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ACRONYMS

AMCHAM	American Chamber of Commerce
CEPAL	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
DR	Dominican Republic
DR-CAFTA	U.S. Free Trade Agreement with Central America and the Dominican Republic
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
SEGIR	Support for Economic Growth and Institutional Reform
USA	United States of America
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

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The bilateral trade balance between the DR and the USA during the past 6 years has been positive for the DR except for 2001, during which year there was a deficit of nearly USD 103 million dollars.

TRADE BALANCE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WITH THE U.S.A.							
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Var % 99/04
Exports	4,277,547,676	4,378,234,562	4,187,142,864	4,166,739,281	4,454,538,140	4,529,040,523	1.15%
Imports	3,971,009,001	4,351,913,317	4,290,040,714	4,109,076,854	4,023,912,144	4,116,101,623	0.72%
Balance	306,538,675	26,321,245	-102,897,850	57,662,427	430,625,996	412,938,900	6.14%
Source: US International Trade Commission							

In 2004, of the 22 sectors analyzed, 8 presented a surplus and 14 a deficit for the Dominican Republic.

The garment industry is the sector that presented the greatest trade surplus for the DR with the USA during the period in question (1999 through 2004). In effect, in spite of the

fact that from 1999 through 2004 exports from this sector to the North American market on average decreased by 2% per year, products from this sector account for nearly 50% of Dominican exports to the U.S.A. In the garment industry, flat weave undergarments are most representatives of exports for this sector, and they include cotton and synthetic fiber pants for men and brassieres made of synthetic fibers.

Second, with a significant gap, comes the sector of measurement, medical-surgical and veterinary instruments, a sector that has exports to the North American market, since 1999, that have increased on average by 2.88% per year, and ranks third in sector exports from the Dominican Republic to the United States. The sector products exported to the U.S. which have the greatest value include medical-surgical instruments for dental or veterinary use, and those products which have presented the greatest annual growth on average include syringes with or without needles, and the parts of the same.

In third place, very close behind measurement, medical-surgical and veterinary instruments we find the agro-industrial sector, which ranks second in sector exports from the Dominican Republic to the United States, and which has presented annual average growth since 1999 of 3.11%, with tobacco being the product that contributes the most to exports of this sector to the U.S. market. It is followed in importance by sugar and cacao-based products, such as butter, fat and cacao oil.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – UNITED STATES TRADE BALANCE – DOLLARS			
SECTORS WITH A SURPLUS			
SECTOR	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	BALANCE
	2004	2004	2004
TOTAL	4,529,040,523	4,116,101,623	412,938,900
Clothing	2,108,867,629	535,168,250	1,573,699,379
Measurement, medical-surgical and veterinary instruments	417,038,164	133,577,602	283,460,562
Agro-industrial products	419,009,347	212,224,384	206,784,963
Jewelry and watches	340,577,792	147,355,058	193,222,734
Footwear	137,229,697	22,734,708	114,494,989
Common metals and common metal products	219,362,328	121,583,692	97,778,636
Miscellaneous manufactured items	34,339,172	18,114,732	16,224,440
Non-metallic ores	37,951,421	29,964,056	7,987,365
Source: US International Trade Commission			

Fourth and fifth places are held by the jewelry-watches and footwear sectors, respectively. Jewelry and watches account for 7.5% of exports from DR to the U.S. and they rank 5th in Dominican sector exports to North America, with an annual average growth rate of 10.85%. The footwear sector, unlike jewelry, since 1999 has been trending downward based on its annual average exports to the United States market, of 10.36%. The preceding table shows the sectors that have a positive trade balance with the United States.

As for sectors that show a trade deficit in the DR – U.S. balance, the textile sector, as a basic supply for the clothing sector, ranks first, since textiles with 85% cotton content and a weight of 200 g/m2 are the product that accounts for the greatest share of Dominican textile imports from the U.S.

The ores and fuels sector follows far behind, as well as the agricultural sector and mechanical equipment and machinery. In fuels, lubricants and diesel fuel for automobiles are the products of the sector with the highest value that are imported by DR from the U.S. In the agricultural sector, yellow corn ranks highest in imports of the sector. In the sector of mechanical equipment and machinery water purifiers, parts for data processing machines and equipment used in agriculture are the highest imports. The following table shows the sectors in which the DR has a trade deficit with the U.S.

TRADE BALANCE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WITH THE U.S.A. - DOLLARS			
SECTORS WITH A DEFICIT			
SECTOR	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	BALANCE
	2004	2004	2004
TOTAL	4,529,040,523	4,116,101,623	412,938,900
Textiles	5,946,625	727,687,903	-721,741,278
Ores and fuels	4,934,285	292,926,774	-287,992,489
Agricultural	55,237,317	227,177,223	-171,939,906
Mechanical equipment and machinery	36,443,731	207,880,340	-171,436,609
Chemicals and pharmaceuticals	17,530,722	174,369,920	-156,839,198
Publishing and graphic arts	8,670,044	137,487,777	-128,817,733
Plastics and rubber	120,836,690	248,686,677	-127,849,987
Electrical equipment and machinery	392,466,605	500,512,855	-108,046,250
Transportation equipment	9,280,500	101,815,743	-92,535,243
Leather and leather products	14,153,773	52,727,733	-38,573,960
Wood and wood products	1,038,449	32,749,214	-31,710,765
Livestock	1,548,784	25,758,113	-24,209,329
Furniture and lighting fixtures	7,455,398	24,621,956	-17,166,558
Other items	139,122,050	140,976,913	-1,854,863

Source: US International Trade Commission

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- Study of the Trade Balance between the U.S. and the Dominican Republic.
- Study of the 99 customs tariff classifications, analysis to two (2) digits of all foreign trade between the two countries
- Study of bilateral trade by sectors (22), identifying the most dynamic and representative products from each sector.
- Study of the primary imports and exports to ten (10) customs tariff digits.

By way of introduction, the international environment and economy of the Dominican Republic during 2004 will be examined briefly, as well as the possible effects of the implementation of CAFTA-DR for the country.

SECTION II

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According to CEPAL¹, in 2004 economic activity in the Dominican Republic grew by 2%, which allowed the decrease of 1.9% from 2003 to be offset. This exceeded the results predicted at the beginning of the year. So the international environment was favorable, and therefore the export sector showed positive, though moderate, growth.

As for exports of goods and services, this category's dynamics tapered off, and only increased by 3.8% in comparison to 8.5% in 2003.

Sales of domestic goods, which represented 23% of the total, achieved their best performance by maintaining a high growth rate (25%). In particular, iron-nickel (63% and tobacco (116%) are noteworthy, as they were driven by the considerable exchange depreciation and high international prices.

Other categories in which increases occurred were the sale of fuels at ports, and a diverse set of non-traditional goods of lesser relative importance.

The adverse climatic conditions affected coffee and cacao production, therefore exports of these items fell.

For the fourth year in a row, exporters in free trade zones faced difficulties recovering the high degree of dynamism that typified their activities during the second half of the nineties. In 2004, they increased only 0.2%, as a result of the intensification of competition from Asian producers in the U.S. markets, a situation which also affected other countries in the northern Latin America region.

Traditional exports of clothing and footwear decreased their foreign shipments by 5.5% and 3.4% respectively.

Other items, in contrast, improved their performance. In this category we must make special mention of jewelry and related items (19.2%), tobacco manufactured products (12.7%) and pharmaceutical products (8.3%). In spite of this overview, new companies came into the free trade zones in 2004, therefore the number of the same went from 531 to 569, and there was a perceptible increase in occupation, which totaled 189,853 persons.

¹ CEPAL STUDY. "DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. ECONOMIC PROGRESS DURING 2004 AND PROSPECTS FOR 2005." LC/MEX/L.670 – July 21, 2005

The value of exported services experienced a setback, increasing only 1.8%, after having increased by 13.1% in 2003.

The impact of hurricane Jean during the last quarter of 2004 caused some damage to the hotel infrastructure, a phenomena that temporarily reduced employment in certain areas. Two point eight million tourists came to the DR, which is an increase of 4.1% over the previous year, which generated revenue of 3.18 billion dollars.

In general, the sector faced better external conditions, taking into consideration that international tourism rallied significantly based on the world economic recovery.

The devaluation of the Dominican peso also influenced the tourism sector and the greater buying power of the Euro vis-à-vis the dollar favored European tourists, who represent 44.9% of all tourism. Nevertheless, average daily expenditures were practically level (0.7%), while the average stay fell by 3.3%. So, the traditional surplus in the balance of services totaled 2.328 million dollars, a figure that moderately exceeded the goods trade deficit.

Imports of goods recovered only 2.9%, after a decline of 13.7% in the previous year, caused by the fall in domestic demand, which caused the banking crisis.

The recovery of productive activity intended for the domestic market caused imports to grow by 5.4%, after declining 18.3% in 2003. So, purchases of intermediate goods rose 10.9%, but this change was affected by the increase in international prices for oil and oil by-products.

Excluding oil, supplies rose by 2.8%, in the face of higher activity in the industries of food, chemical products and plastic materials, and purchases of cast iron and steel materials.

The gradual strengthening of buying power of the people drove higher imports of consumer goods (5.9%), with an especially marked increase in durable goods, although one must also consider the replacement of inventories.

Lastly, the persistent decline in investment explains the drop in imports of capital goods (4.9%), compared to 29% in the previous year. Purchases of construction and transport equipment were particularly low.

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It is apparent that the entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR) will have significant consequences for the DR, in the short-, as well as the medium- and long-term.

The effects of the treaty are primarily due to two aspects:

- As a first measure, a marked disparity of size and degree of development is noted between the United States economy and that of the DR.

- Furthermore, the strong integration and economic dependency that Central America and the DR has historically had with the U.S., which has become deeper during the past few decades as a result of:

- Mass migrations to the U.S.
- The policy of external opening of Central America since the beginning of the nineties, that has caused a substantive increase in North American imports to the region.

The application of unilateral commercial regimens by the U.S. that have favored non-traditional exports of an industrial (assembly) and agricultural origin from Central America to the U.S.²

In this manner expert Jorge Máttar³ ensured that the CAFTA-DR treaty will increase the dependence of Central American countries and the DR, with the world economic power. The expert warned that now it will no longer be just Mexico that gets a cold when the U.S. sneezes, but rather its effects will also be strong in these countries, although with each favorable economic stage experienced by the U.S., the region will also benefit. It is for this reason that if we follow the same path as Mexico, which has been a partner with the U.S. and Canada since 1994 through the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the signatory countries could increase their vulnerability to the economic dynamic of the U.S.

Taking into consideration that Mexico focused its trade even more on the U.S. with the signing of the Treaty, Central American countries and the DR are going down the same

² THE IMPACT OF CAFTA ON THE CENTRAL AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL (ON-GOING RESEARCH) AUGUST 2004 INVESTIGATOR: ALEXANDER SEGOVIA

³ ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE CEPAL HEADQUARTERS IN MEXICO.

path, since to date the U.S. has between 45 and 55 percent of their trade, depending on the country.

Unlike the case with Mexico, Central American countries have strong trade with their neighbors, based on small manufacturing, such as machinery parts and spares, automobiles and chemical products. At the same time sales to the U.S. basically consist of raw materials such as coffee, meat and sugar, in addition to textiles.

In light of the Mexican experience, the DR must attempt to diversify its trade, seeking out other market niches and generate a higher added value, taking into consideration that it may not come up against difficult competitive factors, as is the case of China with its cheap labor, or as climatic factors that are a considerable factor on its economy, and therefore its exports, such as the case with coffee.

From the positive point of view, CAFTA-DR will bring benefits to the various countries, since it will reinforce the new model of economic development that the majority of Central American countries have adopted since the nineties, causing the private sector to have an increasing presence in the economy, and causing the governments to orient their economies towards abroad, thus considering external opening as the central element, so that they may achieve greater growth and development.

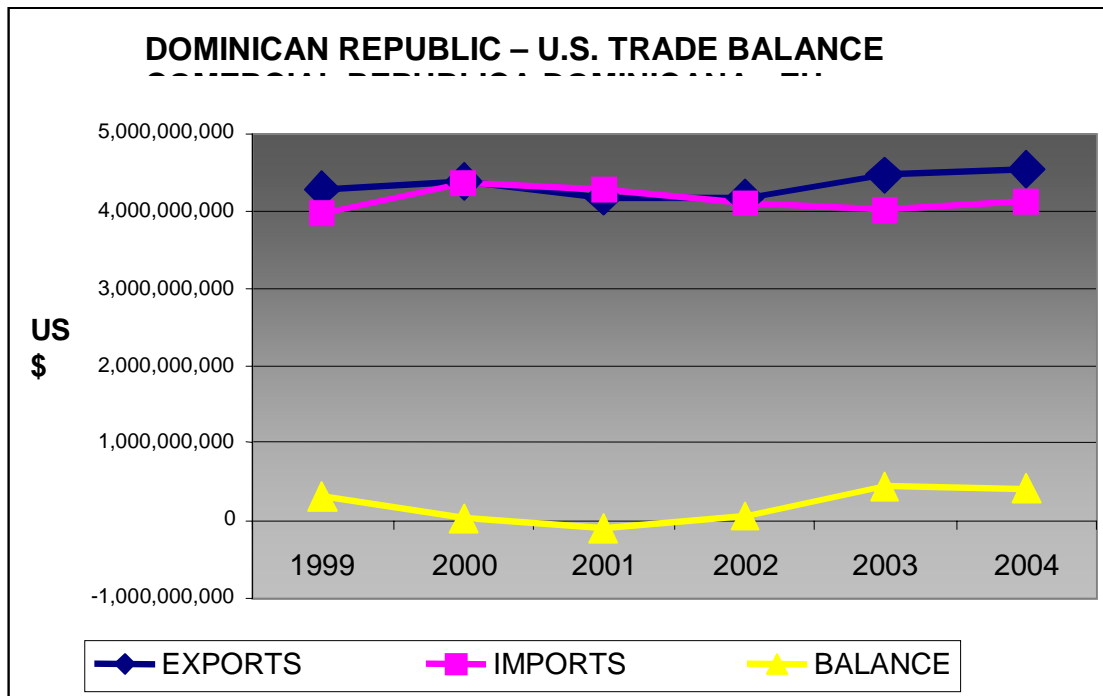
Taking into account these prospects, the DR must take advantage of the benefits of CAFTA-DR, in order to be able to increase its exports to the U.S., but at the same time, it must diversify its trade with other countries and offer a higher added value for its goods and services.

SECTION IV

**TRADE BALANCE OF THE UNITED STATES WITH THE DOMINICAN
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Bilateral trade between the U.S. and DR during the past six (6) years have increased moderately, since the exports only show an average variation of 1.15%, while DR imports from the U.S. have increased by only 0.72%.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – U.S. TRADE BALANCE							
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE
	<i>US DOLLARS</i>						
	<i>1999- 2004</i>						
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The absolute variation of imports of the R in 2003 through 2004 was USD 74.5 million, while the variation in exports for the same period was USD 92 million.

SECTION V

**ANALYSIS OF THE TRADE BALANCE TO TWO DIGITS OF THE
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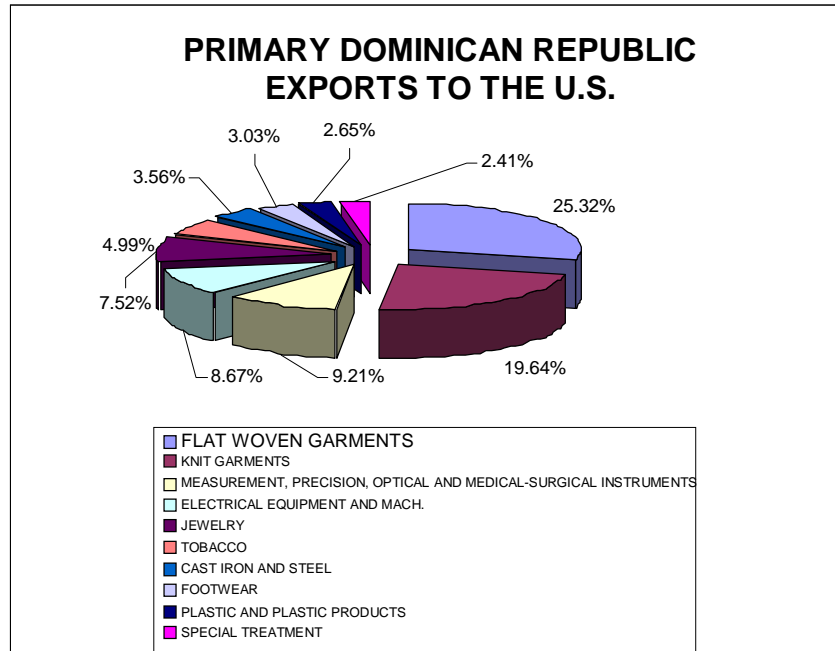
A. Primary Exports of DR to the U.S.A.

For the next analysis, exports by the DR to the U.S. were compared, taking into account their classification by customs tariff section (to two digits of the code), and so the primary exports that were recorded for 2004 are clothing, followed by measurement, precision optical and medical-surgical instruments, which represent 54% of the total exports of DR to the U.S.

The following table shows 10 customs tariff sections, which represent 87% of the total exports for 2004.

PRINCIPALES EXPORTACIONES DE REPUBLICA DOMINICANA A EE.UU.		
POR CAPITULOS		
CAPITULO	TITULO DEL CAPITULO	2004
62	PRENDAS DE VESTIR TEJIDO PLANO	1.146.791.124
61	PRENDAS DE VESTIR DE PUNTO	889.429.446
90	INSTRUMENTOS DE MEDIDA, PRECISION, OPTICA Y MEDICOQUIRURGICOS	417.038.164
85	MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO ELECTRICO	392.466.605
71	JOYERIA	340.577.792
24	TABACO	226.166.516
72	FUNDICION HIERRO Y ACERO	161.418.073
64	CALZADO	137.229.697
39	PLASTICO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	119.862.979
98	TRATAMIENTO ESPECIAL	109.358.956

Of the exports represented in these 10 sections, it must be noted that 45% corresponds to Chapters 61 and 62, the chapters for clothing (woven and knitted fabrics), as may be seen in the following illustration.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

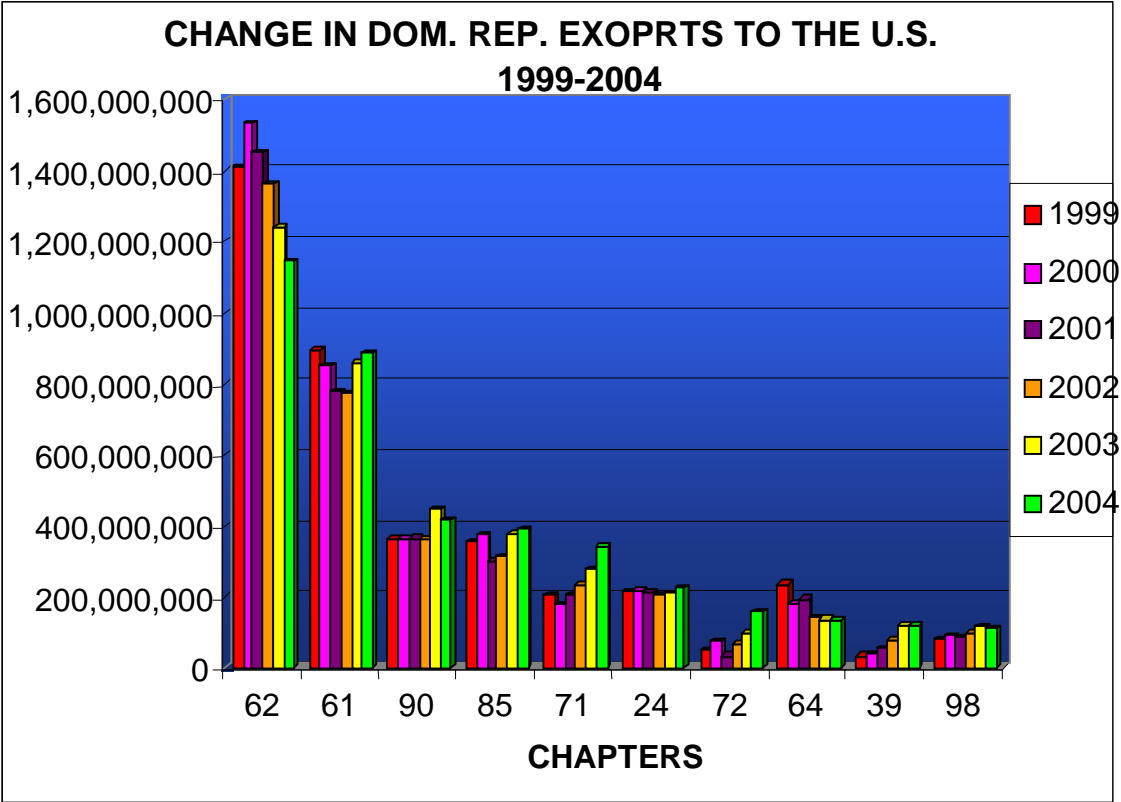
A1. Changes in primary exports, 1999-2004

Primary D.R. Exports To The U.S. By Custom Tariff Code							Titles
In Actual Dollars							
Chapter Title	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Change 1999-2004
Flat Woven Garments	1.410.575.31	1.531.279.397	1.452.799.419	1.358.818.358	1.240.814.976	1.146.791.124	-4,06%
Knit Garments	896.703.066	852.102.837	777.175.992	774.647.952	857.664.054	889.429.446	-0,16%
MEAS, Precision, OPT. AND MED-SURG INST.	361.930.165	361.639.189	365.535.884	360.741.638	450.093.398	417.038.164	2,88%
Mach. and Electrical Equipment	356.105.989	374.415.216	300.800.019	314.981.550	377.483.843	392.466.605	1,96%
JEWELRY	203.459.361	179.989.420	201.765.950	233.486.299	277.277.449	340.577.792	10,85%
Tobacco	213.418.522	217.865.556	212.656.526	202.731.505	207.736.553	226.166.516	1,17%
CAST IRON AND STEEL	48.318.161	75.404.299	33.884.629	67.528.86	97.141.937	161.418.078	27,28%
Footwear	237.121.032	181.157.92	193.113.755	139.746.661	138.432.884	137.229.697	-10,36%
PLASTIC AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS	33.846.584	39.117.304	57.928.827	77.166.126	119.864.506	119.862.979	28,78%
SPECIAL TREATMENT	79.230.186	90.604.089	88.911.710	98.728.999	117.661.182	109.358.956	6,66%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Note that in the primary exports recorded in 2004, the chapter on plastic and plastic products has increased significantly, showing an average variation since 1999 of 28%. Also, another sector that has experienced considerable growth is Chapter 72, which corresponds to iron and steel castings, with 27%, while exports that recorded a greater value in 2004 (Chapter 61) have decreased significantly, showing a decrease of 4% since 1999, as with exports of footwear, which have decreased by 10%.

