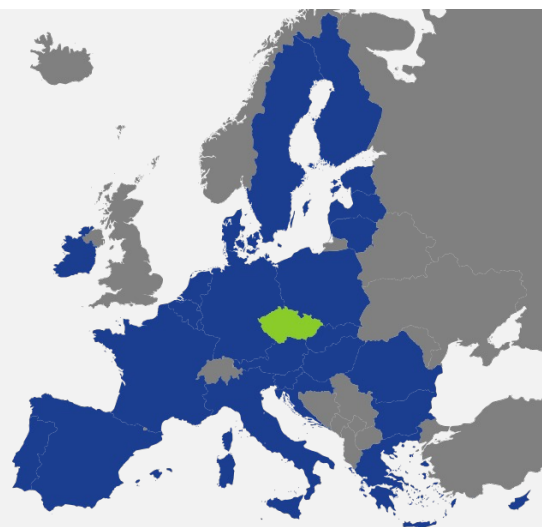


EU-NZ FTA COUNTRY FACTSHEET CZECH REPUBLIC



Overview of benefits



Eliminates **customs tariffs** for Czech exporters and importers



Improves **market access** for Czech service providers



Protects **distinct Czech** food and drink products



Enables opportunities for **green** Czech firms and **technology**



Supports Czech **small- and medium-sized businesses** to export



Creates opportunities for Czech **digital firms** to export their services



Enables Czech firms to bid on **public contracts** in New Zealand



Facilitates Czech **investments** into New Zealand

Trade in goods and services

Top-5 exported goods from the Czech Republic to New Zealand

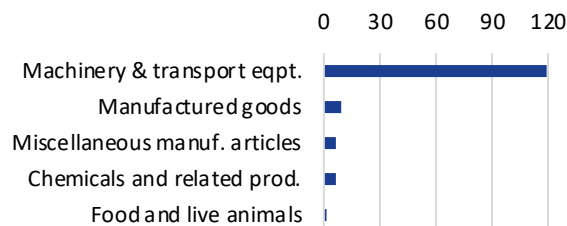


Figure 1: Top-5 exported goods in million Euros, 2023
(Source: [Eurostat](#))

Top exported services from the Czech Republic to New Zealand

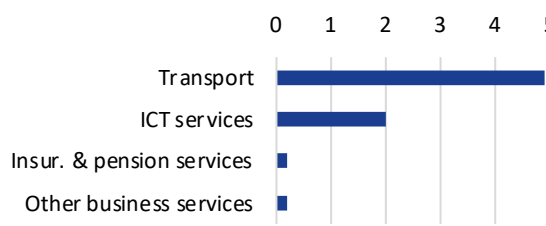


Figure 2: Top exported services in million Euros, 2022
(Source: [Eurostat](#))



Trade in goods

In 2023, Czech goods exports to New Zealand exceeded **€140 million**, led by **machinery and transport equipment**, totalling over €119 million. This was followed by **manufactured goods** (€9 million) and **miscellaneous manufactured articles** (€7 million). The EU-NZ FTA brings **significant tariff eliminations**, enhancing Czech firms' competitiveness across these and other sectors.



Machinery and transport equipment

Road vehicles (€85 million) are the main export for machinery and transport equipment. This is followed by **office machinery and automated data processing equipment** (€17 million), and **industry-specific machinery** (€6 million), including agricultural machinery (€3 million).



Prior to the FTA, tariffs in this sector were **as high as 10%**, however, these have been **eliminated**, dropping to **0%** since the entry into force. For example, the tariff rate for motorhomes (HS 8703.40.10), previously 10%, is now 0%.



Manufactured goods

Manufactures of metal (€3 million) are the main exports, including articles of iron or steel wire (€1 million). This is followed by **rubber manufactures** (€3 million), such as rubber tyres (€2 million); and **non-metallic mineral manufactures** (€1.4 million), such as glass (€0.6 million).



Prior to the FTA, tariffs in this sector were **as high as 10%**, however, these have been **eliminated**, dropping to **0%** since the entry into force. For example, the tariff rate for slag, rock, or similar mineral wools (HS 6806.10.00), previously 5%, is now 0%.



Miscellaneous manufactured articles

The main exports are **miscellaneous articles** (€4 million), including toys, games, and sports goods (€3 million). This is followed by **professional and scientific control instruments** (€2 million), dominated by medical and surgical instruments; and **lighting appliances** (€0.2 million).



