

The UK-Madagascar Trade Partnership Offer

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Madagascar benefits from a generous UK Trade Preference Scheme, giving thousands of products tariff-free access to the UK market. Learn how to access it here.

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The UK-Madagascar Trade Partnership - Building Opportunities Together

The United Kingdom's trade partnership with Madagascar is built on two complementary frameworks: the expanded Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS) and the UK-Eastern and Southern Africa Economic Partnership Agreement (UK-ESA EPA).

Together, they support Malagasy exporters with:

- one of the world's most generous trade preference systems
- 100% tariff-free access on thousands of products
- simpler and more flexible rules of origin
- streamlined processes for integrating into global supply chains

Key Benefits for Malagasy Exporters

1. Reduced Tariffs and Fewer Trade Barriers

- duty-free access on nearly all products
- removal of nuisance and seasonal tariffs
- continued protection for sensitive Malagasy industries

2. Simpler and More Generous Rules of Origin

- higher non-originating content thresholds (up to 75%)
- alternative product-specific rules
- wide cumulation options with over 90 developing countries

3. Expanded Regional Cumulation (Effective January 2026)

- Madagascar can now source materials from all African countries with UK association agreements
- more details available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-trade-agreements-in-effect>

Benefits of Trading with the UK

A strong and growing UK-Madagascar relationship

The UK is committed to strengthening its trade partnership with Madagascar. Malagasy exporters benefit from predictable and generous preferential arrangements that support access to the UK's £3 trillion economy and its 69 million consumers.

A more generous and accessible UK trade regime

Launched in June 2023, the DCTS is one of the world's most far-reaching preference systems. Madagascar benefits from "Comprehensive Preferences", the highest possible tier - providing 99% tariff-free access to the UK market.

Supporting Malagasy businesses

The scheme helps Malagasy firms build competitive regional value chains while maintaining preferential access to the UK.

Exporting to the UK: two options

Madagascar-based businesses may export using either:

- the Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS), or
- the UK-ESA Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)

Exporters should choose based on:

- documentation requirements
- supply chain models
- rules of origin
- sector-specific advantages

How to claim preferential access

Exporters must:

- classify their goods correctly using the UK tariff database
- comply with rules of origin and undertake sufficient processing
- maintain documentation such as supplier declarations and proofs of origin
- meet UK regulatory standards (customs, food safety, phytosanitary, labelling)

Download Guidance Materials

- Finding UK buyers

UK_BUYERS_AND_PARTNERS (PDF, 1.47 MB, 2 pages)

- How to claim preferential access and Rules of Origin guidance

HOW_TO_CLAIM_DCTS_PREFERENCES (PDF, 2.62 MB, 2 pages)

- DCTS: How the scheme works

How_the_Schemes_Work (PDF, 1.48 MB, 24 pages)

More support and resources for exporters

Official Information

The UK Government provides a range of tools to support Malagasy exporters access guidance on trading:

- Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS) - GOV.UK
- <https://www.gov.uk/import-goods-into-uk>
- https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/find_commodity

Growth Gateway

A UK initiative supporting Africa-UK trade with:

- business advice
- market insights
- B2B connections
- access to finance

<https://growthgateway.campaign.gov.uk/>

Find UK supply chains

Digital Pathways connects Malagasy distributors, agents, wholesalers, and partners with UK suppliers and trade opportunities.

Trade enquiries

Email the UK Embassy in Antananarivo:

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Subject line: TRADE ENQUIRY

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-uk-madagascar-trade-partnership-offer>