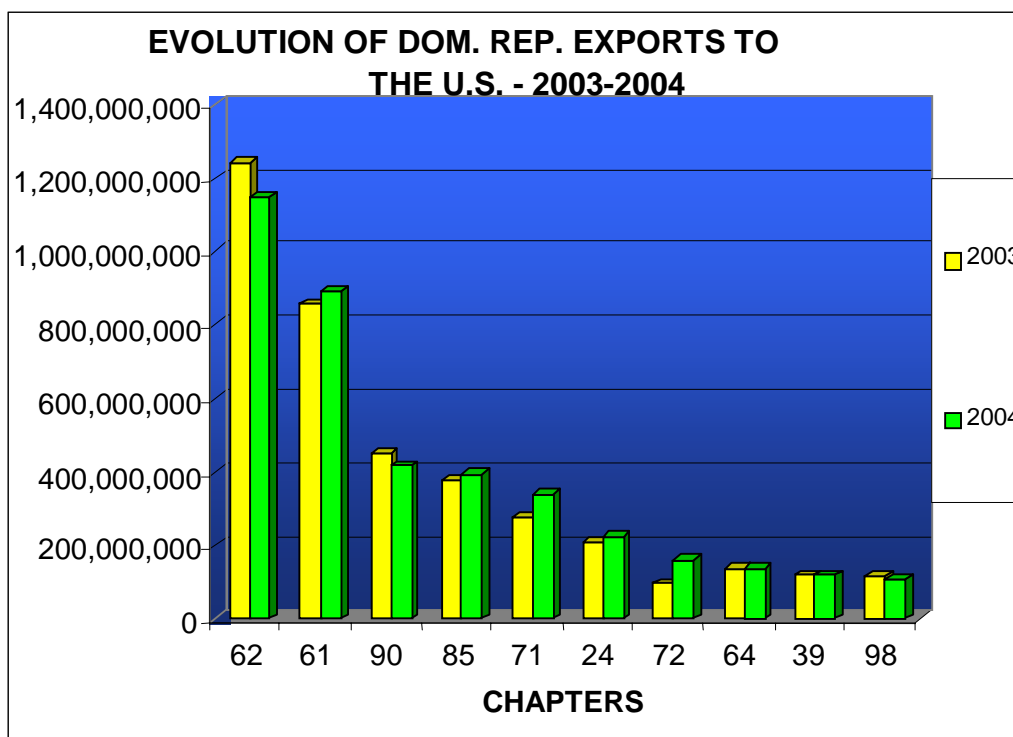
According to the following graphic, one may determine that the primary exports of 2004 show, as in previous years, these categories for the most part have not shown significant growth, but rather on the contrary, they have remained relatively stable, except for Chapter 82, which corresponds to clothing which had exports in 2000 in the amount of USD 1531 million.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

- **Changes in primary exports, 2003-2004**

A2. Changes in primary exports, 2003-2004. From the most representative exports of 2004, one can note that the products found in Chapter 72 (cast iron and steel) showed an increase of 66% with respect to 2003. Exports of the Tobacco chapter also are noteworthy, showing an increase of 8%. Furthermore, it must be noted that the most significant exports in 2004 corresponding to woven clothing, decreased by 7% with respect to the previous year. The remaining chapters showed moderate variations, as noted in the following graphic.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

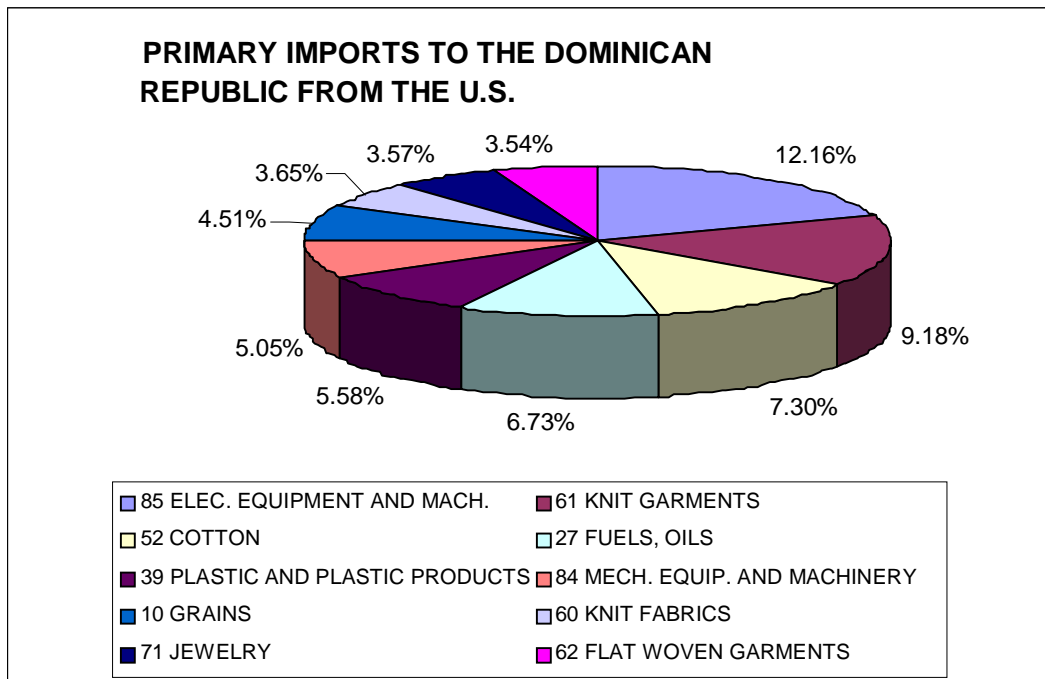
B. Primary DR Imports Coming from the U.S.

The primary imports of the DR from the U.S. during 2004, according to the analysis conducted by chapters (to two code digits), were the chapter corresponding to electrical equipment and machinery, clothing, cotton, fuels and oils and the chapter for plastics, which as a whole represent 40% of imports, as describe in the following table.

Primary D.R. Imports From The U.S.		
By Chapters		
Capítulo	Título del Capítulo	2004
85	FI FC EQUIPMENT AND Mach	500.512.855
61	KNIT GARMENTS	378.004.811
52	COTTON	300.419.892
27	FUELS, OILS	276.973.452
39	PLASTIC AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS	229.718.057
84	MECH EQUIP AND MACH	207.880.340
10	GRAINS	185.437.816
60	KNIT GARMENTS	150.136.533
71	JEWELRY	146.768.438
62	FLAT WOVEN GARMENTS	145.586.391

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports from the DR coming from the U.S. are diversified, which is the opposite of what happens with exports, since in this case, none of the entries to two digits of the customs tariff code reaches 20% of the total imports.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

B1. Evolution of primary imports recorded during 2004.

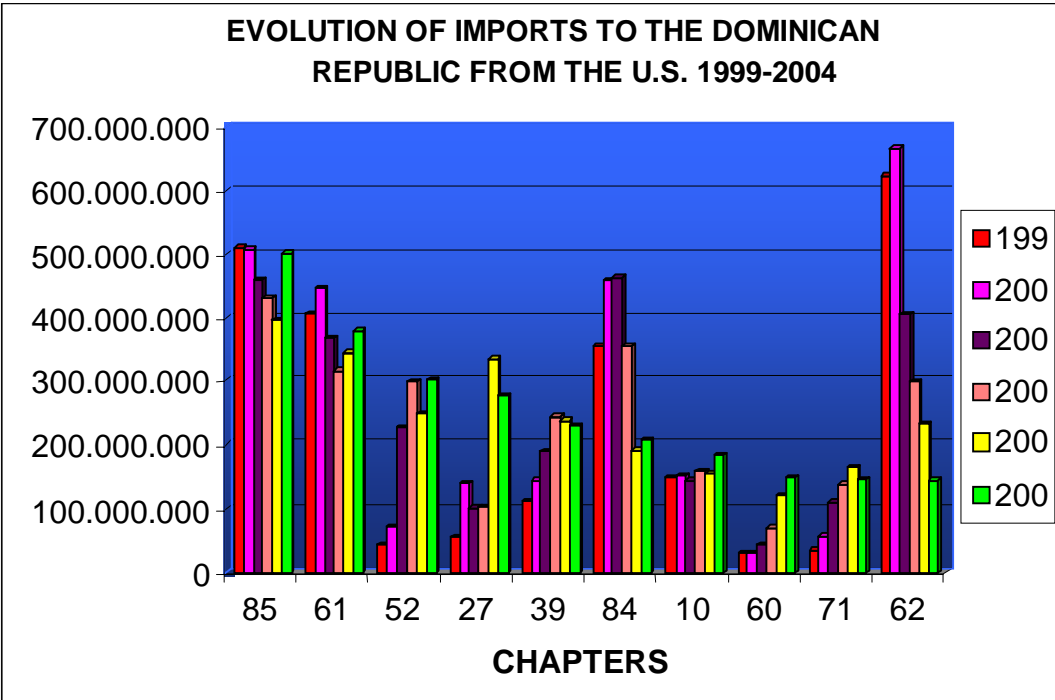
EVOLUTION OF PRIMARY IMPORTS FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO THE U.S.								
		US DOLLARS						
CHAP.	CHAPTER TITLE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CHANGE 1999- 2004
85	ELEC. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY	510.477.129	507.218.826	458.350.315	429.907.459	394.790.350	500.512.855	-0,39%
61	KNIT GARMENTS	405.216.990	444.642.866	367.576.163	315.743.900	344.016.207	378.004.811	-1,38%
52	COTTON	44.268.316	71.173.972	225.496.356	297.980.275	247.332.607	300.419.892	46,67%
27	FUELS, OILS	56.734.434	142.062.889	101.854.109	103.506.583	334.296.560	276.973.452	37,32%
39	PLASTIC AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS	112.917.952	145.681.874	191.297.391	243.608.885	236.876.730	229.718.057	15,26%
84	MECH. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY	355.640.487	458.609.632	462.716.126	354.634.073	193.239.217	207.880.340	-10,18%
10	GRAINS	150.934.162	152.942.553	145.696.147	160.428.351	156.437.689	185.437.816	4,20%
60	KNIT FABRICS	32.234.910	30.876.773	44.606.917	70.853.804	123.407.701	150.136.533	36,03%
71	JEWELRY	35.893.400	57.806.413	111.599.710	139.384.879	167.423.981	146.768.438	32,53%
62	WOVEN GARMENTS	623.562.030	667.274.790	406.068.390	297.810.458	232.976.415	145.586.391	-25,24%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The primary imports recorded during 2004 include the progress of Chapter 52, corresponding to cotton, which has an average annual variation of 46%. One must also note the dynamism of imports of knit fabrics and jewelry, which varied by 36% and 32% respectively. Furthermore, it is important to note that imports corresponding to Chapter 62 have decreased, showing an average annual variation of -25% during the past 6 years.

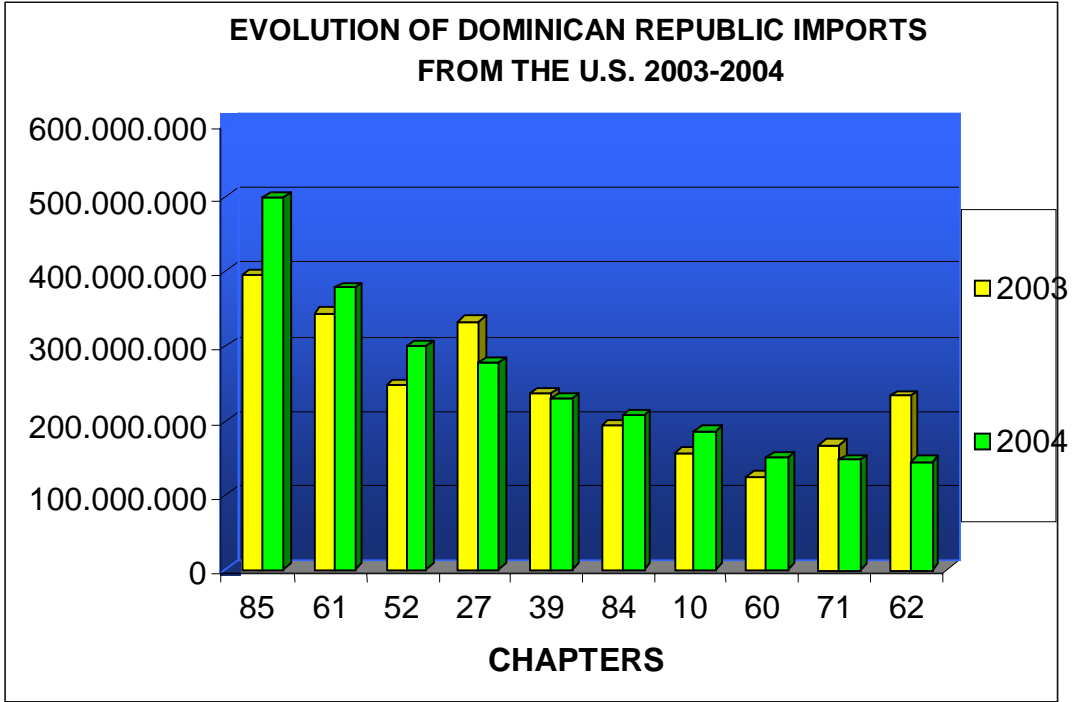
During the period under analysis, the growth of imports of the DR corresponding to Chapter 84 (mechanical equipment and machinery), which accounted for imports of USD 458 million in 2000; those corresponding to Chapter 85 in 2004 represented USD 394 million and those of Chapter 62 in 2000 were USD 667 million.

It is important to note that among the imports that are most representative of 2004, we note as in previous years, the same imports have shown greater increases, as is the case of Chapters 62, 84 and 61, which correspond to woven fabric clothing, mechanical equipment and machinery, and knit fabric clothing, as presented in the following graphic.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

B2. Variation of principal imports, 2003-2004. Of the primary imports to the DR from the U.S. for 2004, we note the dynamism of products within Chapter 85, corresponding to electronic equipment and machinery, which recorded an increase of 26% over the previous year. A notable decline in imports under Chapter 27 (fuel and oil) and under Chapter 62 (flat woven fabric clothing) occurred, of 17% and 37%, respectively, as shown by the following graphic.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

SECTION VI

ANALYSIS BY SECTOR

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For the following study, the 99 chapters of the customs tariff classification were grouped into 22 sectors, based on the following table.

NUMBER	SECTORS
1	LIVESTOCK
2	AGRICULTURE
3	AGRO-INDUSTRY
4	ORES AND FUELS
5	CHEM. AND PHARM. PRODUCTS
6	PLASTIC AND RUBBER
7	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS
8	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS
9	PUBLISHING AND GRAPHIC ARTS
10	TEXTILES
11	CLOTHING
12	FOOTWEAR
13	MISC. PRODUCTS
14	NON-METALLIC ORES
15	JEWELRY AND WATCHES
16	COMMON METALS AND PRODUCTS OF THE SAME
17	MECH. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY
18	ELEC. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY
19	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT
20	MEASUREMENT, MED.-SURG. AND VETERINARY EQUIPMENT
21	FURNITURE AND LIGHT FIXTURES
22	OTHER ITEMS

For each sector, exports of the DR to the U.S. as well as imports coming from that country, their share of the total exports, and the products with the greatest activity within each sector were all analyzed.

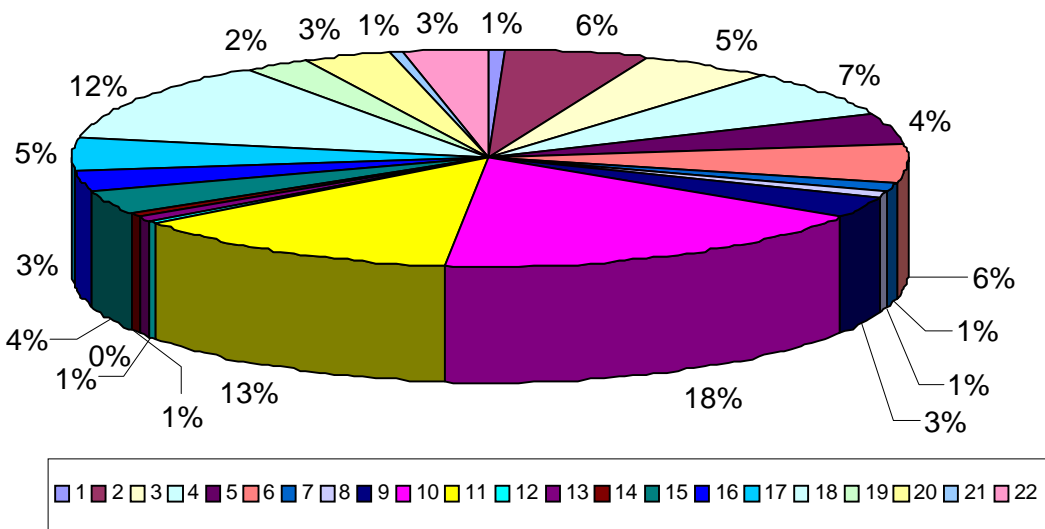
A. DR Imports from the U.S.

Total imports to the DR from the U.S. for 2004 totaled USD 4.116 billion, distributed among the 22 sectors, per the following table.

RD IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. BY SECTOR, 2004			
NUMBER	SECTORS	TOTAL SECTOR IMPORTS - 2004	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL IMPORTS
1	LIVESTOCK	25.758.113	0,63%
2	AGRICULTURE	227.177.223	5,52%
3	AGRO-INDUSTRY	212.224.384	5,16%
4	ORES AND FUELS	292.926.774	7,12%
5	CHEM. AND PHARM. PRODUCTS	174.369.920	4,24%
6	PLASTIC AND RUPPER	248.686.677	6,04%
7	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	52.727.733	1,28%
8	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	32.749.214	0,80%
9	PUBLISHING AND GRAPHIC ARTS	137.487.777	3,34%
10	TEXTILES	727.687.903	17,68%
11	CLOTHING	535.168.250	13,00%
12	FOOTWEAR	22.734.708	0,55%
13	MISC. PRODUCTS	18.114.732	0,44%
14	NON-METALLIC ORES	29.964.056	0,73%
15	JEWELRY AND WATCHES	147.355.058	3,58%
16	COMMON METALS AND PRODUCTS OF THE SAME	121.583.692	2,95%
17	MECH. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY	207.880.340	5,05%
18	ELEC. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY	500.512.855	12,16%
19	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	101.815.743	2,47%
20	MEASUREMENT, MED.-SURG. AND VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS	133.577.602	3,25%
21	FURNITURE AND LIGHT FIXTURES	24.621.956	0,60%
22	OTHER ITEMS	140.976.913	3,43%

The most significant imports were those of the textiles sector, which totaled USD 727 million, followed by imports of the clothing sector, totaling USD 535 million. The sectors that reported lower imports in 2004 were manufacturing, footwear and the chapter covering furniture and light fixtures. According to the following graphic, imports corresponding to the textiles, clothing and electrical equipment and machinery sectors accounted for 42% of total imports for 2004, as shown in the following graphic.

