promised to cancel tariffs on these commodities within set quotas, which are based on traditional trade flows. Quotas were set unilaterally for exports to the EU (e.g. small fruits), or at equal quantities (e.g. asparagus). Based on this agreement, exports to the EU from Slovakia will increase. The most important commodity on this list is malt, where the EU canceled the within quota duty. Another important product class is animal feed additives, where the EU will open up its (protected) market to imports from Slovakia.

(Note: \$1 US = about 45 SKK)

New Agricultural Concessions of Slovak Republic and EU

LIST 1A: Agricultural products with 0% tariff - Export to EU

HS	EU Tariffs	Preferential tariffs for Slovakia	Exports to EU in Mil.SKK
	[%]		
01012010	7.7		
01042010	3.2		
01060010	3.8		0.4
01060020	6.4		
02050011	5.1		
02050019	5.1		
02050090	5.1		
02068091	6.4		
02069091	6.4		
02071391	6.4	1.6	
02071491	6.4	1.6	
02072691	6.4	1.6	
02072791	6.4	1.6	
02073591	6.4	1.6	
02073689	6.4	0.0	
02081011	6.4	4.5	
02081019	6.4	4.5	
02082000	6.4	0.0	
02089010	6.4	3.2	
02089050	6.4	0.0	
02089060	9.0		
02089080	9.0		
02109010	6.4		
02109079	6.4		
04070090	7.7		
04100000	7.7		
06011010	5.1		

06011020	5.1
06011030	5.0

HS	EU Tariffs %	Preferential tariffs for Slovakia	Exports to EU in Mil.SKK
06011040	5.1		
06011090	5.1		
06012030	9.6		
06012090	6.4		
06021090	4.0		1.6
06022090	8.3	0.7	5.7
06023000	8.3	0.7	
06024010	8.3	0.6	0.1
06024090	8.3	5.5	
06029010	8.3	0.6	
06029030	8.3		0.2
06029041	8.3		
06029045	6.5		
06029049	8.3		0.1
06029051	8.3		
06029059	8.3		2.2
06029070	6.5		6.6
06029091	6.5	0.0	3.5
06029099	6.5		0.4
06031030	12.0	2,4(Q)	
06031040	12.0	2,4(Q)	
06031050	12.0	2,4(Q)	
06039000	10.0	3.5	0.2
06041090	5.0	3.5	0.1
06049121	2.5	1.7	
06049129	2.5	1.7	
06049141	2.5	1.7	
06049149	2.5	1.7	
06049190	2.0	0.0	
06049990	10.9		0.2
07011000	4.5	1.6	
07031011	9.6		
07039000	10.4		0.1
07081020	8.3		
07081095	8.0		
07095130	3.2	0 (Q)	15.7
07095150	5.6	0 (Q)	0.4
07095190	6.4	0 (Q)	0.3
07095200	6.4		
07099040	5.6		
07099050	8.0		
07108059	6.4		
07111000	7.2		
07113000	4.8		
07119010	6.4		
07119070	9.6		
07135000	3.2		0.8
07139010	3.2		
07139090	3.2		11.8

HS	EU Tariffs %	Preferential tariffs for Slovakia	Exports to EU in Mil.SKK
07149090	3.8		
08021290	3.5		0.2
08022100	3.2		0.1
08022200	3.2		0.2
08023100	4.0		5.8
08023200	5.1	0 (Q)	19.8
08024000	5.6		
08025000	1.6		
08029050	3.2		
08029060	2.0		0.1
08029085	3.2		
08062011	2.4		
08062012	2.4		
08062018	2.4		
08062091	2.4		
08062092	2.4		0.1
08062098	2.4		
08082090	7.2		
08104030	3.2	0 (Q)	
08104050	3.2	0 (Q)	
08104090	9.6	0 (Q)	
08105000	8.0		
08109085	8.5		0.1
08119070	3.2	0.8	
08119085	9.0	1.8	
08121000	8.8		
08129030	2.3		
08129040	6.4		
08129050	8.8		0.2
08129060	8.8		
08129070	5.5		
08129095	8.8		0.2
08131000	5.6		3.1
08132000	9.6		5.3
08133000	3.2		0.1
08134010	5.6		
08134030	6.4		0.1
08134050	2.0		
08134095	2.4		9.4
08135012	4.0		
08135015	6.4		0.3
08135019	9.6		6.4
08135031	4.0		
08135039	6.4		0.9
08135091	8.0		0.2
08135099	9.6		0.7
08140000	1.6		1.1
09011200	8.3		
09012100	7.5		0.2

