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Abbreviations

AMU	Arab Maghreb Union
ARSO	African Organization for Standardization
BEC	broad economic category
CEPII	Centre d'Études Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (France)
COMESA	Common Market for East and Southern Africa
CTB	contribution to trade balance
EAC	East African Community
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
GDP	gross domestic product
HS	Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System)
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
NTBs	non-tariff barriers
PEB	potential export basket
POS	international market position
SADC	Southern African Development Community
TBT	technical barriers to trade
THC	Technical Harmonization Committee
UN Comtrade	United Nations International Trade Statistics Database
WTO	World Trade Organization

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