

ABSTRACT

Marketing of agro-industry products of Surinamese origin on the local and EU market

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Frequent evaluation of effects of trade agreements on sectors enables governments to identify and eliminate inconsistencies in domestic investment and production environments, thus benefiting growth, while this also sets standards for future negotiations and renegotiations.

This research paper presents an analytical method for evaluation of effects of the Cariforum-EU Economic Partnership Agreement on the market access position of specific agro-industry products of Surinamese origin on the EU and local market. Specific market access requirements for products in the agreement are analyzed and documented.

The analysis is based on the Sussex framework, developed at the University of Sussex. The framework is an analytical pattern to identify potential benefits of proposed partial trade agreements or economic partnership agreements. It may also be used to evaluate agreements that have already entered the implementation stage or are about to be implemented.

The study's conclusion has it that the Cariforum-EU Economic Partnership Agreement creates opportunities for increased business between Suriname and the European regions. It is concluded that new facilities for import and investment liberalization are not in any way linked to upgraded production and competitive capacity of the Surinamese market, thus maneuvering domestic producers in to a rather disadvantaged position.

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