PERCENTAGE OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IMPORTS BY SECTOR - 2004



1. LIVESTOCK SECTOR
2. AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
3. AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR
4. ORES AND FUELS SECTOR
5. CHEMICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR
6. RUBBER AND PLASTICS SECTOR
7. LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS SECTOR
8. WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS SECTOR
9. PUBLISHING AND GRAPHIC ARTS SECTOR
10. TEXTILES SECTOR
11. CLOTHING SECTOR
12. FOOTWEAR SECTOR
13. MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ITEMS SECTOR
14. NON-METALLIC ORES SECTOR
15. JEWELRY AND WATCHES SECTOR
16. COMMON METALS AND PRODUCTS SECTOR
17. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY SECTOR
18. ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY SECTOR
19. TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR
20. MEASUREMENT, MEDICAL-SURGICAL AND VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS SECTOR
21. FURNITURE AND LIGHT FIXTURES SECTOR
22. OTHER PRODUCTS SECTOR

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

B. Exports from the DR to the U.S. by Sectors

Total exports to the US from the DR for 2004 totaled USD 4,529 billion, distributed among the 22 sectors, per the following table.

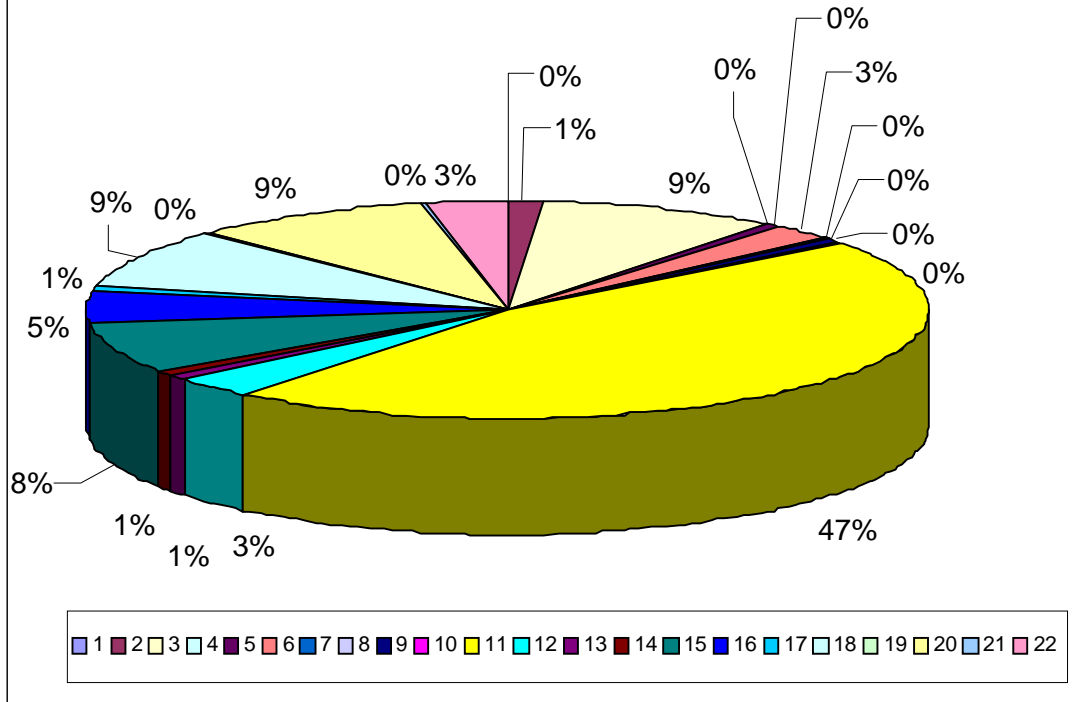
Dom. Rep. Exports to the U.S. by Sector - 2004			
NUMBER	SECTORS	TOTAL SECTOR EXPORTS - 2004 AÑO 2004	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EXPORTS
1	LIVESTOCK	1.548.784	0,03%
2	AGRICULTURE	55.237.317	1,22%
3	AGRO-INDUSTRY	419.009.347	9,25%
4	ORES AND FUELS	4.934.285	0,11%
5	CHEM. AND PHARM. PRODUCTS	17.530.722	0,39%
6	PLASTIC AND RUBBER	120.836.690	2,67%
7	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	14.153.773	0,31%
8	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	1.038.449	0,02%
9	PUBLISHING AND GRAPHIC ARTS	8.670.044	0,19%
10	TEXTILES	5.946.625	0,13%
11	CLOTHING	2.108.867.629	46,56%
12	FOOTWEAR	137.229.697	3,03%
13	MISC. MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS	34.339.172	0,76%
14	NON-METALLIC ORES	37.951.421	0,84%
15	JEWELRY AND WATCHES	340.577.792	7,52%
16	COMMON METALS AND PRODUCTS OF THE SAME	219.362.328	4,84%
17	MECH. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY	36.443.731	0,80%
18	ELEC. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY	392.466.605	8,67%
19	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	9280500	0,20%
20	MEASUREMENT, MED.-SURG. AND VETERINARY EQUIPMENT	417.038.164	9,21%
21	FURNITURE AND LIGHT FIXTURES	7.455.398	0,16%
22	MISC. ITEMS	139.122.050	3,07%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Exports of the clothing sector are noteworthy, which totaled USD 2.018 billion, followed by exports of the agro-industrial sector for USD 419 million.

So exports of the clothing sector represent 47% of the total exports for 2004. The sector that presents a lower level of exports is wood and wood products, which represents only 0.02% of total exports, as shown in the following table.

PERCENTAGE OF U.S. EXPORTS BY SECTOR - 2004



1. LIVESTOCK SECTOR
2. AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
3. AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR
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5. CHEMICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR
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21. FURNITURE AND LIGHT FIXTURES SECTOR
22. OTHER PRODUCTS SECTOR

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C. Trade Balance by Sector

C1. Livestock Sector The livestock sector includes 5 chapters, based on the following table.

SECTOR CHAPTERS	
CHAP.	DESCR.
1	LIVE ANIMALS
2	MEAT
3	FISH AND SHELLFISH
4	MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS EGGS, HONEY
5	OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCTS

C1a. Trade balance of the sector. The chapters that represent the highest level of imports are those of the meat section, followed by chapter four, corresponding to milk and milk products.

Unlike imports, DR does not export meat to the U.S. (Chapter 2), but rather its most representative exports in this sector are fish and shellfish (Chapter 3), which, as shown in the following table, were very active, increasing from USD 441,000 in 1999 to USD 839,000 in 2004.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – AGRIC. SECTOR									
	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CHANGE %
			US \$						
Exports	1	LIVE ANIMALS	107,500	51,000	172,000	342,875	110,675	36,484	-19%
Imports	1	LIVE ANIMALS	4,667,192	3,283,126	3,849,940	4,236,424	3,047,394	2,159,490	-14%
BALANCE	1	LIVE ANIMALS	-4,559,692	-3,232,126	-3,677,940	-3,893,549	-2,936,719	-2,123,006	-14%
Exports	2	MEAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100%
Imports	2	MEAT	24,882,937	12,487,517	11,027,301	8,559,486	8,346,426	10,474,704	-16%
BALANCE	2	MEAT	-24,882,937	-12,487,517	-11,027,301	-8,559,486	-8,346,426	-10,474,704	-16%
Exports	3	FISH AND SHELLFISH	441,937	837,691	1,195,808	2,165,508	2,489,243	839,971	14%
Imports	3	FISH AND SHELLFISH	3,737,372	3,021,786	42,918,391	4,265,993	3,195,244	2,487,403	-8%
BALANCE	3	FISH AND SHELLFISH	-3,295,435	-2,184,095	-41,722,583	-2,100,485	-706,001	-1,647,432	-13%
Exports	4	MILK AND MILK PROD., EGGS, HONEY	62,742	121,280	236,163	230,335	536,343	563,577	55%
Imports	4	MILK AND MILK PROD., EGGS, HONEY	14,209,370	12,158,840	7,728,995	7,156,256	5,183,144	9,549,716	-8%
BALANCE	4	MILK AND MILK PROD., EGGS, HONEY	-14,146,628	-12,037,560	-7,492,832	-6,925,921	-4,646,801	-8,986,139	-9%
Exports	5	OTHER PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN	0	0	40,996	100,024	121,016	108,752	38%
Imports	5	OTHER PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN	435,657	1,030,612	1,340,183	1,369,147	1,054,471	1,086,800	20%
BALANCE	5	OTHER PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN	-435,657	-1,030,612	-1,299,187	-1,269,123	-933,455	-978,048	18%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Total exports of the DR in this sector for 2004 are USD 1,548,784, while imports from the U.S. were USD 25,758,113, showing a balance of USD -24,209,329, as shown below.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – LIVESTOCK SECTOR						
US \$						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Exports	612,179	1,009,971	1,644,967	2,838,742	3,257,277	1,548,784
Imports	47,932,528	31,981,881	66,864,810	25,587,306	20,826,679	25,758,113
Trade Balance	-47,320,349	-30,971,910	-65,219,843	-22,748,564	-17,569,402	-24,209,329

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C1b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the livestock sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

DOM. REP. IMPORTS COMING FROM THE U.S. TO 10 DIGITS – LIVESTOCK SECTOR									
SUB-ITEM 10 DIGITS	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE	
		US \$							1999- 2004
1	40210000	Milk and cream, concentrated, whether or not sweetened, in powder, granules or other solid forms, fat content not exceeding 1.5%	9,541,536	7,435,561	3,021,538	1,411,680	1,342,133	5,003,863	-12.11%
2	105110020	Chickens, live, breeding stock, whether or not purebred, weighing not over 185 g each broiler-type (meat-type)	3,716,544	2,300,726	2,068,178	2,213,991	2,332,697	1,838,488	-13.13%
3	207270090	Turkey cuts and edible offal (including livers), frozen, other	1,798,260	1,977,038	2,147,486	1,462,290	558,273	1,503,785	-3.51%
4	303796090	Fish, n.e.s.o.i., frozen, excluding fillets, livers, roes, and other fish meat of heading 0304	-	146,098	412,252	692,421	314,976	1,076,586	64.76%
5	407000020	Birds' eggs, in shell, for hatching	1,497,805	420,096	407,794	655,944	-	994,543	-7.86%
6	406909550	Cheese, including mixtures, nesoi	794,988	1,079,874	1,415,309	1,845,071	741,314	830,264	0.87%
7	202306000	Meat of bovine animals, boneless, except processed, frozen	4,840,632	1,047,383	378,674	617,759	1,753,773	719,805	-31.69%
8	207140090	Chicken cuts and edible offal (including livers) frozen, other	1,482,987	1,128,860	452,889	263,703	266,517	696,470	-14.03%
9	206490090	Other offal of swine except livers, edible, frozen	290,115	49,822	366,406	354,434	29,277	677,365	18.48%
10	207250000	Turkeys, not cut in pieces, frozen	652,208	485,032	245,664	471,065	407,946	673,838	0.65%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The product that represented the greatest value of imports for 2004 was concentrated milk and cream, or with the addition of sugar or another powdered, granulated or other solid sweetener, which had a fat content less than or equal to 1.5% by weight, of which USD 5 million was imported. Nevertheless, it was noted as in previous years (1999 – 2001) that a higher value was imported, therefore there was an average annual variation of -12.11%.

Imports of item 303796090, corresponding to other frozen fish, except for filets and other fish flesh, is noteworthy for its annual average variation of 64.76%.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 54.41% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. It is important to underline that 19% of imports of the livestock sector were milk and skimmed cream.

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C1c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the livestock sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. TO 10 DIGITS – LIVESTOCK SECTOR									
SUB-ITEM 10 DIG	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE 1999- 2004	
		US \$							
1	306110000	Rock lobster and other sea crawfish (palinurus spp., panulirus spp., jасus spp.) Including in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, frozen	132,760	6,120	29,240	377,032	174,748	534,759	32.14%
2	406901800	Cheese, edam and gouda, nesoi	0	0	0	0	112,792	211,028	87.09%
3	406307100	Mixtures, processed cheese, containing or processed from american-type cheese (ex cheddar) not grated/powdered, nesoi	0	0	0	4,494	106,997	152,786	483.08%
4	302694099	Fish, excluding fillets, livers and roes, fresh or chilled, nesoi	0	0	2,348	2,370	14,351	147,218	297.27%
5	409000025	Comb honey and honey packaged for retail sale	5,179	9,860	0	2,246	36,728	101,991	81.49%
6	511992000	Parings and similar waste of raw hides or skins; glue stock, not elsewhere specified or included	0	0	40,996	88,938	121,016	70,412	19.76%
7	409000064	Natural honey, not packaged for retail sale, nesoi	55,488	111,420	229,965	111,447	213,503	53,840	-0.60%
8	303794097	Fish, frozen, nesoi, except fillets/livers/roes	0	26,319	40,320	0	0	40,704	11.52%
9	508000000	Coral & similar materials, shells of molluscs, crustaceans, echinoderms, cuttlebone, unworked or simply prepared, not cut to shape, powder and waste	0	0	0	0	0	38,340	0.00%
10	302691040	Fish nesoi excluding fillets, livers and roes, scaled, not otherwise processed, in containers weighing with contents 6.8 kg or less, fresh or chilled	0	0	0	0	0	22,164	0.00%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The most significant exports for 2004 were frozen lobster and other shellfish, of which USD 534,759 were exported. This sub-item showed significant activity the past few years, since it had an average annual variation of 32%.

It is important to note, since DR has diversified exports to the U.S. in this sector, taking into account that starting in 2002, they began to export processed cheeses (sub-item 406307100), or as in 2004, they began to export other types of fish (sub-item 302691040).

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 88% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. The products identified as sub-items 30610000 and 406901800 alone, corresponding to lobster and other shellfish, and other cheeses gouda and edam, represent more than 40% of the exports of the sector.

C2. Agricultural Sector The agricultural sector includes 9 chapters, based on the following table.

AGRIC. SECTOR	
CHAP.	DESCR.
6	LIVE PLANTS AND FLOWERS
7	GREEN LEAF & LEGUME PLANTS
8	FRUIT
9	COFFEE, TEA, MATE
10	GRAINS
11	MOLINER
12	OLEAGINOUS SEEDS, MEDIC. PLANTS, TILLING
13	RUBBER, RESINS AND PLANT EXTRACTS
14	VINING MATERIALS AND OTHER PLANT PRODUCTS

C2a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports of cereals, which totaled USD 185 million, are noteworthy. Imports of seeds should also be underlined, in that in 2004 they totaled USD 105 million.

With respect to exports from the Dominican Republic, the most representative chapter is fruits (Chapter 8), which were USD 28 million for 2004.

U.S. TRADE BALANCE WITH DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: AGRICULTURAL SECTOR									
	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE 1999- 2004
US \$									
Imports	6	LIVE PLANTS AND FLOWERS	2.071.236	2.082.305	2.183.171	2.355.783	1.832.418	1.754.930	-3,26%
Exports	6	LIVE PLANTS AND FLORES	259.944	315.254	258.098	388.302	283.052	274.393	1,09%
BALANCE	6	Live PLANTS and FLOWER	-1.811.292	-1.767.051	-1.925.073	-1.967.481	-1.549.366	-1.480.537	-3,95%
Imports	7	HORTALIZAS	16.709.788	17.692.649	19.649.664	16.097.441	14.239.522	19.428.943	3,06%
Exports	7	HORTALIZAS	10.536.195	12.424.823	9.913.912	10.283.195	6.435.100	7.327.313	-7,01%
BALANCE	7	HORTALIZAS	-6.173.593	-5.267.826	-9.735.752	-5.814.246	-7.804.422	-12.101.630	14,41%
Imports	8	FRUITS	26.662.928	24.574.025	25.661.827	26.309.436	27.583.313	28.147.534	1,09%
Exports	8	FRUTAS	9.027.602	10.578.775	12.686.273	12.975.065	6.417.761	7.228.531	-4,35%
BALANCE	8	FRUTAS	-17.635.326	-13.995.250	-12.975.554	-13.334.371	-21.165.552	-20.919.003	3,47%
Imports	9	CAFÉ, TE, MATE ESPECIAS	12.662.546	11.388.360	6.736.123	7.913.859	11.122.572	631.555	-45,10%
Exports	9	CAFÉ, TE, MATE ESPECIAS	319.997	468.930	371.542	450.500	580.754	211.345	-7,96%
BALANCE	9	CAFÉ, TE, MATE ESPECIAS	-12.342.549	-10.919.430	-6.364.581	-7.463.359	-10.541.818	-420.210	-49,14%
Imports	10	CEREALES	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100,00%
Exports	10	CEREALES	150.934.162	152.942.553	145.696.147	160.428.351	156.437.689	185.437.816	4,20%
BALANCE	10	CEREALES	150.934.162	152.942.553	145.696.147	160.428.351	156.437.689	185.437.816	4,20%
Imports	11	MOLINERIA	145.403	85.276	102.739	129.921	132.615	28.989	-27,57%
Exports	11	MOLINERIA	15.825.732	2.724.397	2.095.597	2.872.389	1.765.921	13.347.546	-3,35%
BALANCE	11	MOLINERIA	15.680.329	2.639.121	1.992.858	2.742.468	1.633.306	13.318.557	-3,21%
Imports	12	SEMILLAS OLEAGINOSAS, PLANTAS MEDICINALES, FORRAJE	18.321	42.513	48.893	304.749	81.273	105.554	41,94%
Exports	12	SEMILLAS OLEAGINOSAS, PLANTAS MEDICINALES, FORRAJE	2.057.330	2.626.436	3.337.108	1.908.907	1.433.265	12.307.379	43,01%
BALANCE	12	SEMILLAS OLEAGINOSAS, PLANTAS MEDICINALES, FORRAJE	2.039.009	2.583.923	3.288.215	1.604.158	1.351.992	12.201.825	43,02%
Imports	13	GOMAS, RESINAS, JUGOS Y EXTRACTOS VEGETALES	3.974.475	5.550.969	7.493.069	7.505.559	6.415.873	5.139.812	5,28%
Exports	13	GOMAS, RESINAS, JUGOS Y EXTRACTOS VEGETALES	2.634.445	2.705.690	2.792.237	1.384.230	1.817.051	992.274	-17,74%
BALANCE	13	GOMAS, RESINAS, JUGOS Y EXTRACTOS VEGETALES	-1.340.030	-2.845.279	-4.700.832	-6.121.329	-4.598.822	-4.147.538	25,35%
Imports	14	MATERIAL TRENZABLE Y DEMAS PRODUCTOS VEGETALES	0	0	3.960	0	2.600	0	-100,00%
Exports	14	MATERIAL TRENZABLE Y DEMAS PRODUCTOS VEGETALES	23.400	80.194	60.607	15.936	7.918	50.626	16,69%
BALANCE	14	MATERIAL TRENZABLE Y DEMAS PRODUCTOS VEGETALES	23.400	80.194	56.647	15.936	5.318	50.626	16,69%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Total exports of the DR in this sector for 2004 are USD 55.237.317, while imports from the U.S. were USD 227.177.223, showing a balance of USD -171.939.906, as shown below.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – AGRICULTURAL SECTOR						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	<i>US \$</i>					
Exports	62,246,696	61,418,097	61,881,447	60,618,750	61,412,189	55,237,317
Imports	191618807	184867052	177211521	190706875	175178511	227177223
Trade Balance	-129,372,111	-123,448,955	-115,330,074	-130,088,125	-113,766,322	-171,939,906

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C2b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the agricultural sector from the U.S. for 2004 are identified in the following table.

