



## Belarus

### Fact Sheet 2008

#### General Information

Capital:	Minsk		
Population (m):	10	CPI Ranking <sup>(1)</sup> :	151
Exchange Rate:	1\$ = 2,136.4 BRB (av. 2008)	Ease of Doing Business Ranking <sup>(2)</sup> :	85
Head of State:	President Alyaksandar Lukashenka	Economic Freedom Ranking <sup>(3)</sup> :	167

#### Recent Economic Indicators

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 <sup>(F)</sup>	2010 <sup>(F)</sup>
GDP (Bns) (current prices):	30	37	45	54	37	38
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY):			8.2	10.0	-3.5	-2.0
Export of Goods (Bns):			24	33	18	20
Import of Goods (Bns):			28	39	22	23
Inflation (% av.):			8.4	14.8	12.5	8

#### Belarus's Principal Export

##### Destinations 2007

Russia	37%
Netherlands	18%
Ukraine	6%
Latvia	4%

#### Belarus's Principal Import

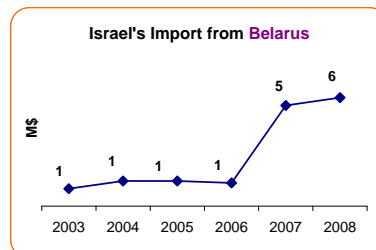
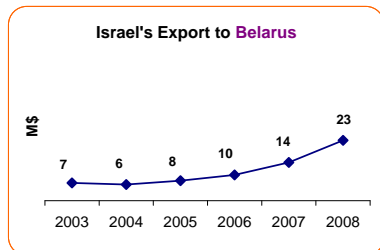
##### Destinations 2007

Russia	61%
Germany	8%
Ukraine	5%
China	3%

#### Israel's Trade Relations with Belarus

##### Israel's goods trade with Belarus, 2007-08

		Growth (YOY)
Export to Belarus (m\$):	23	58%
Import from Belarus (m\$):	6	8%
Total trade (export + import) (m\$):	29	44%
Surplus (export - import) (m\$):	17	



#### The Main Sector of Goods Trade between Israel and Belarus, 2007-08

Export to Belarus			Import from Belarus		
Sector	M\$	% Change	Sector	M\$	% Change
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	6	247%	Wood, cork and wickerwork	3	16%
Basic metals	4	67%	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	1	53%
Chemicals	3	-9%	Machinery, mechanical instrument	1	103%
Plastics and rubber	3	148%			
Surgical Medical Equipment	2	258%			

In 2008, there were 125 Israeli exporting companies to Belarus; this reflects a 10% increase compare to 2007.

[1] Corruption Perceptions Index 2008 - out of 180 country

(F) Forecast

[2] Ease of Doing Business Index 2009 - out of 181 country

[3] Economic Freedom Index 2009 - out of 179 country

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