HS	EU Tariffs %	Preferential tariffs for Slovakia	Exports to EU in Mil.SKK
09012200	9.0		
09021000	3.2		
09041200	4.0		1.7
09050000	6.0		
09070000	8.0		
09102090	8.5		
09104013	7.0		
09104019	8.5		
09104090	7.0		
09109190	12.5		
09109999	12.5		
10061010	7.7		
10070010	6.4		
11061000	7.7		
11063090	8.3		
12081000	4.5		
12091100	8.3		3.4
12091900	8.3		
12092100	2.5		0.6
12092380	2.5		
12092950	2.5		
12092980	2.5		1.1
12093000	3.0		
12099110	3.0		
12099190	3.0		11.3
12099991	3.0		
12099999	4.0		
12119030	3.0		
12121010	5.1		
12121099	5.8		
13021905	3.0		
15030019	5.1		
15030090	6.4		
15041010	3.8		
15041099	3.8		
15042010	10.9		
15043010	10.9		
15071010	3.2		
15071090	6.4		
15079010	5.1		
15079090	9.6		
15081090	6.4		
15089010	5.1		
15089090	9.6		
15111090	3.8		
15119019	10.9		
15119091	5.1		
15119099	9.0		
15122110	3.2		

HS	EU Tariffs %	Preferential tariffs for Slovakia	Exports to EU in Mil.SKK
15122190	6.4		
15122910	5.1		
15122990	9.6		
15131110	2.5		
15131191	12.8		
15131199	6.4		
15131919	10.9		
15131930	5.1		
15131991	12.8		
15131999	9.6		
15132111	3.2		
15132119	3.2		
15132130	12.8		
15132190	6.4		
15132919	10.9		
15132930	5.1		
15132950	12.8		
15132991	9.6		
15132999	9.6		
15152110	3.2		
15152190	6.4		
15152910	5.1		
15152990	9.6		
15153090	5.1		
15155011	3.2		
15155019	6.4		
15155091	5.1		
15155099	9.6		
15159029	6.4		
15159039	9.6		
15159040	3.2		
15159059	6.4		
15159060	5.1		
15162096	9.6		
15180031	3.2		
15180039	5.1		
15180091	7.7		
15180095	2.0		16.5
15220091	3.2		
20081911	7.0		
20081913	9.0		
20081951	8.0		
20089272	8.5		
23025000	5.1		
23069019	48E/t		
23089090	1.6		0.3

New Agricultural Concessions of Slovak Republic and EU

LIST 1B: Agricultural products with 0% tariff - Import from EU

HS	Slovak Tariffs [%]	Preferential tariffs for EU	Imports from EU in Mil.SKK
01011910	8.0		
01039190	21.0		
01039290	21.0		
02061010	2.0		
02061091	3.0		
02061099	2.0		
02062100	2.0		
02062210	2.0		
02062290	3.0		0.6
02062910	2.0		
02062999	2.0		37
02063010	2.0		
02063021	3.0		
02063031	2.0		
02063090	2.0		0.1
02064110	2.0		
02064191	3.0		9.6
02064199	3.0		7.8
02064910	2.0		
02064991	2.0		9.9
02064999	2.0		
02068010	2.0		
02068091	2.0		
02068099	2.0		
02069010	2.0		
02069091	2.0		
02069099	2.0		
02071391	9.0		
02071491	12.0		
02072691	9.0		
02072791	12.0		
02073410	12.0		
02073490	12.0		
02073591	9.0		
02073681	12.0		
02073685	12.0		
02073689	12.0		
02109010	12.0		
02109071	20.0		
02109079	20.0		

HS	Slovak Tariffs	Preferential tariffs for EU	Imports from EU in Mil.SKK
04100000	10.0		
06012010	2.0		
06012030	2.0		
06012090	2.0		
06021010	2.0		0.4
06021090	4.0		0.4
06022010	1.0	0.7	0.1
06022090	1.0	0.7	6.6
06023000	1.0	0.7	0.9
06024010	1.0	0.6	
06024090	1.0	0.6	1.5
06029010	1.0	0.6	
06029030	1.0		0.6
06029091	2.0		24.6
06029099	2.0		68.4
06031040	4 až 17	14.5	0.4
06031050	4 až 17	14.5	37.5
06039000	4.0		1.4
06041090	1.0		1.1
06049121	1.0		1.7
06049129	1.0		0.5
06049141	1.0		
06049149	1.0		
06049190	1.0		31.5
06049910	1.0		0.4
06049990	1.0		5.3
07011000	3.2	1.6	35.8
07031011	3.0		8.6
07039000	10.0		8.6
07081020	11.8		0.2
07081095	11.8		
07108059	2.5		
07111000	3.0		
07119010	3.9		
07119070	3.9		
07129011	1.5		1.0
07131010	1.0		0.6
07131090	1.0		1.9
07134000	2.0		3.2
08062011	2.0	0.0	
08062012	2.0	0.0	
08062018	2.0	0.0	
08062091	2.0	0.0	
08062092	2.0	0.0	0.1