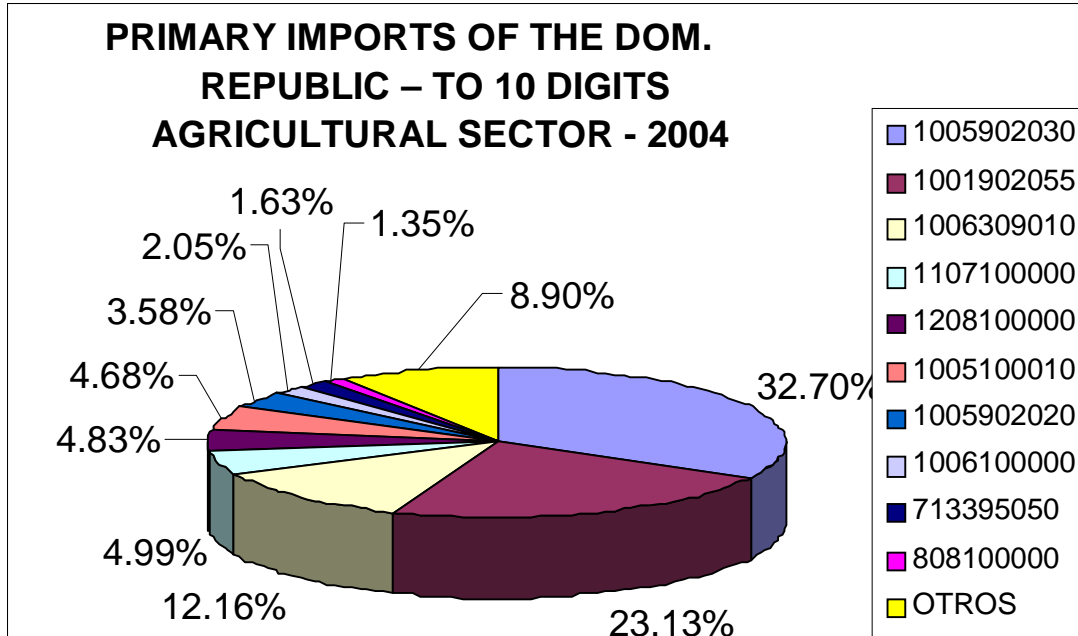
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IMPORTS – AGRICULTURAL SECTOR									
SUB-ITEM TO 10 DIGITS	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE 1999- 2004	
		<i>US \$</i>							
1	1005902030 Yellow dent corn (maize), u. S. No. 2, except seed	82,937,036	88,085,941	89,340,707	98,666,462	93,491,615	74,291,150	-2.18%	
2	1001902055 Wheat and meslin, except seed, nesoi	32,502,699	33,237,045	37,476,491	45,315,792	36,310,376	52,540,490	10.08%	
3	1006309010 Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, nesoi, long grain	18,910,401	12,961,433	3,438,881	8,430	14,634	27,623,516	7.87%	
4	1107100000 Malt, not roasted	11,772,653	143,730	176,426	131,769	20,956	11,340,676	-0.74%	
5	1208100000 Flours and meals of soybeans	-	-	1,175,040	-	-	10,970,127	110.57%	
6	1005100010 Corn (maize), seed, yellow corn	11,218	5,028	-	59,782	20,650	10,633,245	293.87%	
7	1005902020 Yellow dent corn (maize), u. S. No. 1, except seed	-	405,138	3,100,244	4,851,271	6,965,726	8,126,031	111.63%	
8	1006100000 Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	-	-	-	-	-	4,659,320	0.00%	
9	7133950500 Pinto beans (vigna spp., phaseolus spp.), except seed, dried, shelled	3,104,081	3,919,846	4,997,173	4,474,851	3,296,041	3,708,133	3.62%	
10	8081000000 Apples, fresh	3,603,391	3,818,270	6,045,225	5,317,203	1,667,063	3,070,900	-3.15%	

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports of yellow corn are noteworthy, in that they exceeded USD 74 million in 2004, nevertheless it was noted that in prior years (1999-2003) a greater value was imported, therefore there was an annual variation of -2.18%. Imports under Item 1005100010 corresponding to seed corn, which has had an annual average variation of 293%, are worth noting.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 91% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

It is important to underline that 50% of imports in the agricultural sector were of yellow corn and wheat, corresponding to sub-items 1005902030 and 1001902055.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C2c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the agricultural sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

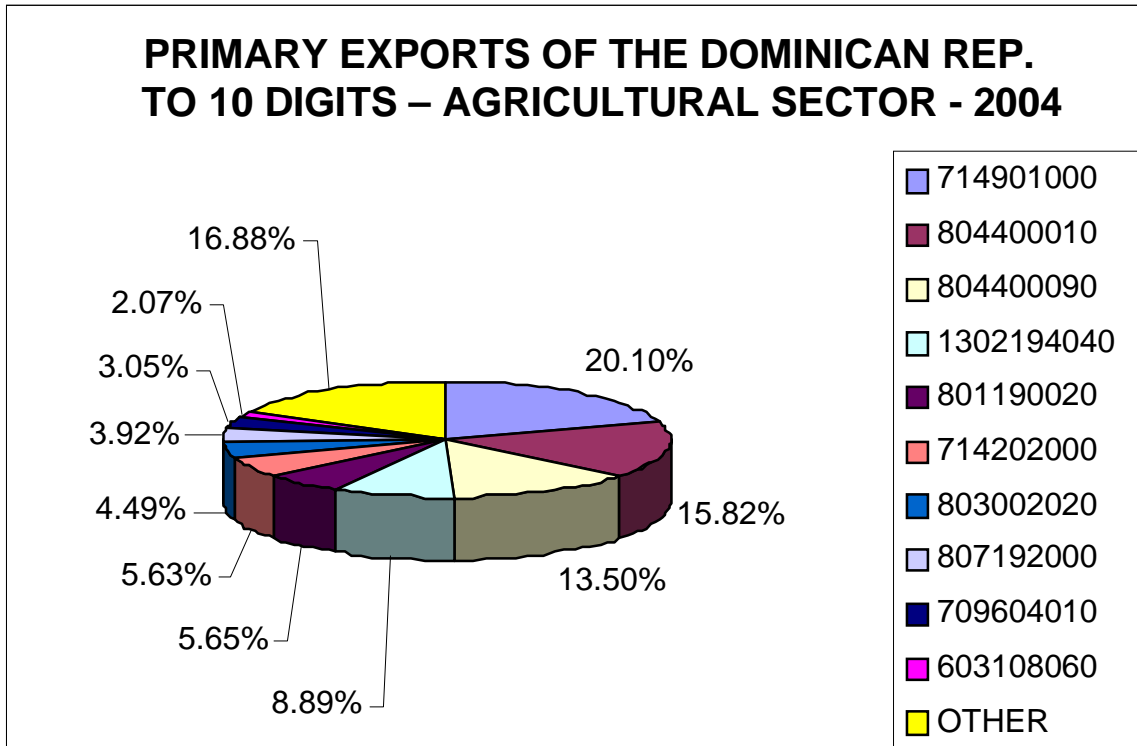
PRIMARY EXPORTS OF THE DOM. REP. TO THE U.S. – AGRICULTURAL SECTOR									
	SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO % 1999- 2004
			US DOLARES						
1	714901000	Dasheens, fresh, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	6.330.375	9.586.287	11.121.597	8.051.967	7.565.749	11.102.959	11,89%
2	804400010	Hass avocados/hass-like deter by sec usda frh/drid	0	0	1.367.147	2.426.756	3.925.614	8.736.219	85,57%
3	804400090	Avocados, fresh or dried, other	0	0	3.932.509	8.333.525	10.062.835	7.458.955	23,79%
4	1302194040	Substances having anesthetic, prophylactic or therapeutic properties, nesoi	3.269.637	5.204.653	6.361.934	7.101.357	6.082.285	4.910.908	8,48%
5	801190020	Coconuts, fresh or dried, in shell	3.663.744	2.637.169	2.869.816	2.699.258	2.799.869	3.122.533	-3,15%
6	714202000	Sweet potatoes, fresh or dried, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	4.866.725	4.193.624	3.954.951	3.418.428	2.025.938	3.111.510	-8,56%
7	803002020	Bananas, fresh	4.905.205	2.236.645	2.800.178	1.485.804	999.363	2.479.734	-12,75%
8	807192000	Cantaloupes, fresh, if entered during the period from september 16 to july 31, inclusive, of the following year	5.288.473	4.893.824	5.180.100	5.638.914	4.139.218	2.163.720	-16,37%
9	709604010	Greenhouse fruits of the genus capsicum (peppers) or of the genus pimenta (e.g., allspice), nesoi, fresh or chilled	0	0	0	533.730	1.556.513	1.682.281	77,54%
10	603108060	Cut flowers and flower buds nesoi, fresh	1.198.377	977.218	1.493.359	1.619.969	1.381.376	1.141.840	-0,96%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The most significant exports for 2004 were fresh dasheens, of which USD 11 million were exported. This sub-item showed significant activity the past few years, since it had an average annual variation of 11,89%.

It is important to note, since DR has diversified exports to the U.S. in this sector, taking into account that starting in 2002, they began to export pepper (sub-item 709604010), or as in 2001, they began to export avocados.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 83% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. The products identified by sub-items 714901000 and 804400010 alone, corresponding to dasheens and avocados represent 30% of the sector's exports.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C3. Agro-industrial Sector The agro-industrial sector includes 11 chapters, based on the following table.

AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	
CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
14	VINING MATERIAL AND OTHER PLANT PRODUCTS
15	ANIMAL AND PLANT OILS AND FATS
16	MEAT, FISH AND SHELLFISH PREPARED ITEMS
17	SUGAR AND CONFECTIONARY ITEMS
18	CACAO AND CACAO PRODUCTS
19	GRAIN, FLOWER AND PASTRY PRODUCTS
20	FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PREPARED ITEMS
21	MISC. FOODS
22	BEVERAGES, ALCOHOLIC BEV., AND VINAGER
23	FOOD WASTE AND ANIMAL FOODS
24	TOBACCO

C3a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports of tobacco, which totaled USD 86 million, are noteworthy. Imports of Chapter 23, corresponding to food waste for animals, are also noteworthy, totaling USD 37 million.

With respect to exports from the Dominican Republic to the U.S., the most representative chapter is also tobacco (Chapter 24), which were USD 226 million for 2004.

U.S. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE DOM. REPUBLIC – AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (I)									
	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE 1999- 2004
			US \$						
Exports	14	MATERIAL TRENZABLE Y DEMÁS PRODUCTOS VEGETALES	0	0	3,960	0	2,600	0	-100.00%
Imports	14	MATERIAL TRENZABLE Y DEMÁS PRODUCTOS VEGETALES	23,400	80,194	60,607	15,936	7,918	50,626	16.69%
BALANCE	14	MATERIAL TRENZABLE Y DEMÁS PRODUCTOS VEGETALES	23,400	80,194	56,647	15,936	5,318	50,626	16.69%
Exports	15	ACEITES Y GRASAS ANIMALES Y VEGETALES	302,788	150,222	171,928	218,374	207,205	226,300	-5.66%
Imports	15	ACEITES Y GRASAS ANIMALES Y VEGETALES	32,575,308	24,156,182	26,280,028	40,094,562	27,821,417	36,939,766	2.55%
BALANCE	15	ACEITES Y GRASAS ANIMALES Y VEGETALES	32,272,520	24,005,960	26,108,100	39,876,188	27,614,212	36,713,466	2.61%
Exports	16	PREPARACION ES DE CARNE, PESCADO Y CRUSTACEOS	0	7,698	0	13,105	35,179	0	-100.00%
Imports	16	PREPARACION ES DE CARNE, PESCADO Y CRUSTACEOS	4,165,743	5,939,474	7,800,429	7,647,796	6,596,530	4,909,040	3.34%
BALANCE	16	PREPARACION ES DE CARNE, PESCADO Y CRUSTACEOS	4,165,743	5,931,776	7,800,429	7,634,691	6,561,351	4,909,040	3.34%
Exports	17	AZÚCAR Y CONFITERIA	76,657,491	88,017,802	77,404,360	80,112,795	87,643,895	86,092,676	2.35%
Imports	17	AZÚCAR Y CONFITERIA	4,469,139	3,733,271	3,179,227	3,285,484	1,811,348	2,090,700	-14.10%
BALANCE	17	AZÚCAR Y CONFITERIA	-72,188,352	-84,284,531	-74,225,133	-76,827,311	-85,832,547	-84,001,976	3.08%
Exports	18	CACAO Y SUS PREPARACION ES	18,358,295	16,183,000	28,765,196	38,339,776	55,242,278	40,405,047	17.09%
Imports	18	CACAO Y SUS PREPARACION ES	3,463,229	4,861,766	3,678,019	4,941,538	2,884,114	1,962,492	-10.74%
BALANCE	18	CACAO Y SUS PREPARACION ES	-14,895,066	-11,321,234	-25,087,177	-33,398,238	-52,358,164	-38,442,555	20.88%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

U.S. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC \$AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (II)+A53									
	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE 1999- 2004
			US \$						
Exportaciones	19	PRODUCTOS DE CEREALES, HARINA Y PASTELERIA	1,372,568	1,363,517	1,858,849	1,590,707	3,270,651	4,649,315	27.64%
Importaciones	19	PRODUCTOS DE CEREALES, HARINA Y PASTELERIA	16,259,297	14,161,201	12,691,774	13,992,791	8,922,003	7,156,372	-15.14%
BALANZA	19	PRODUCTOS DE CEREALES, HARINA Y PASTELERIA	14,886,729	12,797,684	10,832,925	12,402,084	5,651,352	2,507,057	-29.97%
Exportaciones	20	PREPARACIONES DE HORTALIZAS Y FRUTAS	21,877,909	21,030,572	19,923,004	20,796,441	19,234,288	13,458,107	-9.26%
Importaciones	20	PREPARACIONES DE HORTALIZAS Y FRUTAS	15,293,010	11,545,999	11,101,576	11,055,071	7,186,998	6,706,720	-15.20%
BALANZA	20	PREPARACIONES DE HORTALIZAS Y FRUTAS	-6,584,899	-9,484,573	-8,821,428	-9,741,370	-12,047,290	-6,751,387	0.50%
Exportaciones	21	ALIMENTOS DIVERSOS	14,602,158	14,281,294	21,017,255	21,680,405	19,265,703	22,945,160	9.46%
Importaciones	21	ALIMENTOS DIVERSOS	25,862,319	23,910,804	27,254,693	28,694,798	24,626,057	22,346,272	-2.88%
BALANZA	21	ALIMENTOS DIVERSOS	11,260,161	9,629,510	6,237,438	7,014,393	5,360,354	-598,888	-155.61%
Exportaciones	22	BEBIDAS, BEBIDAS ALCOHOLICAS Y VINAGRE	12,920,998	14,004,254	19,514,704	26,503,613	24,561,417	24,895,409	14.02%
Importaciones	22	BEBIDAS, BEBIDAS ALCOHOLICAS Y VINAGRE	4,646,100	6,005,644	11,559,464	16,051,309	14,044,241	6,443,040	6.76%
BALANZA	22	BEBIDAS, BEBIDAS ALCOHOLICAS Y VINAGRE	-8,274,898	-7,998,610	-7,955,240	-10,452,304	-10,517,176	-18,452,369	17.40%
Exportaciones	23	RESIDUOS ALIMENTICIOS Y ALIMENTOS PARA ANIMALES	19,718	204,994	46,632	84,976	19,417	170,817	54.00%
Importaciones	23	RESIDUOS ALIMENTICIOS Y ALIMENTOS PARA ANIMALES	63,973,942	77,066,989	84,076,477	81,437,633	82,553,648	37,130,763	-10.31%
BALANZA	23	RESIDUOS ALIMENTICIOS Y ALIMENTOS PARA ANIMALES	63,954,224	76,861,995	84,029,845	81,352,657	82,534,231	36,959,946	-10.39%
Exportaciones	24	TABACO	213,418,522	217,865,556	212,656,526	202,731,505	207,736,553	226,166,516	1.17%
Importaciones	24	TABACO	141,206,056	110,006,517	92,113,811	87,467,251	76,210,247	86,539,219	-9.33%
BALANZA	24	TABACO	-72,212,466	-107,859,039	-120,542,715	-115,264,254	-131,526,306	-139,627,297	14.10%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Total exports of the agro-industrial sector for 2004 are USD 419,009,347, while imports of the Dominican Republic from the U.S. are 212,215,010, which represents a balance of USD 206,734,337.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH US –AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
US\$						
Exports	359,530,447	373,108,909	381,358,454	392,071,697	417,216,586	419,009,347
Imports	311,937,543	281,468,041	279,796,105	294,684,169	252,64,521	212,275,010
Balance	47,592,904	91,640,868	101,562,349	97,387,528	164,552,065	206,734,337

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C3b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the agro-industrial sector from the U.S. for 2004 are identified in the following table.

DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. – AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
SUB-ITEM 10 DIG	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE 1999- 2004	
US \$									
1	2401102020	Connecticut shade tobacco, not stemmed/stripped, containing over 35 percent wrapper tobacco	104,548,492	80,487,666	66,055,546	41,560,848	26,166,580	32,234,620	-20.97%
2	2304000000	Soybean oilcake and other solid residues resulting from the extraction of soy bean oil, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets	54,833,373	65,433,971	71,130,084	69,782,059	73,217,900	30,907,835	-10.83%
3	2401102040	Tobacco, not stemmed/stripped, containing over 35 percent wrapper tobacco, nesoi	24,208,959	15,643,764	18,885,032	29,787,549	13,891,071	21,606,251	-2.25%
4	1507100000	Soybean oil and its fractions, crude, whether or not degummed	7,217,036	3,754,775	5,609,767	17,569,569	7,509,044	13,894,035	14.00%
5	2401109570	Tobacco nesoi including cigar leaf, not stemmed/stripped, not containing wrapper tobacco or not containing over 35% wrapper tobacco	33,891	282,598	-	9,524,381	11,263,045	11,568,264	221.10%
6	2106906573	Preparations for the manufacture of beverages, nesoi	9,800,642	10,043,571	12,763,997	13,950,766	9,824,406	8,825,278	-2.07%
7	2403100060	Smoking tobacco, whether or not containing tobacco substitutes in any proportion, nesoi	-	-	53,487	45,262	5,978,518	6,678,456	399.81%
8	1502000040	Tallow, inedible	8,335,058	6,438,129	6,648,253	6,229,771	5,809,823	6,450,011	-5.00%
9	1501000060	Yellow grease	-	603,300	2,949,514	3,505,592	4,019,800	5,306,922	72.22%
10	2401202970	Cigar binder tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped, not threshed, not containing wrapper tobacco, or not containing over 35 percent wrapper tob	6,160	6,160	-	44,534	3,410,498	5,203,804	284.90%

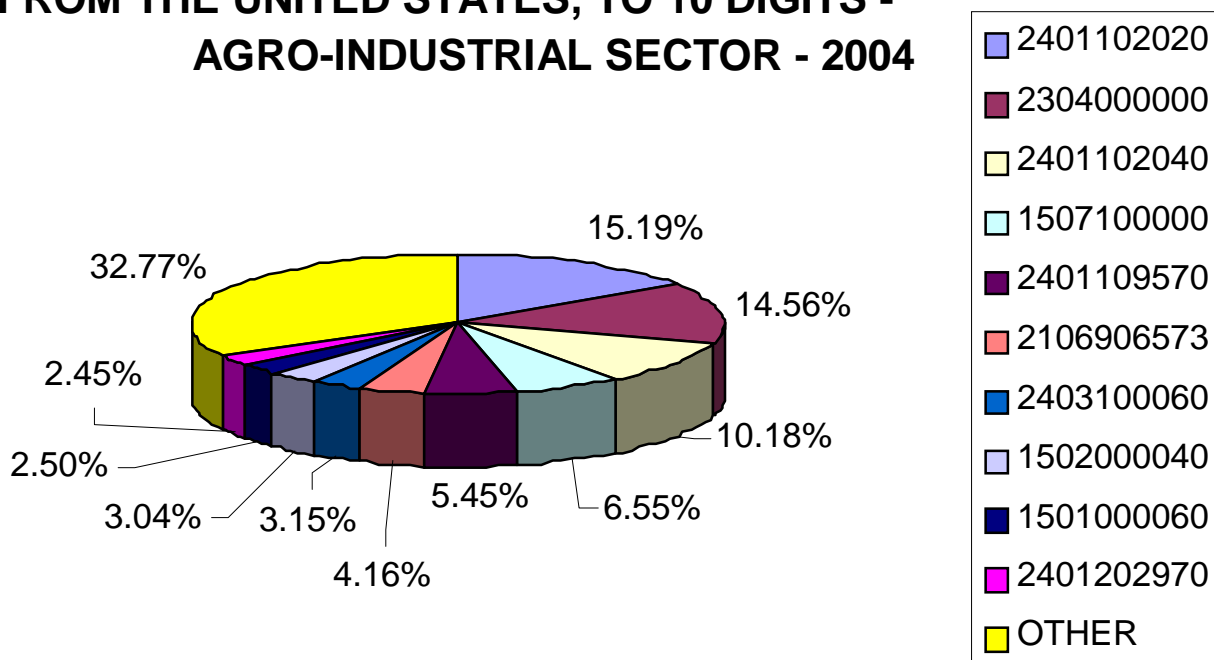
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports of “Connecticut Shade” tobacco are noteworthy, in that they exceeded USD 32 million in 2004, nevertheless it was noted that in prior years (1999-2001) a greater value was imported, therefore there was an annual variation of -20,97%.

Imports under Item 2401109570 corresponding to other tobacco, which has had an annual average variation of 221%, are worth noting.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 67% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. It is important to note that 30% of imports in the agro-industrial sector were tobacco and other solid wastes from the extraction of soy oil corresponding to sub-items 2401102020 and 2304000000.