Prior to the FTA, tariffs in this sector were **as high as 10%**, however, these have been **eliminated**, dropping to **0%** since the entry into force. For example, the tariff rate for automatic regulating instruments (HS 9032.89.00), previously 5%, is now 0%.



Trade in services

Czech service exports amounted to **€7.3 million** in 2022. Of this, the **transport sector** accounted for the largest share with €4.9 million, dominated by **road transport** (€2.3 million).

The agreement facilitates **easier access** for Czech firms to New Zealand's service market, ensuring a **level playing field** for Czech service providers in sectors like **telecommunications, financial services, and international maritime transport**. Additionally, the FTA includes advanced provisions for the **movement of business professionals**, allowing Czech firms to efficiently post managers or specialists and their **families** to subsidiaries in New Zealand.



Support framework for exporters

The FTA introduces a comprehensive regulatory framework designed to simplify export procedures and reduce compliance costs for Czech firms. This includes **streamlined customs processes** and **easy access to essential information**. Central to this effort is the European Commission's **Access2Markets** platform, which provides detailed information and guidance on **tariffs, rules of origin** ([Rules of Origin Self-Assessment Tool - ROSA](#)), **taxes, import procedures and formalities, product requirements, trade barriers, and trade flow statistics**. The databases are restricted to users in the EU. EU companies' offices outside the EU can request access via this [form](#).



Please visit the EU's **Access2Markets** platform for more information

Investment opportunities



Figure 3: Investment opportunities for Czech firms and investors

In 2022, the Czech Republic's foreign direct investment (FDI) stock in the Oceania and polar region amounted to **€23.8 million**, according to [Eurostat](#), with the service sector being the sole area for investment activities. Currently, a small number of Czech subsidiaries are active in New Zealand.

The FTA lays the groundwork for increased Czech investment in New Zealand, particularly in sectors such as

- **renewable energy**
- **water treatment and management**
- **advanced manufacturing**

aligning with the Czech Republic's investment strengths.

Czech investment in New Zealand is poised for growth, supported by a **favourable investment climate** and shared priorities in **sustainability and innovation**. Under the FTA, the investment screening threshold has been doubled to **NZD 200 million (~€110 million)**. This adjustment impacts Czech investors planning to **acquire significant business assets** in New Zealand. Guidance on the overseas investment regime in New Zealand is available from the [Overseas Investment Office](#). More information on investing in New Zealand can be found on the [New Zealand Trade and Enterprise website](#).

Agriculture & Geographical Indications

The Czech Republic's exports of food and beverages to New Zealand ranked fifth among its export sectors in bilateral trade for 2023, totalling about **€1.2 million**. Amongst the leading commodities were **miscellaneous food preparations** (€0.6 million), followed by **sugars, sugar preparations, and honey** (€0.3 million), and **vegetables and fruit** (€0.2 million).

The FTA ensures **robust protection** for **16 Czech food and drink items** in New Zealand, **guarding against counterfeit** goods and securing marketing for authentic products with their traditional names. The agreement also includes provisions to potentially **expand the list of protected geographical indications (GIs)**, bolstering the safeguard of Europe's culinary and cultural legacy. All EU GIs protected in New Zealand can be accessed through [New Zealand's Intellectual Property Office](#).

Protected **Czech items** include, among others:



Wines: Čechy, Litoměřická, Morava, Slovácká, Šobeské víno, Znojemská



Spirits: České pivo, Českobudějovické pivo, Žatecký chmel

Public procurement

The FTA unlocks new opportunities for Czech firms within New Zealand's public procurement sector, offering several key benefits:

- **Expanded market access:** Czech firms now have **broadener access** to New Zealand's procurement, extending beyond WTO limits to include all entities governed by New Zealand Procurement Rules.
- **Equal footing with local firms:** The FTA levels the playing field, allowing Czech companies to **compete on equal terms** with local firms, especially in globally competitive sectors.
- **Access to key sectors:** Czech businesses gain entry to **transport and infrastructure** projects, notably those funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency and Auckland Transport, enhancing prospects in engineering and technology.

More information on public procurement can be accessed via [New Zealand Government Procurement](#). Furthermore, New Zealand's [Marketplace platform](#) allows EU firms to register their interest in providing Software as a Service (SaaS), consultancy, managed services, and enterprise software to the government.

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