

# SURVEY ON TRADE BARRIERS 2008

## Export and import trade, investments

### Instructions:

- In sections 1–13 we have listed common trade and investment barriers by barrier type.
- Please describe the barrier your company has encountered by indicating 1) which product, service or investment it applies to, 2) which country it concerns and 3) how it has restrained or complicated your business, and does it cause extra costs. Furthermore we would ask you to inform us, if it is known by you, on which legislation of the target country, directive of authorities or demand of another entity the barrier is based.
- The classification of the trade and investment barriers is indicative, and in section 14 you can report a barrier which does not belong to any of the listed classifications. Where necessary, you can use a separate annex for answering.
- Your answer is confidential and no possible further action will be taken before contacting the company in question.
- **We ask you to respond to the questionnaire by 5.12.2008** either using the attached form or by mail to the following address: Ministry for Foreign Affairs, KPO-20, P.O.Box 413, 00023 Government, Finland. The questionnaire is available also in Finnish and Swedish.
- If your company has reported barriers to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs before, we would ask you to update your previous answer if needed for example in section 16 of the questionnaire. In the same section you can also let us know if the situation is unchanged.
- In case your company has not encountered any trade barriers we would ask you to indicate that in section 17, fill in the company's basic information and contact details, and return the questionnaire.
- Your answer is important to us, in order for us to best serve your company and work for removing the barriers in your export and import markets. Thank you for your cooperation!

#### Further information:

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**1. Customs tariffs related to export and import**

E.g. highly restrictive and/or discriminatory duty levels, tariff quotas used as a trade barrier, temporary duty increases, export and import levies and other export or import related mandatory levies

Product	Country
Barrier / problem	

**2. Anti-dumping duties, countervailing duties and safeguard measures in export and import**

- a. a) Anti-dumping and countervailing duties, safeguard measures, price undertakings and equivalent actions
- b. b) Have you come across problems in anti-dumping, countervailing duty or safeguard investigations? Have you received enough information and support from the EC Commission or national authorities during the inquiry procedures?

Product	Country
Barrier / problem	

**3. Customs proceedings in export and import**

E.g. inconsistent or constantly changing customs clearance practices, slow customs handling, unclarity of customs classifications or their inconsistent usage, demand of extra documents or alteration of documents, special measures, such as negative repercussion of anti-terrorism measures in trade procedures

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Barrier / problem	

**4. Taxation, fiscal legislation and other additional fees**

Taxes (e.g. tax at source, luxury tax, VAT) or similar fees other than duties and import levies, which discriminate foreign companies or products manufactured by them in favour of national companies; other fiscal factors (e.g. VAT refunds)

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Barrier / problem	

**5. Quantitative restrictions and licensing**

E.g. import or export bans and quotas, licensing requirements and requirements concerning surveillance documents, import or export monopolies, exclusive rights, needs test

Product / service / investment	Country
Barrier / problem	

**6. Technical Barriers to Trade**

Technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures which discriminate imports, are exceptionally heavy or differ from internationally accepted requirements or practices

Product / service / investment	Country
Barrier / problem	

**7. Industrial property rights and copyrights**

E.g. problems and shortcomings in the legislation on copyrights, trademarks, patents and industrial design; breaches of the above-mentioned rights and consequences related to them

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Barrier / problem	

**8. Public Procurement**

Discrimination in tendering organised by a public sector or a comparable entity, e.g. insufficient information provision, favouring domestic companies or other factors that prevent or hinder participation in tendering

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Barrier / problem	

**9. Competition environment**

E.g. insufficient or changing competition legislation, monopolies, cartels, discriminatory trade and distribution channel networks, competition-distorting subsidies to domestic companies

Product / service / investment	Country
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Barrier / problem

**10. Questions concerning the company's judicial position**

E.g. requirements on company form or ownership, restrictions on foreign ownership, demands of joint venture, acquisition of licences

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**11. Business environment of the target country**

Corruption, uncertainty of economic, political and social stability of the target country, insufficient legislation and infrastructure: e.g. uncertainty of ownership, underdeveloped transport and communication networks, waste management, etc.

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**12. Movement of persons**

E.g. obtaining of visas or residence and work permits, requirements concerning degrees and qualifications, domicile or usage of local experts, factors concerning employment conditions and working conditions

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Barrier / problem

**13. Capital movements and current transactions**

Regulations relating to transfer of funds, e.g. repatriation of profits, delays in payments caused by authorities

Product / service / investment	Country
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Barrier / problem

**14. Other problems / barriers not mentioned above**

E.g. obligations to use domestic raw materials and input in production, export obligations in order to gain certain investment or import benefits; availability of credits, insurances, guarantees or services (e.g. transport services); requirements on accounting and audit; conduct of business associates and functioning of distribution networks; availability of information about markets and trade practices; other barriers

Product / service / investment	Country
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Barrier / problem



**15. Removing a trade, service or investment barrier**

Have you been in touch with domestic authorities or authorities of the target country concerning trade or investment barrier questions? What kind of information and help did you receive? You can also present your own view on how the trade/ service/ investment barrier(s) you reported could be removed.

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**16. Further comments / updates to earlier reported barriers**

(If possible please indicate the barrier number and which country it concerns)

17.  **Our company has not encountered any trade barriers**

### Company information

Name of the company *		Name of the group of companies	
Address of the company			
The company's main branch of industry *			
The following information applies to: the company <input type="checkbox"/>			
the group <input type="checkbox"/>			
Number of employees 2007			
Turnover 2007 €	Export 2007 €	Import 2007 €	
Division of export and import			
	Export	Import	
EU-countries			%
Other European countries			%
North America			%
South and Central America			%
		Asia and Pacific rim	%
		Russia and CIS	%
		Africa and Middle East	%
		Other? _____	%
<b>The company belongs to the following organisations:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Confederation of Finnish Industries EK	<input type="checkbox"/> The Federation of Finnish Enterprises	<input type="checkbox"/> The Central Chamber of Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Finpro

### Contact information

Name and position of the respondent *		
Telephone *	Fax	Email *

\* We hope you will fill in at least the sections marked with an asterisk

**Thank you for your answer!**

● We will contact your company if we need further information.

● If you do not wish to be contacted, please, indicate it here:

No thank you, we do not wish to be contacted.