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**Report Highlights:**

Australia and India have signed a new trade agreement, the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI ECTA). More than 85 per cent of Australian goods exports will have tariffs eliminated. Along with this agreement, Australia and India have agreed to promote agricultural trade and will work toward concluding an enhanced agricultural Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

## **Summary of Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI ECTA)**

Australia and India have signed a trade agreement, the [Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement](#) (AI ECTA). According to the April 2, 2022, [Media Release](#) this new agreement would make Australian exports to India cheaper and create new opportunities for workers and businesses.

According to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade the benefits for agriculture in AI ECTA include:

- Sheep meat tariffs of 30 per cent will be eliminated on entry into force, providing a boost for Australian exports that already command nearly 20 per cent of India's market
- Wool will have the current 2.5 per cent tariffs eliminated on entry into force, supporting Australia's second-largest market for wool products.
- Tariffs up to 30 per cent on avocados, onions, broad kidney and adzuki beans, cherries, shelled pistachios, macadamias, cashews in-shell, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, currants will be eliminated over seven years.
- Tariffs on almonds, lentils, oranges, mandarins, pears, apricots, and strawberries will be reduced, improving opportunities for Australia's horticulture industry to supply India's growing food demand.

Australia and India have also agreed to undertake cooperation to promote agricultural trade as part of the agreement and will now work toward concluding an enhanced agricultural Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

According to media reports, due to sensitivity in India, major Australian exports such as dairy and chickpeas are missing from this agreement.

For specific details on tariff commitments for Australian agriculture please visit link below.

[Schedule Tariff Commitments of India](#) and [Notes](#)

### **Attachments:**

No Attachments.