**PRIMARY IMPORTS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
FROM THE UNITED STATES, TO 10 DIGITS -
AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR - 2004**



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C3c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the agro-industrial sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

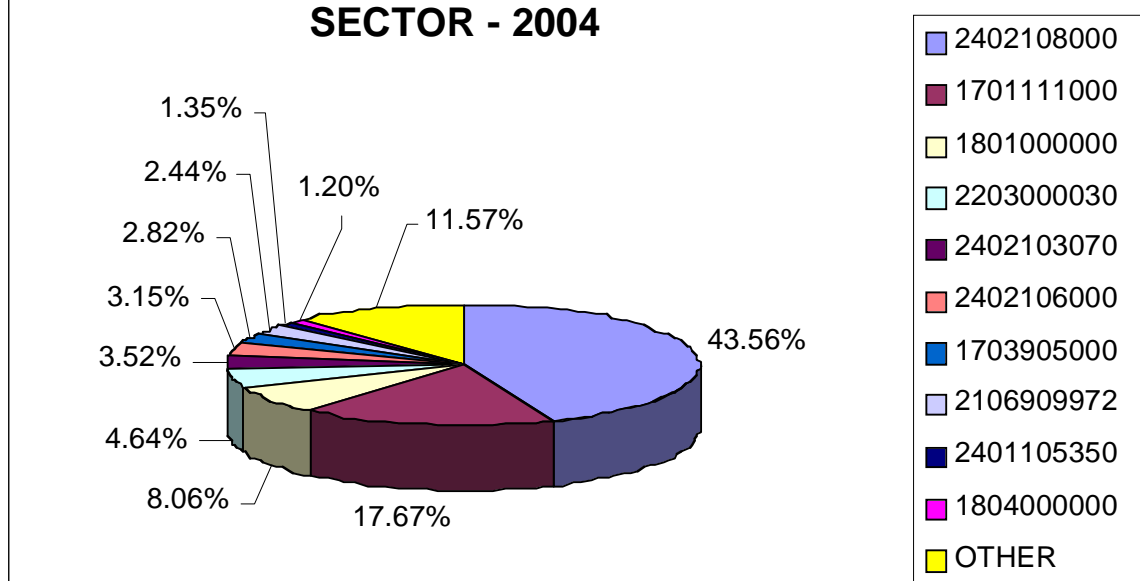
PRIMARY EXPORTS FROM THE DOM. REP. TO THE U.S. – AGROINDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
	SUB-ITEM 10 DIG	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
			US \$						1999- 2004
1	2402108000	Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos containing tobacco, each valued \$.23 or over	64,294,958	171,550,666	165,229,016	170,511,766	175,975,696	182,524,335	2.13%
2	1701111000	Cane sugar, raw, in solid form, not containing added flavoring or coloring matter, nesoi, described in additional u s note 5 (chap. 17) & provisional	65,080,840	77,870,989	65,493,446	69,461,232	77,238,485	74,051,003	2.62%
3	1801000000	Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted	14,399,215	12,656,909	25,316,839	34,944,358	49,821,840	33,780,495	18.59%
4	2203000030	Beer made from malt in glass containers not over 4 liters each	11,458,339	12,064,620	12,680,033	19,014,264	18,076,629	19,459,323	11.17%
5	2402103070	Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos, containing tobacco, each valued less than .15 cents	0	0	0	5,828,857	9,780,862	14,764,753	59.16%
6	2402106000	Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos containing tobacco, each valued \$.15 or over but less than \$.23	6,868,040	7,974,659	14,185,700	14,158,742	11,447,457	13,195,873	13.95%
7	1703905000	Molasses resulting from the extraction or refining of sugar, nesoi	7,295,450	8,786,940	11,850,923	10,605,134	10,324,145	11,833,614	10.16%
8	2106909972	Preparations for the manufacture of beverages, nesoi, containing sugar derived from sugar cane and/or sugar beets	8,018,227	7,392,347	9,763,871	8,247,770	6,489,565	10,234,423	5.00%
9	2401105350	Filler tobacco, including cigar leaf, not stemmed/stripped, not containing wrapper tobacco or not containing over 35 percent wrapper tobacco	9,598,303	7,349,474	4,960,035	3,509,932	3,587,248	5,646,342	-10.07%
10	1804000000	Cocoa butter, fat and oil	3,357,012	2,660,209	2,635,635	2,295,788	2,889,753	5,039,447	8.46%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The most significant exports for 2004 were cigars and cigarettes containing tobacco, of which USD 182 million were exported. This sub-item showed moderate activity the past few years, since it had an average annual variation of 2.13%.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 88% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. The products identified by sub-items 2402108000 and 1700111000 alone, corresponding to cigars and cigarettes and brown sugarloaf represent 60% of the sector's exports.

**PRIMARY EXPORTS OF THE DOMINICAN REP.
TO 10 DIGITS Š AGROINDUSTRIAL
SECTOR - 2004**



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C4. Ores and Fuels Sector. The ores and fuels sector includes 3 chapters, based on the following table.

ORES AND FUELS SECTOR	
CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
25	SALT, SULFUR, DIRT, STONE, GYPSUM, LIMESTONE AND CEMENTS
26	METAL ORES, SLAG AND ASH
27	FUELS, OILS

C4a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports of fuels and oils are noteworthy, in that they totaled USD 276 million.

With respect to exports from the Dominican Republic, the most representative chapter is fuels (Chapter 27), which were USD 2.500.000 million for 2004.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH U.S. – ORES AND FUELS SECTOR									
	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE
			US \$						
Exports	25	SALT, SULFUR DIRT, PIEDRAS, PLASTER, LIME AND CEMENTS	1,299,575	3,435,970	4,475,826	1,338,449	1,343,476	1,598,889	4.23%
Imports	25	SALT, SULFUR DIRT, STONES,, PLASTER, LIME AND CEMENTS	6,414,843	4,042,614	3,566,178	4,703,934	5,892,540	7,155,904	2.21%
BALANCE			-5,115,268	-606,644	909,648	-3,365,485	-4,549,064	-5,557,015	1.67%
Exports	26	METAL ORES SLAGS AND ASH	257,326	233,885	204,861	1,389,468	730,878	833,734	26.51%
Imports	26	METAL ORES SLAG AND ASH	263,752	197,973	410,549	14,424,159	39,683,425	8,797,418	101.67%
BALANCE	26	METAL ORES SLAG AND ASH	-6,426	35,912	-205,688	-13,034,691	-38,952,547	-7,963,684	315.56%
Exports	27	FUELS AND OILS	53,435	35,909	1,955,200	82,526	886,188	2,501,662	115.81%
Imports	27	FUELS AND OILS	56,734,434	142,062,889	101,854,109	103,506,583	334,296,560	276,973,452	37.32%
BALANCE	27	FUELS AND OILS	-56,680,999	-142,026,980	-99,898,909	-103,424,057	-333,410,372	-274,471,790	37.09%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The balance for the sector for 2004 was USD 287 million. The Dominican Republic imported a total of USD 292 million and exported USD 4 million to the U.S. alone.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – ORES AND FUELS						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
us \$						
Exports	1,610,336	3,705,764	6,635,887	2,810,443	2,960,542	4,934,285
Imports	63,413,029	146,303,476	105,830,836	122,634,676	379,872,525	292,926,774
Trade Balance	-61,802,693	-142,597,712	-99,194,949	-119,824,233	-376,911,983	-287,992,489

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C4b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the ores and fuels sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

IMPORTS TO THE DOM. REP. FROM THE U.S. – ORES AND FUELS SECTOR									
SUB-ITEM 10 DIG	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE	
		US \$							1999- 2004
1	2710193020	Automotive, diesel or marine engine (except turbine) lubricating oils	-	-	-	25,137,842	33,476,495	80,310,022	78.74%
2	2710190520	Heavy fuel oils under 25 degrees api havg sayblt un vis at 37.8 d cent of more than 125 seconds	-	-	-	22,472,963	56,299,630	54,720,454	56.04%
3	2710191007	Light fuel oils 25 degrees api or more having a saybolt universal viscosity at 37.8 deg c of less thn 45 seconds, containing over 0.05 percent sulfur	-	-	-	11,780,162	78,548,297	47,850,593	101.54%
4	2710191025	No. 4-type fuel oils 25 degrees api or more with a saybolt universal viscosity at 37.8 deg c of 45 to 125 seconds, containing more than 0.05% sulfur	-	-	-	-	-	23,731,345	0.00%
5	2710191005	Light fuel oils 25 deg api and over havg saybolt universal viscosity at 37.8 deg c of less thn 45 seconds, not over 0.05 percent by weight of sulfur	-	-	-	6,309,778	17,292,720	16,393,109	61.18%
6	2710193080	Lubricating oils with or without additives, nesoi	-	-	-	10,595,475	10,827,697	10,524,758	-0.33%
7	2710111518	Unleaded gasoline, not elsewhere specified or included	-	-	-	5,952,530	20,741,832	9,742,558	27.93%
8	2616900040	Precious metal ores and concentrates (excpt silvr): gold content	-	-	120,471	3,702,708	4,935,791	7,813,668	301.78%
9	2710111520	Jet fuel, naphtha-type (light oils and preparations)	-	-	-	-	9,859,579	7,477,805	-24.16%
10	2713200000	Petroleum bitumen	110,556	-	-	4,852	5,583,967	6,667,799	127.03%

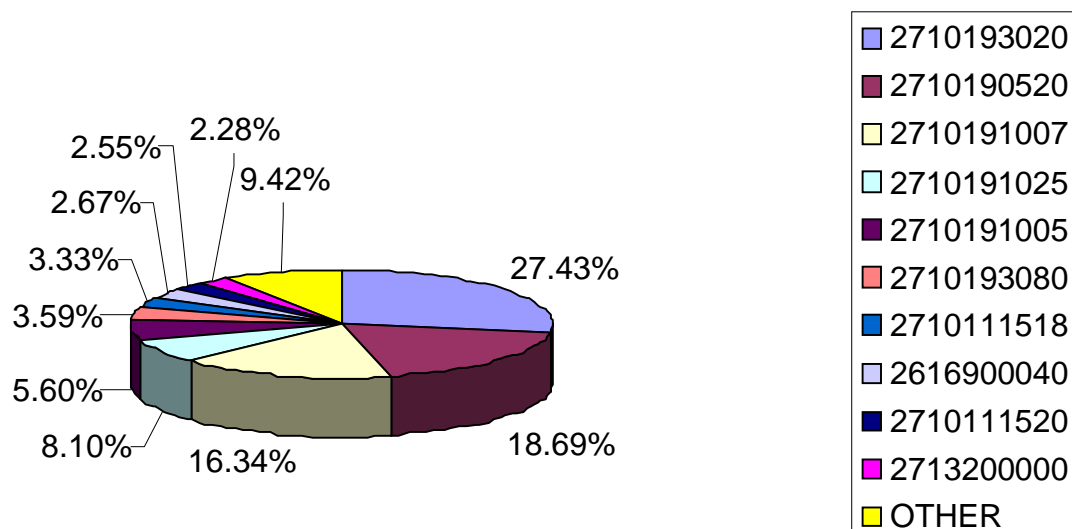
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Dominican Republic imports from the U.S. of lubricating oils for automobiles are noteworthy, totaling USD 80 million.

It is important to note that for the majority of these products, no imports were reported in previous years, as is the case for sub-item 2710191007, corresponding to light oils, or the case of other lubricating oils with or without additives, corresponding to sub-item 2710193080.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 90% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. It is important to underline that 45% of the imports in the ores and fuels sector were lubricating oils for automobiles and heavy oils, corresponding to sub-items 2710193020 and 2710190520.

**PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. TO 10 DIGITS
ORES AND FUELS SECTOR - 2004**



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

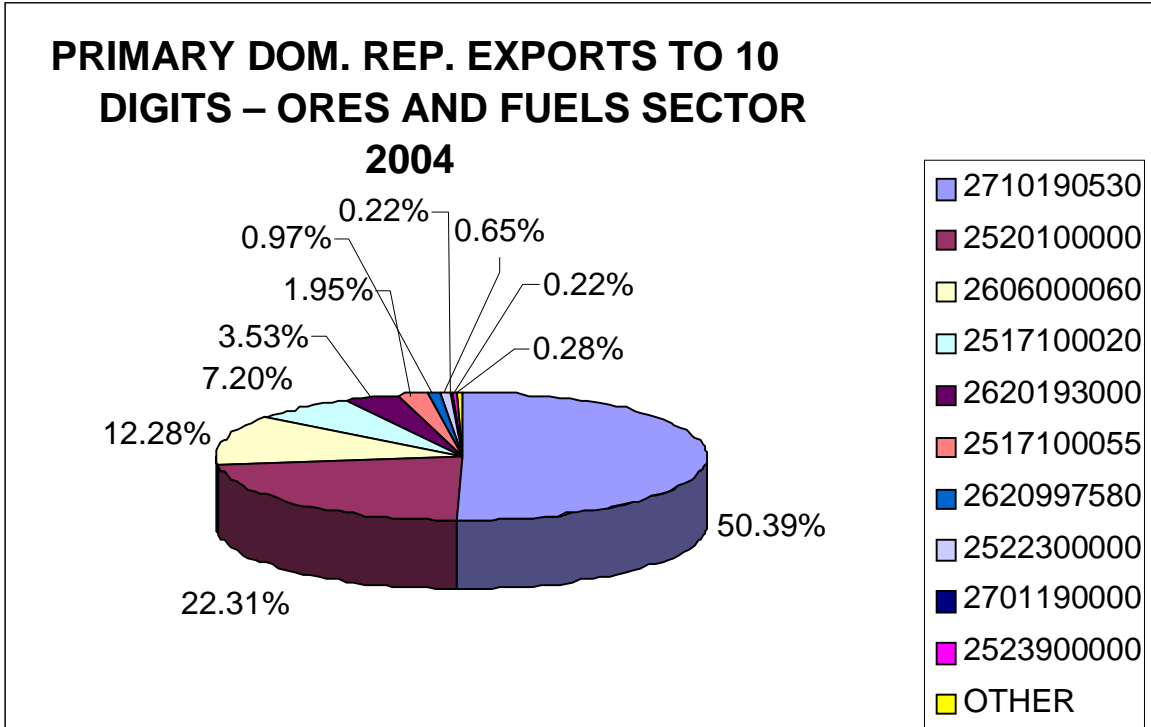
C4c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the ores and fuels sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

DOM. REP. EXPORTS OF THE U.S. – ORESE AND FUELS SECTOR								
SUB-ITEM 10 DIG	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE
		US \$						
1	2710190530 No 6-type fuel oil under 25 degrees api havng saybolt universal viscosity at 37.8 degrees centigrade of more than 125 seconds	0	0	0	0	0	2,483,787	0.00%
2	2520100000 Gypsum; anhydrite	13,890	2,778	0	0	836,259	1,099,464	139.72%
3	2606000060 Bauxite, calcined not refractory grade	0	0	0	0	0	605,327	0.00%
4	2517100020 Limestone, crushed or broken, other than pebbles or gravel	508,777	670,741	1,073,288	979,563	361,673	354,850	-6.95%
5	2620193000 Zinc dross and zinc skimmings	239,566	231,485	204,861	119,372	96,104	173,885	-6.21%
6	2517100055 Broken or crushed stone not pebbles or gravel or limestone, for concrete aggregates, road metalling, or railway or other ballast, shingle and flint	0	0	1,004,709	262,754	2,500	96,314	-54.23%
7	2620997580 Residues nesoi not advanced in value or condition and if over 2 percent copper, lead, or zinc is not for recovery thereof: gold content	0	0	0	1,258,811	631,529	47,804	-80.51%
8	2522300000 Hydraulic lime	0	0	0	0	94,577	32,031	-66.13%
9	2701190000 Other coal, not agglomerated	0	0	39,288	82,526	57,755	10,867	-34.84%
10	2523900000 Hydraulic cement, other, nesoi	0	0	0	0	0	10,730	0.00%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The most significant exports for 2004 were fuel oils of type 6, of which USD 2 million were exported. No exports were made in prior years (1999-2003) under this sub-item.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 99% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. Fuel oils of type 6 and natural gypsum alone represented more than 70% of the sector's exports.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C5. Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sector The chemical-pharmaceutical sector includes 11 chapters, based on the following table.

CHEM. AND PHARM. SECTOR	
CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
28	INORG. CHEMICALS
29	ORG. CHEMICALS
30	PHARMACEUTICALS
31	FERTILIZER
32	COLORING EXTRACTS, PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND SIMILAR ITEMS
33	PERFUMES AND COSMETICS
34	SOAPS. CANDLES. WAX AND. ODONTOLOGY PRODUCTS
35	ALBUMINOID MATERIALS COTTON, GLUES
36	GUNPOWDER
37	PHOTOGRAPHIC PRODUCTS
38	OTHER CHEM. PRODUCTS

C5a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under the chapter of perfumes and cosmetics, totaling USD 38 million in 2004, are noteworthy.

With respect to exports from the Dominican Republic to the U.S., the most representative chapter is 33 (perfumes and cosmetics), which totaled USD 9 million for 2004.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – CHEM. AND PHARM. SECTOR									
	CHAP.	DESCRIPTION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE
			US \$						
Exports	28	QUIMICOS INORGANICOS	411,942	831,358	894,283	525,706	794,773	730,390	12.14%
Import	28	QUIMICOS INORGANICOS	12,464,839	12,123,576	13,747,617	9,316,748	8,675,851	10,855,080	-2.73%
BALANCE	28	QUIMICOS INORGANICOS	-12,052,897	-11,292,218	-12,853,334	-8,791,042	-7,881,078	-10,124,690	-3.43%
Exports	29	QUIMICOS ORGANICOS	1,417,143	4,532,869	4,580,088	4,571,098	4,293,325	2,591,465	12.83%
Imports	29	QUIMICOS ORGANICOS	18,340,259	22,805,837	25,238,086	24,145,972	25,135,619	33,318,606	12.68%
BALANCE	29	QUIMICOS ORGANICOS	-16,923,116	-18,272,968	-20,657,998	-19,574,874	-20,842,294	-30,727,141	12.67%
Exports	30	PRODUCTOS FARMACEUTICOS	1,042,541	731,241	1,708,878	1,748,551	1,907,290	1,900,128	12.76%
Imports	30	PRODUCTOS FARMACEUTICOS	15,928,540	26,497,836	22,646,830	13,094,018	11,895,888	23,641,601	8.22%
BALANCE	30	PRODUCTOS FARMACEUTICOS	-14,885,999	-25,766,595	-20,937,952	-11,345,467	-9,988,598	-21,741,473	7.87%
Exports	31	ABONOS	93,376	59,957	22,972	21,628	16,973	12,982	-32.61%
Imports	31	ABONOS	19,951,777	12,748,587	20,364,838	15,182,436	19,894,393	23,830,883	3.62%
BALANCE	31	ABONOS	-19,858,401	-12,688,630	-20,341,866	-15,160,808	-19,877,420	-23,817,901	3.70%
Exports	32	EXTRACTOS CURTIENTES, TANINOS, PIGMENTOS, PINTURAS Y OTROS COLORANTES	413,298	572,365	1,971,625	3,385,718	1,740,447	995,384	19.22%
Imports	32	EXTRACTOS CURTIENTES, TANINOS, PIGMENTOS, PINTURAS Y OTROS COLORANTES	13,582,024	13,859,000	16,484,487	17,229,168	14,318,103	14,134,700	0.80%
BALANCE	32	EXTRACTOS CURTIENTES, TANINOS, PIGMENTOS, PINTURAS Y OTROS COLORANTES	-13,168,726	-13,286,635	-14,512,862	-13,843,450	-12,577,656	-13,139,316	-0.04%
Exports	33	PERFUMERIA Y COSMETICA	1,575,745	2,156,021	11,966,173	16,992,796	10,275,249	9,178,679	42.25%
Imports	33	PERFUMERIA Y COSMETICA	22,846,250	29,880,015	52,797,115	49,563,081	41,552,512	38,554,591	11.03%
BALANCE	33	PERFUMERIA Y COSMETICA	-21,270,505	-27,723,994	-40,830,942	-32,570,285	-31,277,263	-29,375,912	6.67%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – CHEM. AND PHARM. PRODUCTS SECTOR									
	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE 1999-2004
			US \$						
Exports	34	SOAPS, CANDLES, WAXES & ODONTOLOGY PRODUCTS	796,376	903,018	965,660	1,360,858	1,363,658	1,408,440	12.08%
Imports	34	SOAPS, CANDLES, WAXES & ODONTOLOGY PRODUCTS	10,586,417	11,204,462	7,724,351	12,498,045	6,176,248	5,932,923	-10.94%
BALANCE	34	SOAPS, CANDLES, WAXES & ODONTOLOGY PRODUCTS	-9,790,041	-10,301,444	-6,758,691	-11,137,187	-4,812,590	-4,524,483	-14.30%
Exports	35	ALBUMINOID MATERIALS, ALMIDON, GLUES	562,083	662,508	428,084	249,751	29,317	30,165	-44.29%
Imports	35	ALBUMINOID MATERIALS, ALMIDON, GLUES	4,256,942	5,185,835	11,299,577	7,254,965	8,534,935	6,673,093	9.41%
BALANCE	35	ALBUMINOID MATERIALS, ALMIDON, GLUES	-3,694,859	-4,523,327	-10,871,493	-7,005,214	-8,505,618	-6,642,928	12.45%
Exports	36	GUN POWD.	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
Imports	36	GUN POWD.	2,212,968	2,376,343	224,173	83,200	107,674	103,028	-45.85%
BALANCE	36	GUN POWD.	-2,212,968	-2,376,343	-224,173	-83,200	-107,674	-103,028	-45.85%
Exports	37	PHOTOGR. PRODUCTS	21,240	4,800	2,857	2,750	37,600	48,422	17.92%
Imports	37	PHOTOGR. PRODUCTS	2,353,274	2,663,086	9,462,621	3,145,639	2,637,421	1,994,686	-3.25%
BALANCE	37	PHOTOGR. PRODUCTS	-2,332,034	-2,658,286	-9,459,764	-3,142,889	-2,599,821	-1,946,264	-3.55%
Exports	38	OTHER CHEMICALS	250,032	233,887	577,296	474,425	848,021	634,667	20.48%
Imports	38	OTHER CHEMICALS	19,271,459	20,142,345	18,854,761	21,815,051	15,866,336	15,330,729	-4.47%
BALANCE	38	OTHER CHEMICALS	-19,021,427	-19,908,458	-18,277,465	-21,340,626	-15,018,315	-14,696,062	-5.03%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports of the Dominican Republic for the years under review (1999-2004) were greater than exports, with a trade balance of USD – 156,839,198, as shown in the following table.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – CHEMICAL SECTOR						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Exports	6,583,776	10,688,024	23,117,916	29,333,281	21,306,653	17,530,722
Imports	141,794,749	159,486,922	198,844,456	173,328,323	154,794,980	174,369,920
Trade Balance	-135,210,973	-148,798,898	-175,726,540	-143,995,042	-133,488,327	-156,839,198

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C5b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the chemical and pharmaceutical sector from the U.S. for 2004 are identified in the following table.

