



U.S.-China Textile and Apparel Trade Fact Sheet

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WASHINGTON, DC – The 2005 U.S.-China bilateral agreement limits the growth of U.S. imports of Chinese textile and apparel products in all or parts of thirty-four (34) sensitive categories through the end of 2008.

Categories Covered by the U.S.-China Bilateral

Product Category / Description	2007 U.S. Imports from China	2007 China Share of U.S. Import Market
<u>Apparel Products</u>		
239(P) – Baby Socks ¹	1.8 million kilograms	53.9%
332(P)/432(P)/632(P) – Socks	860.0 million pair	27.7%
338(P)/339(P) – Cotton Knit Shirts	278.4 million shirts	5.6%
340/640 – M&B Woven Shirts	90.7 million shirts	17.6%
345/645/646 – Sweaters	106.9 million sweaters	52.7%
347/348 – Cotton Trousers	265.3 million trousers	12.1%
349/649 – Brassieres	272.2 million brassieres	45.7%
352/652 – Underwear	277.3 million pieces	8.9%
359-S/659-S – Swimwear	4.9 million kilograms	18.4%
443 – Wool Suits	1.3 million suits	19.7%
447 – Wool Trousers	0.2 million trousers	13.0%
638(P)/639(P) – MMF knit shirts	105.5 million shirts	11.3%
647(P)/648(P) – MMF trousers	111.3 million trousers	15.5%
847 – Silk/Vegetable Fiber Trousers	152.8 million trousers	88.7%
<u>Home Furnishings and Textiles</u>		
200/301 – Thread / Combed Cotton Yarn	2.7 million kilograms	4.5%
222 – Knit fabric	11.0 million kilograms	11.0%
229 – Special Purpose Fabric	11.1 million kilograms	8.2%
363 – Cotton Towels	100.3 million towels	14.0%
619 – Polyester Filament Fabric	40.8 million square meters	17.2%
620 – Synthetic Filament Fabric	26.5 million square meters	4.1%
622 – Glass Fiber Fabric	15.2 million square meters	21.2%
666(P) – Window Blinds	0.6 million kilograms	7.2%
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES COVERED	2.5 billion square meters	13.9%

MMF = man-made fiber (P) = Part Category

M&B = men's and boys'

All U.S. textile and apparel import data statistics were obtained from U.S. Office of Textiles and Apparel.

Sum of U.S. Imports From China Not Covered by the U.S.-China Bilateral

Product Category / Description	2007 U.S. Imports from China	2007 China Share of U.S. Import Market
0 – Total Textile and Apparel	18.9 billion square meters	53.7%

¹ For quota purposes, Category 239 (Baby Socks) are counted as part of the limits covering categories 332, 432, and 632 (Cotton, Wool, and MMF Socks).

Facts on the Value of U.S. Textile and Apparel Imports From China

The combined value of total U.S. imports from all countries in the categories and part categories covered by the agreement was \$51.26 billion for 2007, with imports from China accounting for slightly more than \$8.5 billion (16.6 percent) of that total.

In terms of the \$321 billion in total U.S. imports of all goods from China in 2007, U.S. imports of textiles and apparel under quota account for only 2.6 percent of that trade.

For textile and apparel imports not covered by the U.S-China bilateral, the value of U.S. imports was \$45.15 billion with China's share accounting for \$23.81 billion (52.7 percent)

In 2007, the United States imported \$96.4 billion in textile and apparel products from the World, including \$32.3 billion from China (33.5 percent).

Quick Facts on Imports and Jobs

- In 2007, all U.S. textile and apparel imports from China increased by 15 percent by volume and 19 percent by value.
- For year-to-date July 2008, China has a 39.6 percent U.S. import market share by volume. In contrast, China's share of the U.S. import market by volume for the same time period in 2004 was 24.5 percent.
- For year-to-date July 2008, China has a 13.4 percent share in the bilateral categories and part categories by volume. Compared to China's nearly 54 percent share in non-bilateral categories, it is clear that China has room to grow in these critical categories.
- Since January 2001, U.S. textile and apparel employment has fallen from 1,047,200 to 493,700 as of August 2008. The loss of 553,500 jobs represents a loss of 53 percent of the January 2001 workforce.

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