

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Due to its strategic geographic location, the Dominican Republic has become an important commercial link between Europe, North America, and the rest of Latin America. Its location in the center of the Caribbean, its airports and seaports, make the country the hub of the Caribbean. The Punta Caucedo Port with its 922 Mt. dock, and 13.5 Mt. of depth; Eastern Haina with 1,690Mt. of dock, and 10 Mt. of depth, among others, are catalysts for the growth of trade and the country's exports.

"In February 2017, the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL) published its annual report on the economic evolution of Central America and the Dominican Republic, projecting growth of 4.5% on average for the region.

Of all the countries, the Dominican Republic projects the best performance for 2017, with GDP growth to 6.2%, leading above the 6 countries of the Central American sub-region. This is due to its dynamic economic sectors, such as Mining (26.5%), Financial Intermediaries (11.0%), Agriculture (9.6%), Construction (8.8%), Other Services (6.8%), Hotels, Bars and Restaurants (6.4%), Commerce (5.9%), Transportation and Storage (5.3%), Education (5.2%) and Local Manufacturing (4.8%)."

GENERAL INFORMATION

To the West of the Dominican Republic is Haiti, and to the East is the Mona Channel. Its territory is 48,700 km², and is politically divided into 32 Provinces and one National District.

Capital: Santo Domingo de Guzman, N.D.
Type of Government: Democratic Republic
President of the Republic:
Mr. Danilo Medina Sanchez
Religion: Majorly Catholic
Language: Spanish
Population: 10 million
Coast Line: 1,288 km
Climate: Tropical (25.4°/77.7)
Currency: Dominican Peso
Nationality: Dominican
Time Zone: GMT-4

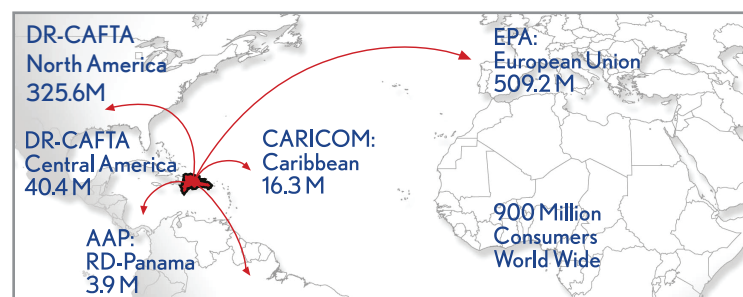
EXPORT LEGISLATION

Law 84-99: For the Reactivation and Fomenting of Exports

-Permits suspension of import levies and taxes on certain goods to be re-exported within an 18-month period.

-The Temporary Admissions Regime allows for the transfer and/or receipt of stored goods and/or manufactured from and to other beneficiary companies, also to and from those under the Free Zones Regime.

PREFERENTIAL MARKET ACCESS



PRIMARY EXPORT PRODUCTS



Farm & Lives stock

Avocados
Peppers
Dried Coconuts
Sweet Potatoes
Cantaloupe
Tomato
Pineapple
Lemon
Organic Bananas
Traditional Bananas
Fresh Mangoes
Black beans



Agribusiness

Cigars
Rice
Corn
Ketchup
Canned Goods
Wheat flour
Soup and Stews
Corn Oil
Tobacco leaf
Coffee
Aloe Vera gel
Coconut Cream



Industrial

Cane Rum
Footwear
Breakers
Portland cement
Cotton textiles
Cotton t-shirts
Surgical suture
Disposable medical products
Blood transfusion devices



Artisanal

Jewelry
Paintings
Tiles
Wood
Wrought iron
Clay pots
Model Ships



TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

DR has:



8 International Airports



12 Sea ports



3 Cruise ports



More than **330** daily international flights



AGRIBUSINESS

Excellent lands for fruit and vegetable cultivation 365 days a year.

Zero tax rate for consumable goods, equipment and machinery for agriculture and livestock projects.



25% DR land agricultural exportable

500 Agribusiness companies

58,000 Direct Jobs

150,000 Agriculture and livestock producers



RANKING OF PRODUCTS

Currently, several Dominican products are found in the top positions.