DR IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. – CHEMICAL – PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS SECTOR									
	SUB-ITEM TO 10 DIG	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE 1999- 2004
			US \$						
1	3100000000	fertilizers and fertilizer materials	19,951,777	12,748,587	20,364,838	15,182,436	19,894,393	23,830,883	3.62%
2	3306200000	Yarn used to clean between the teeth (dental floss)	165,222	844,401	10,866,701	23,852,406	21,260,267	18,729,640	157.57%
3	3002200000	Vaccines for human medicine	132,890	73,277	23,971	12,529	-	12,420,540	147.82%
4	3307900000	Depilatories and other perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations, nesoi	799,978	348,503	1,170,397	7,339,084	5,196,662	5,702,146	48.11%
5	2916142020	Methyl methacrylate	403,639	3,200,920	2,888,365	3,019,118	2,896,924	5,206,360	66.77%
6	3506910000	Adhesives based on rubber or plastics (including artificial resins) for use as adhesives, put up for retail sale as adhesive, nt exceed net wt of 1 kg	990,390	1,042,700	2,282,186	2,785,284	4,491,283	3,568,987	29.23%
7	2916125030	Butyl acrylate	1,241,411	1,407,462	1,900,020	1,764,814	2,080,955	3,565,913	23.50%
8	3302100000	Mixture of odoriferous substance & mixture (include alcoholic solution) w/ basis of one/more of these substance, of a kind used food/drink industries	1,431,819	1,831,046	2,116,199	2,165,732	1,813,140	3,552,557	19.93%
9	2902500000	Styrene	808,860	1,622,053	890,781	1,949,053	3,839,990	3,034,219	30.27%
10	2929101500	Mixtures of 2,4- and 2,6-toluene diisocyanates	2,547,147	2,565,757	3,020,408	2,862,605	3,599,404	2,927,270	2.82%

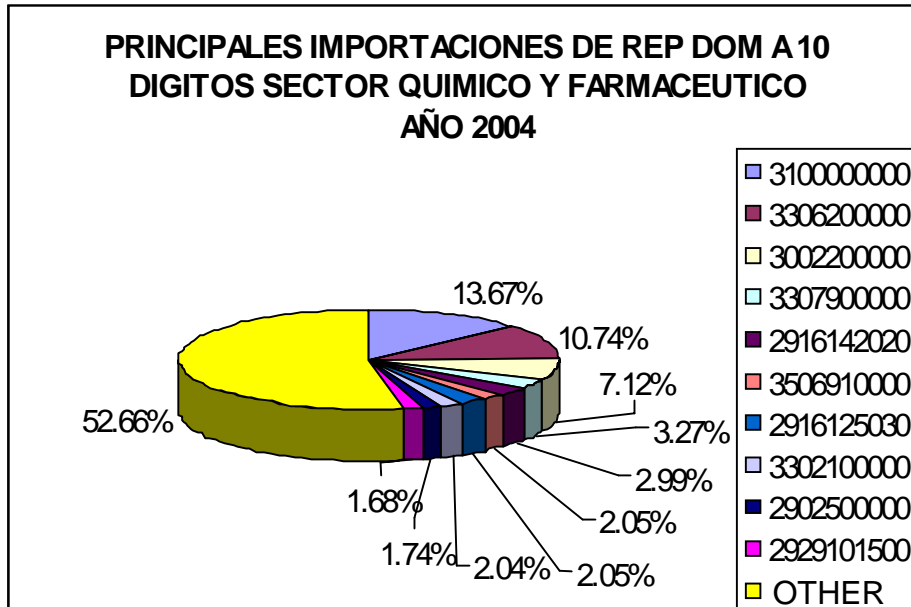
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Imports of fertilizers into the Dominican Republic are noteworthy, totaling USD 23 million.

It is important to note that dental floss had an annual average variation of 157%, with imports totaling USD 18 million.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 47% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. It is important to underline that 23% of imports in the chemical-pharmaceutical sector corresponded to the sub-item of fertilizers and dental floss.

[TITLE: PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS, CHEMICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C5c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the chemical-pharmaceutical sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS – CHEMICAL-PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR]
 [SUB-ITEM TO 10 DIGITS PRODUCT % CHANGE]

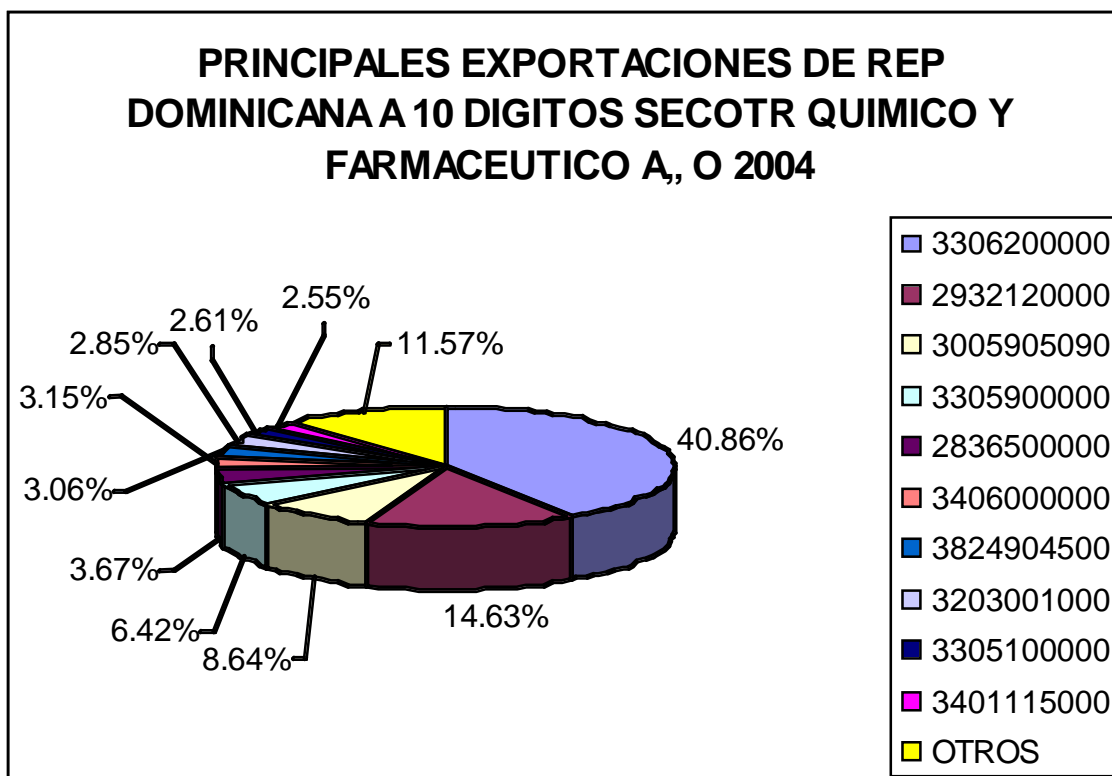
EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA SECTOR QUIMICO FARMACEUTICO									
	SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004
			US \$						
1	3306200000	Yarn used to clean between the teeth (dental floss)	0	198,957	9,535,130	14,354,439	4,021,604	7,162,274	144.95%
2	2932120000	2-furaldehyde (furfuraldehyde)	798,504	4,438,655	4,496,936	4,547,568	4,252,604	2,564,885	26.29%
3	3005905090	Other wadding, gauze and similar articles(non-adhesive, not coated or impregnated with pharmaceutical substances)	927,206	506,281	1,109,304	863,566	1,389,039	1,514,194	10.31%
4	3305900000	Preparations for use on the hair, nesoi	623,108	629,203	809,515	1,328,080	1,606,380	1,125,931	12.56%
5	2836500000	Calcium carbonate	247,041	416,101	736,706	520,706	791,923	644,005	21.12%
6	3406000000	Candles, tapers and	5,202	0	0	93,138	327,143	552,021	154.19%
7	3824904500	Mixtures that are in whole or in part hydrocarbons derived in whole or in part from petroleum, shale oil or natural gas	0	0	267,884	401,869	669,710	535,790	25.99%
8	3203001000	Annato, archil, cochineal, cudbear, litmus, logwood and marigold meal	372,869	546,624	1,027,893	543,302	975,245	498,923	6.00%
9	3305100000	Shampoos	186,410	118,922	115,905	164,947	248,937	457,165	19.65%
10	3401115000	Soap and other organic surface-active products,for toilet use,in bars,cakes, molded pieces,and paper,etc impregnated or coated with soap or detergent	323,823	343,645	399,612	471,981	414,180	446,651	6.64%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The most significant exports for 2004 were fresh dasheens, of which USD 7 million were exported. This sub-item showed significant activity the past few years, since it had an average annual variation of 144%.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 88% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. Exports of dental floss and furaldehyde represent more than 50% of the sector's exports.

[TITLE: PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS, CHEMICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C6. Rubber and Plastics Sector The rubber and plastics sector includes 2 chapters, based on the following table.

RUBBER AND PLASTICS SECTOR	
CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
39	PLASTIC AND PLAST. PRODUCTS
40	RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS

C6a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under the chapter of rubber and plastic (Chapter 39), totaling USD 229 million in 2004, are noteworthy.

With respect to exports from the Dominican Republic, the most representative chapter is also 39, which totaled USD 119 million for 2004.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – RUBBER AND PLASTICS SECTOR									
	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE
			US \$						
Exports	39	PLASTIC AND PLAST. PRODS.	33,846,584	39,117,304	57,928,827	77,166,126	119,864,506	119,862,979	28.78%
Imports	39	PLASTIC AND PLAST. PRODS.	112,917,952	145,681,874	191,297,391	243,608,885	236,876,730	229,718,057	15.26%
BALANCE	39	PLASTIC AND PLAST. PRODS.	-79,071,368	-106,564,570	-133,368,564	-166,442,759	-117,012,224	-109,855,078	6.80%
Exports	40	RUBBER AND RUB. PRODS.	71,870	37,322	263,317	405,688	572,897	973,711	68.41%
Imports	40	RUBBER AND RUB. PRODS.	20,060,877	19,387,691	23,049,493	18,102,417	12,925,885	18,968,620	-1.11%
BALANCE	40	RUBBER AND RUB. PRODS.	-19,989,007	-19,350,369	-22,786,176	-17,696,729	-12,352,988	-17,994,909	-2.08%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports to the Dominican Republic from the U.S. for the years under review (1999-2004) were greater than exports coming from this country, resulting in a trade balance of USD -127,849,987.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – RUBBER AND PLASTICS SECTOR						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
US \$						
Export	33,918,454	39,154,626	58,192,144	77,571,814	120,437,403	120,836,690
Imports	132,978,829	165,069,565	214,346,884	261,711,302	249,802,615	248,686,677
Trade Balance	-99,060,375	-125,914,939	-156,154,740	-184,139,488	-129,365,212	-127,849,987

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C6b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the rubber and plastics sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. – RUBBER AND PLASTICS SECTOR									
SUB-ITEM	10 DIG	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE
			US \$						1999- 2004
1	3916906000	Monofilaments, any cross-sectional dimension exceeds 1mm, rods, sticks & profile shapes, whether or not surface-worked,not worked, plastics, nesoi	1,587,545	5,396,198	8,790,369	32,262,964	52,202,463	34,447,555	85.05%
2	3904100000	Polyvinyl chloride,not mixed with any other substances	3,068,601	2,544,052	3,220,028	5,626,848	6,669,621	23,505,434	50.26%
3	3901200000	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0.94 or more	4,420,309	7,194,508	12,123,686	10,473,025	13,494,250	18,084,652	32.55%
4	3901100020	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of less than 0.94,low density polyethylene,except linear	9,118,587	10,394,624	13,921,213	23,820,261	12,385,796	17,844,934	14.37%
5	3926909887	Articles of plastics & articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, nesoi	-	-	-	6,323,695	14,725,280	14,258,870	50.16%
6	3920100000	Other plates,sheets,film,foil & strip,of plastic, noncelluar & not reinforced,laminated,supported or combined with oth mat,of polymers of ethylene	740,980	1,292,720	6,635,635	10,476,888	11,867,852	11,105,699	71.85%
7	3923900000	Articles for the conveyance or packing of goods,etc,of plastic,nesoi	2,507,340	3,529,085	4,811,028	12,251,605	13,444,798	9,397,095	30.24%
8	3923290000	Sacks & bags(including cones) of other plastics	18,254,410	3,508,928	2,399,745	4,228,419	8,546,488	8,958,354	-13.27%
9	3901100010	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of less than 0.94,linear low density polyethylene	3,030,175	4,244,549	4,476,726	17,110,390	4,855,924	7,248,649	19.06%
10	3924905500	Household articles & toilet articles,of plastic,nesoi	2,953,392	4,372,712	6,727,655	7,166,316	8,057,195	6,876,102	18.41%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

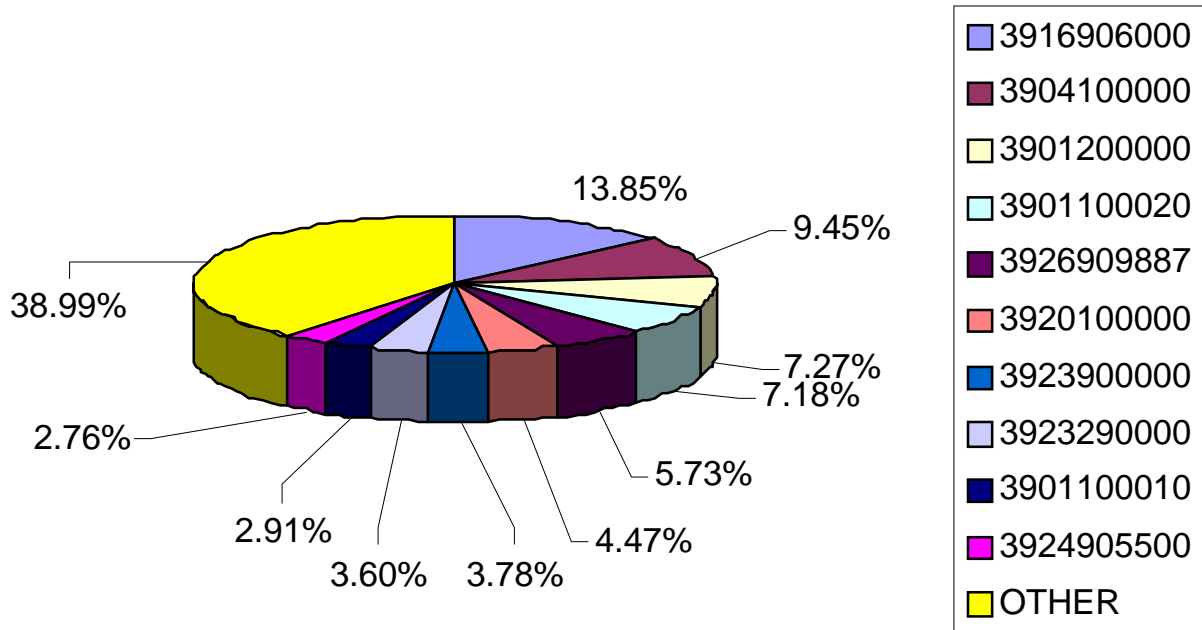
The product that had the greatest value of imports for 2004 was single filaments, which represented USD 34 million. It had an annual average variation of 85%.

Imports under Item 3920100000 are noteworthy, corresponding to other plates, sheets and strips of non-cellular plastic, a sub-item that has had a representative increase in the past few years, since in 1999 imports totaled USD 740 thousand, while for 2004 imports of this sub-item totaled USD 11 million.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 61% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[TITLE: PRIMARY IMPORTS FROM THE DOM. REP. TO 10 DIGITS – RUBBER AND PLASTICS SECTOR – 2004]

PRINCIPALES IMPORTACIONES DE REPUBLICA DOMINICANA A 10 DIGITOS SECTOR CAUCHO Y PLASTICO AÑO 2004



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C6c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the rubber and plastics sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – RUBBER AND PLASTICS SECTOR									
SUB-ITEM 10 DIG	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO	
		US \$							1999- 2004
1	3926909880 Other articles of plastic, nesoi	12,391,159	18,958,727	37,100,208	42,228,759	57,726,426	55,649,189	35.04%	
2	3921904010 Plates, sheets, film, foil & strip, reinforced with paper, flexible	0	0	0	8,610,983	32,612,917	30,574,724	88.43%	
3	3924103000 Trays, of plastic	1,626,553	1,482,650	2,236,004	3,797,630	4,768,523	4,932,221	24.84%	
4	3924102000 Plates, cups, saucers, soup bowls, cereal bowls, sugar bowls, creamers, gravy boats, serving dishes & platters, of plastics	1,401,298	1,758,242	2,197,230	3,546,578	4,189,936	4,787,903	27.86%	
5	3924901050 Napkins, table covers, mats, scarves, runners, doilies, centerpieces, antimacassars & furniture slip covers, & like furnishings, of plastic, nesoi	96,288	573,447	756,246	1,576,204	3,255,109	3,349,862	103.37%	
6	3923300090 Carboys, bottles, flasks and similar articles, nesoi	1,074,837	1,055,210	1,632,124	2,587,906	3,238,344	3,284,147	25.03%	
7	3920511000 Plates, sheets, film, etc, noncellular, not reinforced, laminated, combined, of polymethyl methacrylate, flexible	3,938,597	3,558,379	2,756,780	2,138,338	2,668,993	2,322,332	-10.03%	
8	3923210090 Sacks and bags (including cones) of polymers of ethylene except reclosable with integral extruded closure, nesoi	195,687	150,828	23,909	118,764	1,498,107	2,152,380	61.54%	
9	3920515000 Plates, sheets, film, etc, noncellular, not reinforced, laminated, combined, of polymethyl methacrylate, nesoi	0	316,789	644,636	609,994	733,079	1,931,401	57.14%	
10	3923100000 Boxes, cases, crates & similar articles, of plastic	93,247	288,521	545,426	570,786	311,465	1,560,844	75.69%	

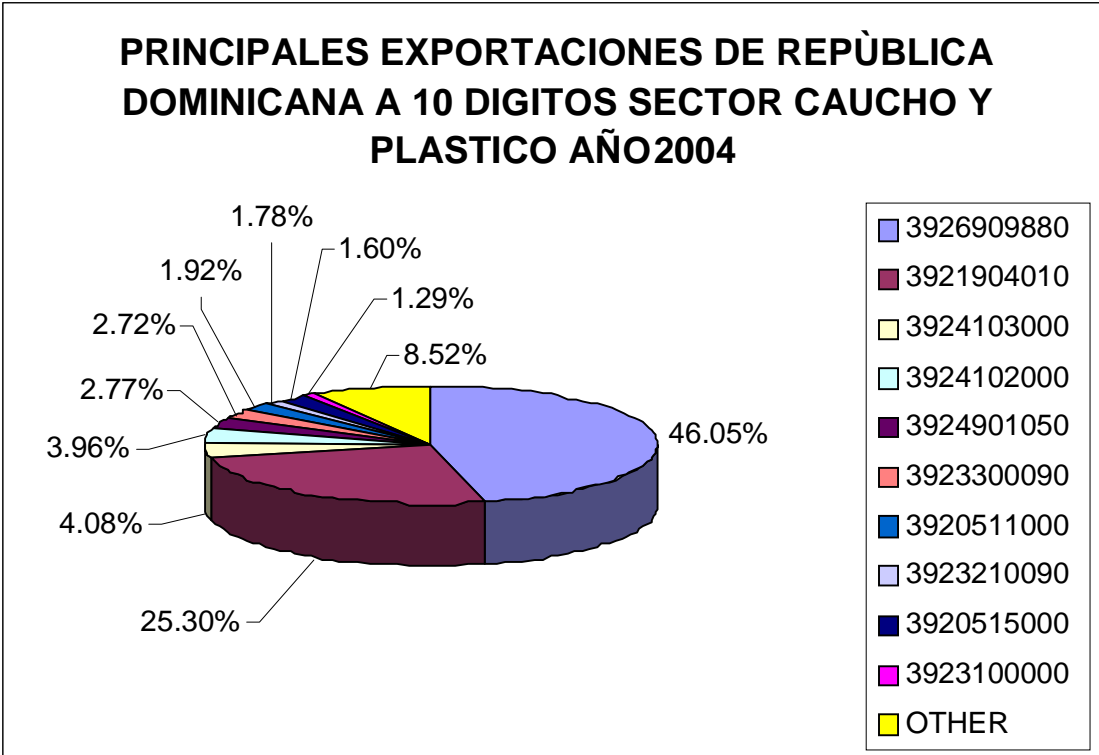
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The sub-item most representative of exports in 2004 was other plastic items, exports of which totaled USD 55 million. This sub-item showed an average annual variation of 35%.