HS	Slovak Tariffs	Preferential tariffs for EU	Imports from EU in Mil.SKK
08062098	2.0	0.0	
08082090	1.7		
08104050	1.0		
08104090	1.0		0.1
08119070	1.7		
08119085	1.7		
08121000	3.0		
08129040	1.5		
08129050	3.0		
08129060	3.0		
08129070	3.0		
08129095	3.0		
08131000	0.8	0.0	0.6
08132000	0.8	0.0	0.6
08133000	0.8	0.0	
08134010	0.8	0.0	
08134030	0.8	0.0	0.1
08134070	0.5	0.0	
08134095	0.5	0.0	
08135012	0.8	0.0	
08135015	0.8	0.0	1.1
08135019	0.8		1.1
09011100	1.0		1.3
09011200	1.0		
09012100	1.0		155.8
09012200	1.0		
09019010	1.0		
09042035	7.0	3.5	
12040090	1.7		0.1
12079910	1.7		0.4
12091100	1.5		98.1
12091900	1.5		
12092100	1.0		8.4
12092210	1.0		0.9
12092280	1.0		3.4
12092311	1.0		0.2
12092315	1.0		1.7
12092380	1.0		0.1
12092400	1.0		0.5
12092510	1.0		0.3

12092590	1.0		5.0
HS	Slovak Tariffs	Preferential tariffs for EU	Imports from EU in Mil.SKK
12092600	1.0		
12092910	1.0		0.2
12092950	1.0		
12092980	1.0		8.0
13021905	1.9		1.0
15030011	4.0		
15030019	4.0		
15030030	4.0		
15030090	4.0		
15100090	2.0		0.3
15119019	2.0		3.6
15119091	1.0		1.0
15119099	2.0		44.5
15132919	2.0		
15132950	2.0		
15132991	2.0		2.0
15132999	2.0		
15152110	5.0		
15152190	5.0		
15152910	5.0		
15152990	5.0		
15159059	2.0	0.0	0.1
15162096	12.0	0.0	65.2
15180031	5.0		
15180039	5.0		0.1
15180091	5.0		5.9
15180095	5.0		0.1
20089272	8.0	4.0	
20089941	10.0		
20089951	10.0		
20096011	4.0	2.0	
20096019	4.0	2.0	
20096051	4.0	2.0	0.4
20096059	4.0	2.0	2.4
20096090	4.0	2.0	
35021110	1.0	0.0	
35021910	1.0	0.0	
35022010	1.0	0.0	
35029020	1.0	0.0	
35029070	1.0	0.0	
35029090	1.0	0.0	
53011000	10.0	4.0	

53012100 10.0 4(0% v Q)

List 2 "Double zero"

Imports from EU (1999)

HS	Commodity	Preferential Quota in MT	Applied tariff in Slovakia (%)	Average Import Price (SKK/KG)	EU Export Subsidies (SKK/KG)
0203	Pork	2000	15*	38.6	6
0207	Poultry	500	15-24***	39	**
0406	Cheese	1300	4,5*	130	40
1601- 1602	Salami, canned meat	200	9*	90	12
0702	Tomatoes	2000	0-8*	15	1
2002	Tomatoe concentrate	1000	7,5*	32	6

* Preferential tariff for import from EU]

** Currently without subsidies

*** within GATT quota

Exports to EU (1999)

HS	Commodity	Preferential Quota in MT	Current tariffs of EU for Slovakia (SKK/KG)	Average Import Price (SKK/KG)	Slovak Export Subsidies (SKK/KG)
0203	Pork	2000	6	38.6	0
0207	Poultry	1200	10	39	0
0406	Cheese	2200	20	130	20
1601- 1602	Salami, canned meat	200	40	90	0
0702	Tomatoes	2000	13	15	0
2002	Tomatoe concentrate	1000	0-14,4	32	0

List 3 - New Products Imports from EU (1999)

HS Code	Commodity	Preferential Quota in MT	Applied Tariff in Slovakia [%]	Average Import Price (SKK/KG)
07081090	Green peas, fresh	100	11.8	34
20019096	Ex-Asparagus	100	9	22
20056000	Asparagus	100	2.4	64
2309	Feed additives for animal nutrition	27 376*	1,2-2	31

* Total Import from Eu in 1999

Exports to EU (1999)

HS Code	Commodity	Preferential Quota in MT	Applied Tariff in EU [%]	Average Export Price (SKK/KG)
07081090	Green peas, fresh	100	14.2	34
07092000	Asparagus, fresh	400	10.2	78
07101000	Potatoes, frozen	100	14.4	24
08092005	Black cherry, for processing	100	12	16
08103010	Black current	100	8.8	32
08103030	Red current	100	8.8	18
08112019	Other fruits, frozen	100	20.8	47
08112031	Raspberries, frozen	100	14.4	42
08112039	Black current, frozen	250	14.4	40
08112051	Red current, frozen	270	12	17
08119050	Fruits of Vaccinium	250	12	76
08119075	Black cherry, frozen	150	14.4	33
08119095	Other frozen fruits	900	14.4	18
11071099	Malt, non-roasted	18,125	1,2 SKK/KG	13
20019096	Ex-Asparagus	100	16	22
20056000	Asparagus	100	17.6	64
ex2009	Fruit juices	300	12-33,6	77
2309	Feed Additives for animal nutrition	9205*	4-42 SKK/KG	31

* Total Import from EU in 1999