- #1 Rum exporter to Chile
- #1 Cigar exporter to the U.S.
- #2 Rum exporter to Spain
- #2 Cigar exporter to Netherlands and Switzerland
- #3 Rum exporter to Netherlands
- #3 Cigar exporter to Germany
- #4 Avocado exporter to the U.S. and Canada
- #4 Bell pepper exporter to Canada
- #5 Cocoa beans exporter to Japan and Spain

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRADE SHOW

We invite you to join the largest international business platform of the agricultural and agroindustrial sectors of the Caribbean, the 2019 Agroalimentaria Trade Show 7th edition, which offers you the opportunity to establish contacts with producers and exporters of fresh and processed foods, tobacco and beverages of the highest quality. Join us, and get to know and take advantage of the best of our harvest and of the Dominican industry, and its wide variety of products and activities, which include business meetings programs, workshop, product exhibitions, among other events and activities.

Agroalimentaria 2019

SAVE THE DATE
May 9th to 11th, 2019

CONVENTION CENTER - HOTEL DOMINICAN FIESTA
 SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Why do business with the Dominican Republic?



Over 3,800 high quality product lines at competitive prices, with presence in over 170 international markets.



Our products enjoy preferential access to more than 900 million consumers through our various free trade agreements.



Highly trained personnel ready to assist you in your business endeavors in the DR.



Easy and convenient transportation for your products, through 8 international airports, 12 seaports and 5 cruise ports, making us the hub of the Caribbean.

Come to Agroalimentaria and get to know the best of our offer!



Fresh Produce

Organic Bananas. Avocados. Peppers. Tomatoes. Eggplants. Pineapples. Papayas. Asian Vegetables. Mangoes. Aromatic Herbs. Other exotic fruits and vegetables.



Agribusiness

Canned Goods. Cigars. Beer. Sugar Cane Rum. Aloe Vera Gel. Coconut Milk. Frozen Pulps. Juices and Nectars. Honey. Cocoa based products. Cocoa beans.

AGROALIMENTARIA IN NUMBERS



International Buyers

172

2017



Business Meetings performed

1,734

2017



Projected Sales (US\$ millions)

507

2017

And many more high quality products!

For more information, please contact us.

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May 9th-11th, 2019
Centro de Convenciones
Hotel Dominican Fiesta
Santo Domingo,
Dominican Republic

We invite you to join the largest international business platform of the agricultural and agroindustrial sectors of the Caribbean, the 2019 agri-food fair in its 7th edition, which offers you the opportunity to establish contacts with producers and exporters of fresh and processed foods, tobacco and drinks of the highest quality. Accompany us, know and take advantage of the best of our harvest and of the Dominican industry, and its wide variety of products and activities, which include business roundtables, business meetings programs, lectures and lectures, product exhibitions, among other events and activities of interest.

**OVER 250 NATIONAL EXPORTERS
COME TOGETHER TO SHOW THE
WORLD THE BEST WE HAVE TO
OFFER**



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INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL BUYERS

BUYER PROFILE:

- Prominent and high-level importer, supermarket, distributor, interested in buying products or services exhibited at the fair
- Complete the registration form with all requested information

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Interested buyer registration: Complete registration form and send it to: liza.lima@cei-rd.gov.do or melissa.amaro@cei-rd.gov.do
- Evaluation of buyers who meet the required criteria established by the event organizers
- Communication of decision to applicants

BENEFITS:

- Free admission to the fair and B2B
- Hotel accommodations for 3 nights in the Hotel Dominican Fiesta.
- Transfer from the Las Americas International Airport to Hotel and back on May 8th, 9th and 10th.
- Coordination of Business Meetings with producers and exporters of Dominican Republic in the sectors of interest.
- Support and assistance provided by the coordinator staff of the show before, during and after the participation in the event.
- Invitation to the opening ceremony

OBLIGATIONS:

- To visit the trade show during the two days of the event
- To attend previously scheduled meetings
- To provide information as to projected business obtained as a result of your participation in the event

TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION:

- The registration form must be properly completed, if it is incomplete, the application cannot be processed
- Application to the incentives program does not guarantee benefit approval, and is limited in quantity
- The incentives program application deadline is **7/4/2019**
- The results shall be sent at the latest by **14/4/2019**
- Once benefits have been accepted, the buyer has until **21/4/2019** to confirm his assistance by sending a copy of the airline ticket
- Buyers, who don't qualify for the benefits of free hotel accommodations, will still have access to the preferential selected hotel rates and the other previously mentioned benefits