Exports under Item 3924901050 corresponding to other crockery, and other items for domestic use and health or dressing table items made of plastic, which have experienced a representative increase in the past few years, taking into consideration that for 1999 USD 96,000 were exported, while for 2004, exports under this sub-item totaled USD 3 million.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 90% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. It is important to underline that 70% of the exports of the rubber and plastics sector corresponded to sub-items for plastic items and other plates, sheets and strips made of plastic.

[TITLE: PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – RUBBER AND PLASTICS SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C7. Leather and Leather Products Sector The leather and leather products sector includes 3 chapters, based on the following table.

LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	
CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
41	HIDES
42	LEATHER PRODUCTS
43	FUR TRADE

C7a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under the chapter corresponding to sins (Chapter 41), totaling USD 46 million in 2004, are noteworthy.

With respect to exports from the Dominican Republic to the U.S., the most representative chapter is leather products (Chapter 42), which were USD 9 million for 2004.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS SECTOR									
	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE
US \$									
1999-2004									
Exports	41	HIDES	1,109,824	1,264,874	1,329,201	2,010,772	3,635,576	4,527,388	32.47%
Imports	41	HIDES	48,286,964	39,652,917	54,317,247	40,336,971	38,921,172	46,495,854	-0.75%
BALANCE	41	HIDES	-47,177,140	-38,388,043	-52,988,046	-38,326,199	-35,285,596	-41,968,466	-2.31%
Exports	42	LEATHER PRODUCTS	50,508,776	39,277,590	28,894,677	20,825,917	13,194,818	9,626,385	-28.22%
Imports	42	LEATHER PRODUCTS	16,222,198	3,862,124	6,167,649	6,363,231	3,224,102	3,889,555	-24.84%
BALANCE	42	LEATHER PRODUCTS	34,286,578	35,415,466	22,727,028	14,462,686	9,970,716	5,736,830	-30.06%
Exports	43	FUR TRADE	25,135	5,310	27,290	0	0	0	-100.00%
Imports	43	FUR TRADE	1,388,698	5,060,641	1,328,685	3,118,116	3,469,558	2,342,324	11.02%
BALANCE	43	FUR TRADE	-1,363,563	-5,055,331	-1,301,395	-3,118,116	-3,469,558	-2,342,324	11.43%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Exports corresponding to this sector have decreased in the past several years, taking into consideration that for 1999, they totaled USD 51 million, while for the most recent year they totaled USD 14 million.

The same thing occurred with imports, which decreased considerably, as shown in the following table.

DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS SECTOR						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Exports	51643735	40547774	30251168	22836689	16830394	14153773
Imports	117,543,594	89,125,456	92,066,750	72,657,009	62,447,229	66,883,510
Trade Balance	-65,899,859	-48,577,682	-61,815,582	-49,820,320	-45,616,835	-52,729,737

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C7b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the leather and leather products sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

The product that presented the greatest value of imports for 2004 was the sub-item corresponding to bovine and equine leather (4104115040), imports of which accounted for USD 9 million. These products were imported for the first time beginning in 2002.

One may note that imports of products under sub-item 4203100090 corresponding to other garments of natural or regenerated leather decreased considerably in the past few years, decreasing from USD 10 million in 1999 to USD 1 million in 2004.

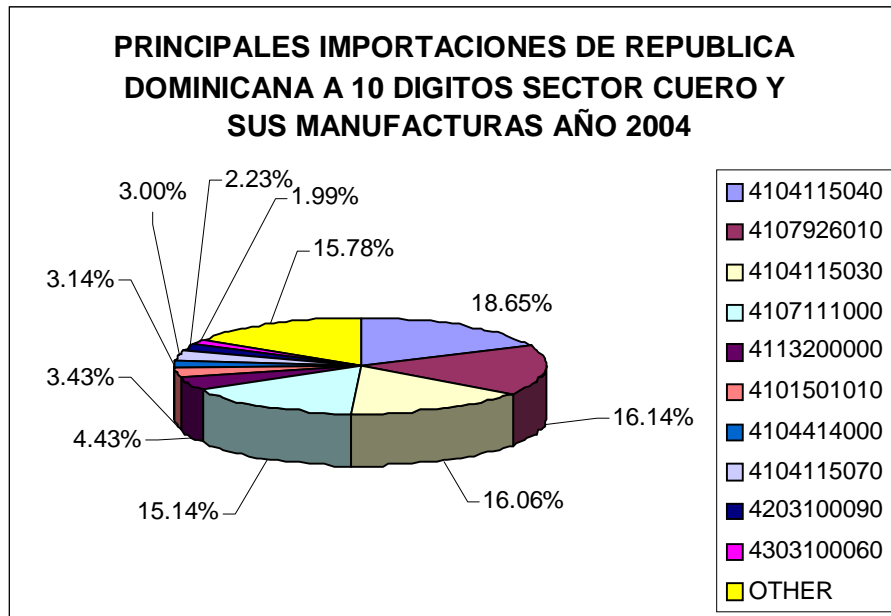
DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. – LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS									
SUB-ITEM 10 DIG	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CHANGE	
		US \$							1999- 2004
1	4104115040	Bovine and equine, wet blues, split grains, in the wet state, full grains, without hair on, but not further prepared, nesoi	-	-	-	4,862,189	1,644,190	9,553,139	40.17%
2	4107926010	Bovine and equine upper leather, except whole hides and skins, grain split, nesoi, prepared after tanning or crusting, except hdg 4114	-	-	-	4,156,048	5,758,763	8,267,212	41.04%
3	4104115030	Bovine and equine hides or skins, wet blues, not split, full grains in the wet state, without hair on, but not further prepared, nesoi	-	-	-	7,130,709	7,935,983	8,224,807	7.40%
4	4107111000	Bovine upper leather, lining leather, whole, full grains unsplit, surface not > 28 sq feet (2.6 m ²) prepared after tanning or crusting, nesoi	-	-	-	8,486,872	9,191,023	7,755,489	-4.41%
5	4113200000	Swine leather further prepared after tanning or crusting, including parchment-dressed, without wool or hair on, whether or not split, nesoi	-	-	-	2,488,994	2,495,017	2,268,932	-4.52%
6	4101501010	Cattle hides and skins whole, not pretanned, of a weight exceeding 16 kg	-	-	-	2,577,277	3,226,208	1,755,894	-17.46%
7	4104414000	Bovine and equine upper leather; sole leather, full grains, unsplit in the dry state, crust, but not further prepared, nesoi	-	-	-	236,018	832,608	1,610,052	161.18%
8	4104115070	Bovine and equine, wet blues, split, (except grains), full grain, wet state, without hair on, but not further prepared, nesoi	-	-	-	42,947	-	1,535,569	497.95%
9	4203100090	Articles of apparel, nesoi	10,443,156	1,231,288	2,306,396	2,831,769	173,451	1,141,573	-35.77%
10	4303100060	Furskin articles of apparel and clothing accessories, nesoi	807,421	4,309,550	402,673	1,337,259	1,252,755	1,019,909	4.78%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 84% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

It is important to note that products corresponding to cured bovine and equine leather (4104115040) and leathers prepared after curing or drying and dried bovine or equine leathers represent 35% of the total Dominican imports from the U.S. for the 2004 period.

[TITLE: PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C7c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the leather and leather products sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

The most significant exports for 2004 were chests, suitcases and briefcases with an exterior textile surface, which accounted for USD 3 million. This sub-item has decreased significantly during the past several years.

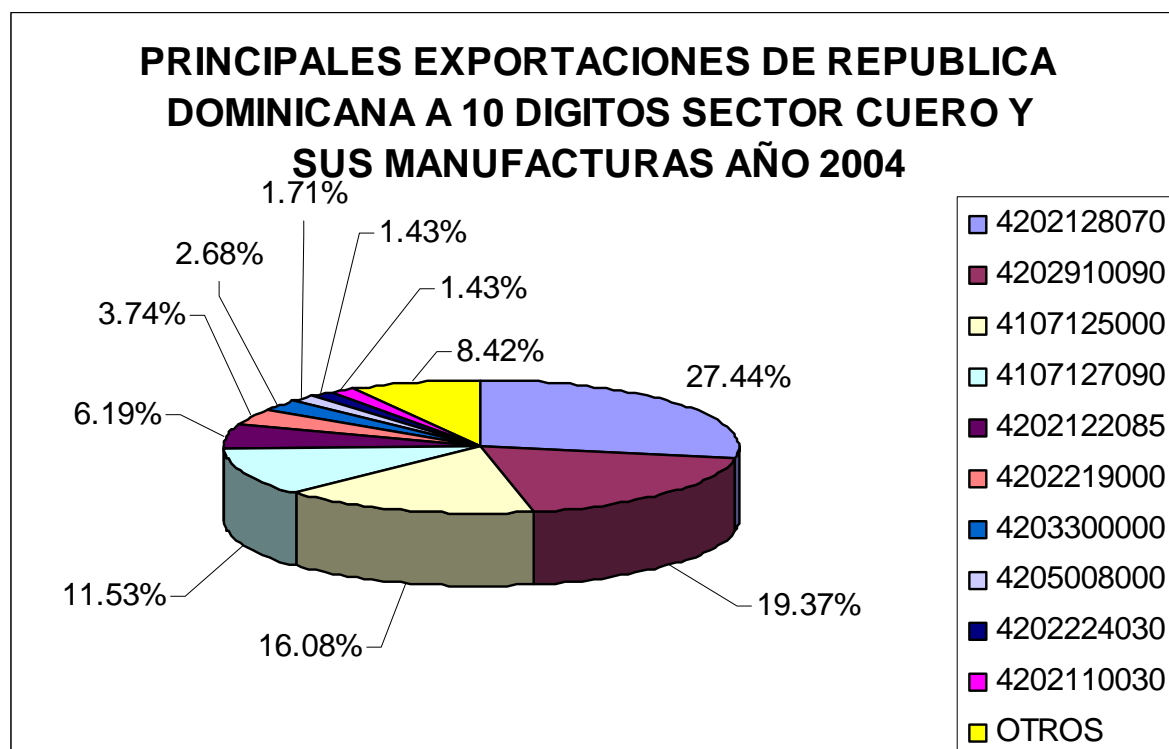
DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – LEATHER AND LEATHER GOODS									
SUB-ITEM	PRODUCT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CHANGE %	1999- 2004
10 DIG		US \$							
1	4202128070	Trunks,suitcases, vanity cases & similar containers,etc,with outer surface of textile materials,of man-made fibers	18,554,331	16,282,076	14,095,353	7,963,799	2,366,921	3,883,280	-26.86%
2	4202910090	Containers,with outer surface of leather,composition leather or patent leather,nesoi	1,827,074	1,688,912	548,817	2,428,907	2,720,241	2,741,447	8.45%
3	4107125000	Bovine and equine upholstery leather, nesoi, grain splits, whole hide and skin, further prep after tanning or crusting, other than lthr of hdg 4114	0	0	0	0	0	2,275,427	0.00%
4	4107127090	Bovine & equine leather, grain splits, not fancy, nesoi, parchment dressed or further prepared after tanning or crusting	0	0	0	0	2,637,588	1,631,962	-38.13%
5	4202122085	School satchels, and similar containers, with outer surface of plastics materials, nesoi	160,716	248,495	194,373	675,918	946,031	876,075	40.38%
6	4202219000	Handbags,with outer surface ofleather, composition leather,or patent leather, valued over \$20 each	4,080,230	2,244,803	460,490	1,247,435	3,259,492	529,017	-33.54%
7	4203300000	Belts & bandoliers with or without buckles	129,910	151,424	303,124	367,283	604,331	379,128	23.89%
8	4205008000	Other articles of leather or composition leather,nesoi	1,173,397	784,160	486,274	262,028	429,152	241,446	-27.11%
9	4202224030	Handbags,outer surface textile material,wholly or partly of braid, ofman-made fibers	3,897	0	0	0	15,531	202,211	120.30%
10	4202110030	Attache cases,brief cases,school satchels,occupational luggage cases and similar containers,with outer surf of leather,composition leather,patent lthr	2,937,081	1,479,342	821,746	69,181	146,863	201,733	-41.47%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 91% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

Exports of sub-items 420212870 corresponding to trunks, suitcases and briefcases with an exterior textile surface, together with sub-item 4202910090 corresponding to other trunks, suitcases and briefcases, with an exterior surface of leather, represent 47% of the total exports of this sector.

[TITLE: PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – LEATHER AND LEATHER GOODS SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C8. Wood and Wood Products Sector The wood and wood products sector includes 3 chapters, based on the following table.

WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	
CHAP.	DESCR.
44	WOOD, COAL AND WOOD PRODUCTS
45	CORK AND CORK PRODUCTS
46	BASKET PRODUCTS

C8a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under the chapter corresponding to wood, charcoal and wood products (Chapter 4) which totaled USD 32 million in 2004, are noteworthy.

Nevertheless it is important to underline how imports under this chapter have decreased considerably in the past several years, showing an average annual variation of -19%.

With respect to Dominican Republic exports to the U.S. the chapter that shows the lowest volume of exports during the past several years is cork and cork products., taking into consideration that products were only exported under this chapter in 2003.

[TITLE: DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS]
 CAPITULO -= CHAPTER, DESCRIPCION = DESCRIPTION, CAMBIO = CHANGE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR MADERAS Y SUS MANUFACTURAS									
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
			US \$						1999- 2004
Exportaciones	44	MADERA, CARBON VEGETAL Y MANUFACTURAS DE MADERA	596,051	906,244	1,126,512	1,220,344	1,053,468	1,036,344	11.70%
Importaciones	44	MADERA, CARBON VEGETAL Y MANUFACTURAS DE MADERA	95,838,262	86,730,878	52,070,085	45,262,851	35,721,065	32,454,185	-19.47%
BALANZA	44	MADERA, CARBON VEGETAL Y MANUFACTURAS DE MADERA	-95,242,211	-85,824,634	-50,943,573	-44,042,507	-34,667,597	-31,417,841	-19.89%
Exportaciones	45	CORCHO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	0	0	0	0	2,420	0	-100.00%
Importaciones	45	CORCHO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	679,019	478,964	719,397	2,380,121	350,346	261,941	-17.35%
BALANZA	45	CORCHO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	-679,019	-478,964	-719,397	-2,380,121	-347,926	-261,941	-17.35%
Exportaciones	46	MANUFACTURAS DE CESTERIA	101,994	8,960	3,650	4,262	4,743	2,105	-53.98%
Importaciones	46	MANUFACTURAS DE CESTERIA	68,789	1,183,623	2,075,587	66,639	138,216	33,088	-13.62%
BALANZA	46	MANUFACTURAS DE CESTERIA	33,205	-1,174,663	-2,071,937	-62,377	-133,473	-30,983	-198.62%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

DR imports for the years under review (1999-2004) were greater than their exports coming from the U.S., taking into consideration the decrease these items are experiencing in this sector.

[TITLE: DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS]
 [Exports – Imports – Trade Balance]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR MADERAS Y SUS						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Exportaciones	698,045	915,204	1,130,162	1,224,606	1,060,631	1,038,449
Importaciones	96,586,070	88,393,465	54,865,069	47,709,611	36,209,627	32,749,214
Balanza Comercial	-95,888,025	-87,478,261	-53,734,907	-46,485,005	-35,148,996	-31,710,765

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C8b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the wood and wood products sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[TITLE: DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS]
 [SUB-ITEM PRODUCT CHANGE]

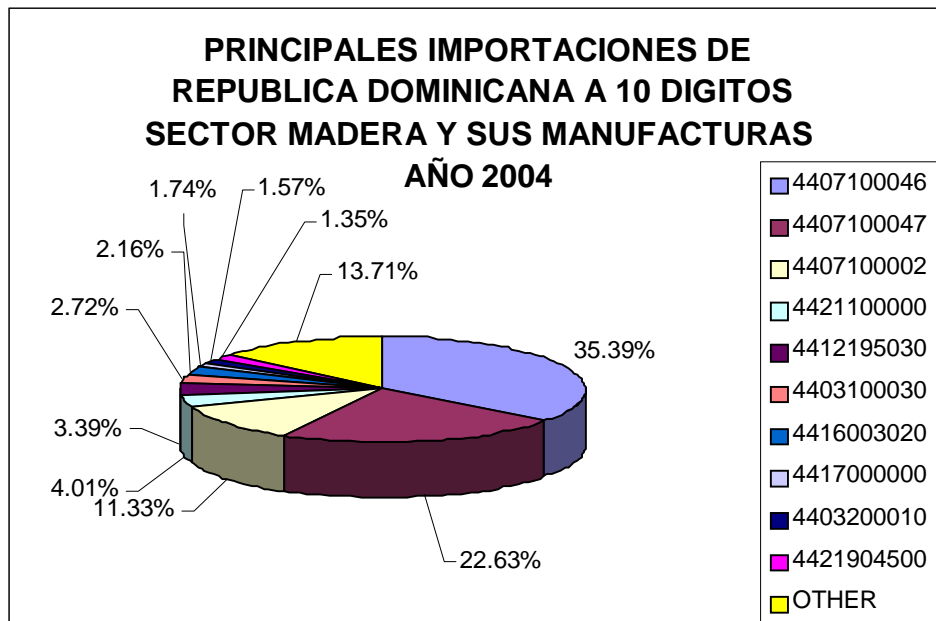
IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA DESDE EU. SECTOR MADERA Y SUS MANUFACTURAS									
SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004	
US \$									
1	4407100046	S.yellow/long leaf/pitch/short leaf/slash& virginia pine slicd/peeld whether pland sanded thickness ov 6mm, not treated nesoi except finger-jointed	18,688,852	19,258,614	18,610,224	21,986,184	11,765,505	11,590,685	-9.11%
2	4407100047	Southern yellow/long leaf/pitch/short leaf/slash/virginia pine wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise thickness exceed 6mm not treatd nesoi ex finger-jointd	25,081,313	20,762,881	19,865,661	11,622,606	4,497,639	7,412,251	-21.64%
3	4407100002	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, treated with paint, stain, cresote, or other presthickness exceed 6mm conif except finger-jointed	8,356,486	2,807,783	1,661,416	2,124,412	2,190,635	3,709,372	-14.99%
4	4421100000	Clothes hangers, of wood	364,132	735,640	517,750	383,029	1,067,732	1,312,129	29.22%
5	4412195030	Plywood with at least one outer ply of long leaf, short leaf, southern yellow, slash, pitch or virginia pine, both outer plies of softwood, nesoi	5,589,067	5,247,160	3,045,066	2,403,369	755,840	1,110,502	-27.62%
6	4403100030	Poles, piles and posts, treated with paint, stain, cresote or other preservatives	803,128	1,374,532	1,480,689	807,617	1,941,203	891,795	2.12%
7	4416003020	Casks, barrels and hogsheads, used, assembled (set up), of wood	7,225	-	103,371	263,352	337,221	707,978	150.17%
8	4417000000	Tools, tool bodies, tool handles, broom or brush bodies and handles, of wood; boot or shoe lasts and trees of wood	1,775,653	773,346	53,184	214,987	183,238	568,615	-20.37%
9	4403200010	Poles, piles and posts, in the rough, not treated, coniferous	58,964	346,350	3,600	94,881	242,201	513,053	54.14%
10	4421904500	Wood blinds, shutters, screens and shades, all the foregoing, with or without their hardware	282,413	216,687	413,109	578,152	185,485	442,003	9.37%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Assembled wood barrels, corresponding to sub-item 4416003020, are noteworthy, having experienced an average annual variation of 150%.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 86% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. In addition the products corresponding to sub-items 4407100046 and 4407100047 represent more than 50%.

