

National Board of Trade

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The National Board of Trade is the Swedish government agency for foreign trade and trade policy. The Board provides the government with analyses and recommendations and participates in international meetings and in negotiation processes.

The mission of the National Board of Trade is to promote free trade and transparent rules for international trade in all trade policy areas.

The EU Single Market

The Board's work is intended to achieve an efficient Internal Market with free movement of goods, services, capital and persons within the EU, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Sweden's SOLVIT Centre at The National Board of Trade provides assistance to companies and private citizens encountering trade barriers. This service is free of charge.

In order to prevent new trade barriers the National Board of Trade examines laws and regulations proposed by member countries within the Single Market. Companies may contact the Board for information on Swedish requirements for goods and services.

EU Trade Policy

The analyses from the National Board of Trade are used by the Swedish government to influence EU trade policy, including negotiations within the WTO. The Board also plays a vital part prior to and during EU negotiations on new free trade agreements.

The responsibility for applying common EU trade policies, e.g. import licences, rests with The National Board of Trade.

Trade Barriers

The National Board of Trade aims to reduce trade barriers. One important task is to examine and influence national technical regulations in relation to the WTO regulatory regime. Another is to promote trade facilitation, in Sweden and abroad with the Swedish Trade Procedures Council, SWEPRO.

Developments in Trade

The National Board of Trade continuously monitors and analyses developments in foreign trade. Trade statistics are published on a regular basis.

Developing Countries

The Board is increasingly engaged in developing cooperation and invites civil servants and institutions in developing countries to participate in trade policy programmes. *Long-term* capacity building programmes in African and Asian countries are envisaged for the future. The International Consulting Office (ICO) at the Board is responsible for this cooperation.

The Board's Open Trade Gate Sweden works to facilitate exports to Sweden from developing countries. It provides information on the regulations and requirements that apply for exports of different products to Sweden and to the EU. The information service is free of charge.

The National Board of Trade

The National Board of Trade was founded in 1651. It reports to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The Board is located in Stockholm and has around 100 employees. The analyses carried out are published by the Board in a number of reports each year.





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