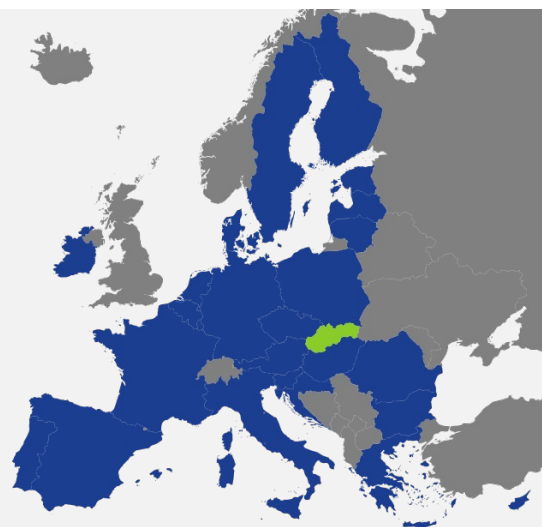


EU-NZ FTA COUNTRY FACTSHEET SLOVAKIA



Overview of benefits



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



Improves **market access** for Slovak service providers



Protects **distinct Slovak** food and drink products



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



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



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



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



Facilitates Slovak **investments** into New Zealand

Trade in goods and services

Top-5 exported goods from Slovakia to New Zealand

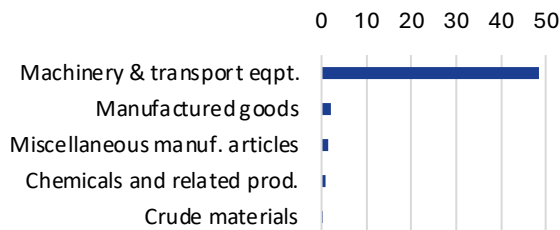


Figure 1: Top-5 exported goods in million Euros, 2023
(Source: [Eurostat](#))

Top exported services from Slovakia to New Zealand

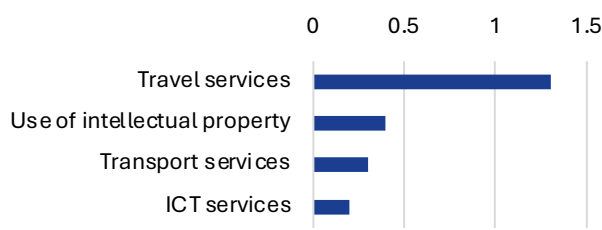


Figure 2: Top exported services in million Euros, 2022
(Source: [Eurostat](#))



Trade in goods

In 2023, Slovak goods exports to New Zealand exceeded **€52.9 million**, led by **machinery and transport equipment**, totalling €48.5 million. This was followed by **manufactured goods** (€2 million) and **miscellaneous manufactured articles** (€1.4 million). The EU-NZ FTA brings **significant tariff eliminations**, enhancing Slovak firms' competitiveness across these and other sectors.



Machinery and transport equipment

Road vehicles (€43 million) are the main export for machinery and transport equipment. This is followed by **mechanical handling equipment** (€2.2 million), such as lifts & skip hoists (€1.2 million); and **heating and cooling equipment** (€1 million), mainly including refrigerators and freezers (€0.9 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 8703.60.10), previously 10%, is now 0%.



Manufactured goods

For manufactured goods, **rubber manufactures** (€0.9 million) are the top exports, including tyres for buses or lorries (€0.6 million). This is followed by **manufactures of metals** (€0.5 million), and **articles of paper** (€0.4 million), dominated by sanitary products.



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Miscellaneous manufactured articles

Miscellaneous articles (€0.9 million) are the main exports, including sporting goods (€0.3 million). This is followed by **professional and scientific instruments** (€0.3 million), including medical and surgical appliances (€0.2 million); and **footwear** (€0.1 million).



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Trade in services

Slovak service exports amounted to **€2.2 million** in 2022. Of this, the **travel sector** accounted for the largest share with €1.3 million, dominated by **education-related expenses** (€0.8 million).

The agreement facilitates **easier access** for Slovak firms to New Zealand's service market, ensuring a **level playing field** for Slovak 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 Slovak 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 Slovak 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



New Zealand is an untapped market for Slovak investors.

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

- **digital technologies and cybersecurity**
- **renewable energy**
- **education and research & development**

aligning with Slovakia's investment strengths.

Figure 3: Investment opportunities for Slovak firms and investors

Slovak 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 Slovak 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

Slovakia is currently not exporting food or beverages to New Zealand but sees potential in introducing Slovak wines, particularly organic wines, as well as bottled mineral waters.

The FTA ensures **robust protection** for **10 Slovak 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 **Slovak items** include, among others:



Wines: Malokarpatská, Karpatská perla, Južnoslovenská, Nitrianska, Stredoslovenská



Spirits: Spišská borovička (juniper spirit)

Public procurement

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

- **Expanded market access:** Slovak 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 Slovak companies to **compete on equal terms** with local firms, especially in globally competitive sectors.
- **Access to key sectors:** Slovak 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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