[TITLE: PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C8c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports in the wood and wood products sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO U.S. – WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

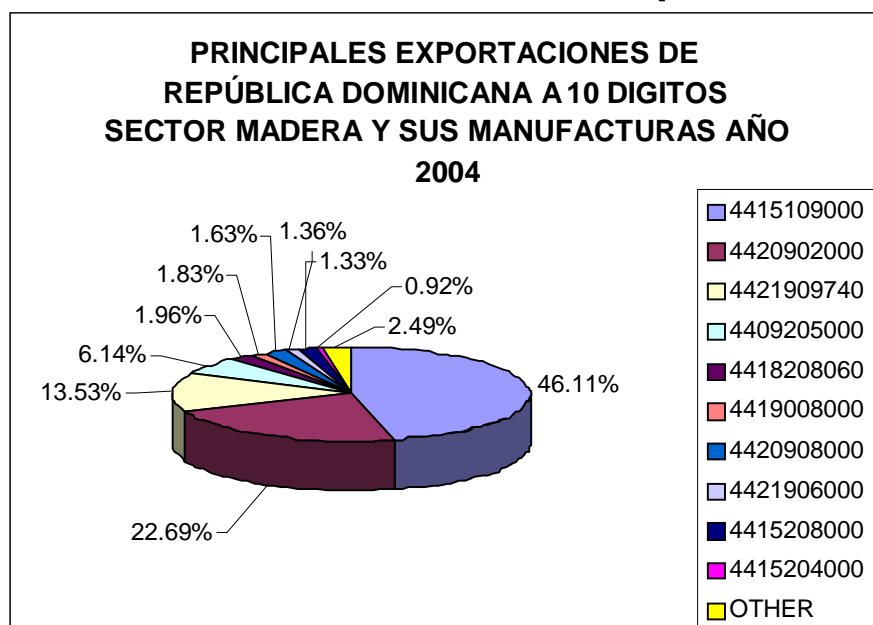
EXPORTACIONES DE REPUBLICA DOMINICANA A ESTADOS UNIDOS, SECTOR MADERA Y SUS									
	SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO %
			US\$						1999- 2004
1	4415109000	Crates, drums and similar packings, cable-drums, of wood	0	5.905	2.467	12.358	150.959	478.816	200,08%
2	4420902000	Cigar and cigarette boxes, of wood	209.731	206.693	205.720	153.720	229.352	235.662	2,36%
3	4421909740	Articles of wood, nesoi	0	0	0	281.407	116.307	140.501	-29,34%
4	4409205000	Wood moldings, nesoi, nonconiferous	55.726	199.422	483.287	416.826	208.769	63.746	2,73%
5	4418208060	Doors and their frames and thresholds, of wood, nesoi	28.024	114.850	41.956	35.808	12.431	20.349	-6,20%
6	4419008000	Tableware and kitchenware, of wood, nesoi	22.800	33.916	41.874	45.046	51.256	19.046	-3,53%
7	4420908000	Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; caskets for jewelry, cutlery and similar articles, of wood, wooden articles of furniture not in chapter 94, nesoi	3.743	33.000	0	0	0	16.956	35,28%
8	4421906000	Skewers, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, tongue depressors, drink mixers and similar small wares of wood	0	2.289	0	0	0	14.088	57,51%
9	4415208000	Pallets, box-pallets and other load boards, of wood, nesoi	0	0	0	38.600	6.992	13.800	-40,21%
10	4415204000	Pallets, box-pallets and other load boards designed for use in the harvesting of fruits and vegetables, of wood	0	0	0	0	0	9.600	0,00%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The most significant DR exports to the U.S. from the wood and wood products sector for 2004 were wooden drums and drawers, exports of which accounted for USD 478,816, which have grown significantly. In 2000 exports of these items totaled USD 5,905.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 97% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. Exports under sub-item 4415109000 corresponding to wooden drums and drawers and wooden boxes for cigars and cigarettes corresponding to sub-item 332090200 represent 68% of the total exports of this sector.

[TITLE: PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C9. Publishing and Graphic Arts Sector The publishing and graphic arts sector includes 3 chapters, based on the following table.

PUBL. & GRAPHIC ARTS	
CHAP.	DESCR.
47	WOOD PULP, PAPER CARDBOARD TO RECYCLE
48	PAPER & CARDBOARD PRODUCTS
49	PUBL. AND GRAPH. ARTS

C9a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under the chapter corresponding to paper and cardboard and products made of the same (Chapter 48), which totaled USD 129 million in 2004. Nevertheless, it is important to note that imports of this chapter were higher in previous years (1999-2003), which chapter has had an annual percentage variation of -035%.

With respect to exports from the Dominican Republic, the most representative chapter is also 48, which totaled USD 6 million for 2004.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S.: PUBLISHING AND GRAPHIC ARTS]
CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR EDITORIAL Y ARTES GRAFICAS									
		DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
	CAPITULO		US \$						1999- 2004
Exportaciones	47	PASTA DE MADERA, PAPEL O CARTON PARA RECICLAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
Importaciones	47	PASTA DE MADERA, PAPEL O CARTON PARA RECICLAR	696,216	1,407,393	2,680,972	3,202,565	1,831,605	2,240,817	26.34%
BALANZA	47	PASTA DE MADERA, PAPEL O CARTON PARA RECICLAR	-696,216	-1,407,393	-2,680,972	-3,202,565	-1,831,605	-2,240,817	26.34%
Exportaciones	48	PAPEL Y CARTON Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	2,206,346	4,232,899	5,994,477	8,091,832	8,553,782	6,055,679	22.38%
Importaciones	48	PAPEL Y CARTON Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	131,510,568	130,354,621	140,023,882	144,968,762	130,787,580	129,225,113	-0.35%
BALANZA	48	PAPEL Y CARTON Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	-129,304,222	-126,121,722	-134,029,405	-136,876,930	-122,233,798	-123,169,434	-0.97%
Exportaciones	49	EDITORIAL Y ARTES GRAFICAS	530,375	1,372,342	853,871	1,972,175	4,581,986	2,614,365	37.58%
Importaciones	49	EDITORIAL Y ARTES GRAFICAS	10,373,303	10,009,594	5,918,947	8,091,849	7,304,990	6,021,847	-10.31%
BALANZA	49	EDITORIAL Y ARTES GRAFICAS	-9,842,928	-8,637,252	-5,065,076	-6,119,674	-2,723,004	-3,407,482	-19.12%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

According to the trade balance presented by this sector, it was determined that the Dominican Republic imports a higher value from the U.S. than what it exports from this country. In this manner exports for 2004 totaled USD 8 million, while imports were USD 137 million.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S.: PUBLISHING AND GRAPHIC ARTS]
[EXPORTS IMPORTS TRADE BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. :SECTOR EDITORIAL Y ARTES GRAFICAS						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Exportaciones	2,736,721	5,605,241	6,848,348	10,064,007	13,135,768	8,670,044
Importaciones	142,580,087	141,771,608	148,623,801	156,263,176	139,924,175	137,487,777
Balanza Comercial	-139,843,366	-136,166,367	-141,775,453	-146,199,169	-126,788,407	-128,817,733

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C9b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the publishing and graphic arts sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S.: PUBLISHING AND GRAPHIC ARTS]

[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA A EU. SECTOR EDITORIAL Y ARTES GRAFICAS									
SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% cambio	
		us \$							1999- 2004
1	4804110000	Kraftliner, uncoated, unbleached, in rolls or sheets	19,689,609	22,056,985	15,156,698	13,862,964	14,398,005	22,257,076	2.48%
2	4811905050	Paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibers, coated, impregnated or covered, surface-decorated etc, nesoi, wd>15x26x15cm, strp s/rl	-	-	-	2,024,203	7,705,960	10,659,978	129.48%
3	4819100040	Cartons, boxes and cases of corrugated paper or paperboard except sanitary food and beverage containers	3,753,258	7,124,466	5,694,134	5,728,574	13,877,655	9,526,184	20.48%
4	4818404030	Diapers and diaper liners, nesoi, of paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibers	28,035,662	19,529,282	40,607,012	34,498,177	14,331,902	8,866,342	-20.57%
5	4821100000	Paper and paperboard labels of all kinds, printed	2,713,712	2,701,639	3,173,659	4,546,397	4,410,570	5,889,462	16.76%
6	4821904000	Paper and paperboard labels, unprinted, not pressure-sensitive	3,284,130	3,662,945	7,967,030	6,632,720	5,433,275	5,662,362	11.51%
7	4804190000	Kraftliner, uncoated, bleached, in rolls or sheets	984,785	1,038,567	1,820,696	2,849,047	5,502,946	4,824,449	37.41%
8	4821902000	Paper and paperboard labels, unprinted, pressure-sensitive	2,869,898	4,452,141	3,806,769	3,701,753	4,419,455	4,663,707	10.20%
9	4819504060	Packing containers, nesoi, of paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibers	387,011	396,420	622,162	2,138,678	2,052,545	4,515,384	63.45%
10	4818900000	Bed sheets and similar household or hospital articles of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibers, nesoi	2,480,661	948,734	2,729,658	4,232,255	6,865,467	4,472,318	12.51%

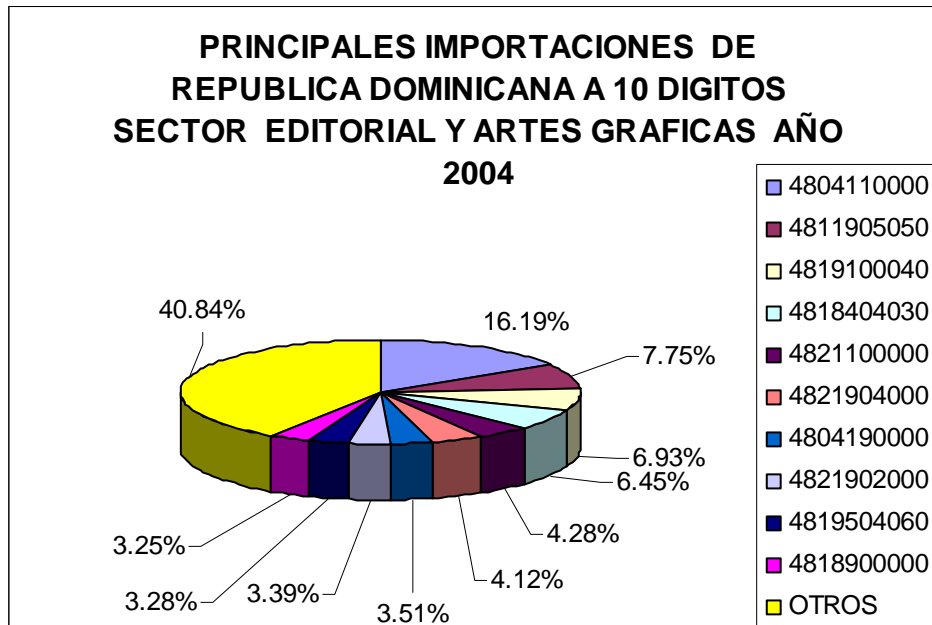
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Paper and cardboard for veneers (coverings) (“kraftliner”) corresponded to imports in 2004 totaling USD 22 million, presenting a moderate level of variation with respect to prior years, of 2.48%.

Sub-item 48119050 corresponding to paper, cardstock and cellulose batting is noteworthy, in that it has exhibited significant activity in the past few years, taking into account that for 2000 imports totaled USD 2 million, while for 2004 imports totaled USD 10 million.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 60% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[TITLE: PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – PUBLISHING AND GRAPHIC ARTS SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C9c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the publishing and graphic arts sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S.: PUBLISHING AND GRAPHIC ARTS]
 [SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

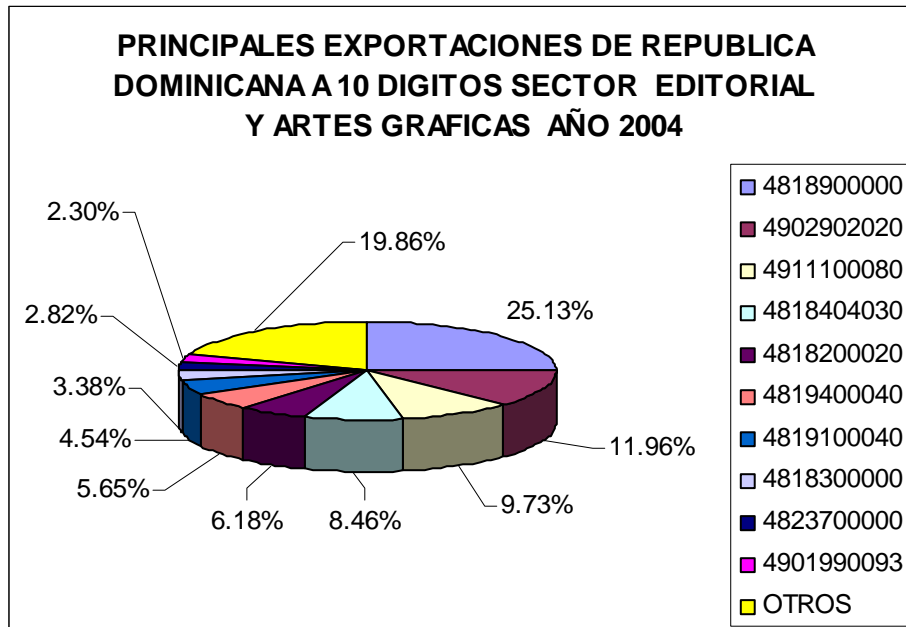
EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA A EU. SECTOR EDITORIAL Y ARTES GRAFICAS									
	SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004
			US \$						
1	4818900000	Bed sheets and similar	24,080	1,560,937	3,919,623	4,874,578	3,919,411	2,178,386	146.20%
	4902902020	Newspapers appearing less than four times a week	0	0	0	556,742	1,754,148	1,036,903	36.47%
2									
3	4911100080	Trade advertising material, printed, nesoi	0	24,017	40,982	23,686	1,337,673	843,742	143.46%
4	4818404030	Diapers and diaper liners, nesoi, of paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibers	0	138,009	0	0	1,333,638	733,186	51.82%
5	4818200020	Towels of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibers	0	0	7,176	0	4,712	535,645	321.05%
6	4819400040	Sacks and bags, including cones, having a base width of less than 40 cm, of paper, nesoi	5,251	0	0	0	31,745	490,057	147.74%
7	4819100040	Cartons, boxes and cases of corrugated paper or paperboard except sanitary food and beverage containers	316,031	204,855	238,179	252,513	295,261	393,271	4.47%
8	4818300000	Tablecloths and table napkins of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibers	118,691	85,736	34,703	155,210	263,534	293,121	19.82%
9	4823700000	Molded or pressed articles of paper pulp	0	0	0	0	19,264	244,432	1168.85%
10	4901990093	Printed books nesoi containing 49 or more pages each (excluding covers)	77,757	314,307	174,424	250,116	324,309	199,589	20.75%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

You will note how the Dominican Republic has increased its exports in the publishing and graphic arts sector, taking into account that in prior years no exports of these products were made, as is the case of sub-item 482370000, corresponding to molded or pressed items, of paper paste that began to be exported from the Dominican Republic in 2003, as well as newspapers covered by sub-item 4902902020, which began to be exported in 2003.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 80% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. the exports of sub-item 481890000 and sub-item 4902902020 represent 36% of the total exports of this sector.

[TITLE: PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – PUBLISHING AND GRAPHIC ARTS SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C10. Textiles Sector The textiles sector includes 11 chapters, based on the following table.

TEXTILE SECTOR	
CHAP.	DESCR.
50	SILK
51	WOOL
52	COTTON
53	OTHER FIBERS PLANT TEXTILESS
54	SYNTH. OR ARTIFICIAL THREADS
55	SYNTH. OR ARTIF. FIBERS
56	GUATA, SPEC. THREADS, CORDS ROPES
57	RUGS
58	SPECIAL WEAVES
59	TREATED FABRICS
60	STITCHED FABRICS

C10a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under Chapter 52 (cotton) totaling USD 300 million in 2004, which chapter showed a significant increase in 2001, going from USD 75 million in 2000 to USD 225 million in 2001.

With respect to DR exports, the most representative chapter is 53, corresponding to other plant textile fibers, which recorded exports totaling USD 1,481,863 in 2004.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – TEXTILES SECTOR (I)]
 [CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. :SECTOR TEXTILES (I)									
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
			US \$						1999- 2004
Exportaciones	50	SEDA	0	5,332	6,896	2,423	0	146,762	129.05%
Importaciones	50	SEDA	2,103,899	2,358,289	1,971,743	3,545,770	4,568,402	1,172,635	-11.03%
BALANZA	50	SEDA	-2,103,899	-2,352,957	-1,964,847	-3,543,347	-4,568,402	-1,025,873	-13.38%
Exportaciones	51	LANA	8,014	4,538	107,424	6,031	24,217	222,711	94.44%
Importaciones	51	LANA	2,883,239	856,656	13,323,662	19,597,119	12,007,089	9,450,194	26.80%
BALANZA	51	LANA	-2,875,225	-852,118	-13,216,238	-19,591,088	-11,982,872	-9,227,483	26.26%
Exportaciones	52	ALGODÓN	51,216	18,199	33,804	35,030	28,660	16,720	-20.06%
Importaciones	52	ALGODÓN	44,268,316	71,173,972	225,496,356	297,980,275	247,332,607	300,419,892	46.67%
BALANZA	52	ALGODÓN	-44,217,100	-71,155,773	-225,462,552	-297,945,245	-247,303,947	-300,403,172	46.70%
	53	LAS DEMAS FIBRAS TEXTILES VEGETALES	0	340	0	0	466,220	1,481,863	712.52%
Exportaciones									
Importaciones	53	LAS DEMAS FIBRAS TEXTILES VEGETALES	313,624	578,939	4,738,012	11,975,718	10,132,165	4,990,229	73.92%
	53	LAS DEMAS FIBRAS TEXTILES VEGETALES							62.08%
BALANZA			-313,624	-578,599	-4,738,012	-11,975,718	-9,665,945	-3,508,366	
Exportaciones	54	FILAMENTOS SINTETICOS O ARTIFICIALES	1,084	5,434	10,905	7,254	38,160	231,850	192.44%
Importaciones	54	FILAMENTOS SINTETICOS O ARTIFICIALES	13,092,711	19,207,530	42,975,722	50,454,454	64,118,049	34,464,768	21.36%
BALANZA	54	FILAMENTOS SINTETICOS O ARTIFICIALES	-13,091,627	-19,202,096	-42,964,817	-50,447,200	-64,079,889	-34,232,918	21.20%
Exportaciones	55	FIBRAS SISNTETICAS O ARTIFICIALES	280	1,240	19,679	124,954	37,335	194,076	269.97%
Importaciones	55	FIBRAS SISNTETICAS O ARTIFICIALES	21,973,266	18,864,920	53,763,343	77,587,945	79,365,705	89,965,562	32.57%
BALANZA	55	FIBRAS SISNTETICAS O ARTIFICIALES	-21,972,986	-18,863,680	-53,743,664	-77,462,991	-79,328,370	-89,771,486	32.51%
Exportaciones	56	GUATA, HILADOS ESPECIALES CUERDAS Y CORDELES	16,256,810	20,249,429	20,345,671	19,115,585	6,594,627	329,747	-54.14%
Importaciones	56	GUATA, HILADOS ESPECIALES CUERDAS Y CORDELES	7,431,493	16,988,020	19,602,516	19,772,008	28,007,541	29,753,916	31.98%
BALANZA	56	GUATA, HILADOS ESPECIALES CUERDAS Y CORDELES	8,825,317	3,261,409	743,155	-656,423	-21,412,914	-29,424,169	-227.23%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – TEXTILES SECTOR (II)]

[Imports Exports Balance]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE EE.UU. CON REP. DOMINICANA SECTOR TEXTILES (II)									
			1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	In Actual Dollars						1999- 2004
Importaciones	57	ALFOMBRAS	300	404	0	4.000	4.712	0	-100,00%
Exportaciones	57	ALFOMBRAS	1.672.922	1.840.979	907.227	1.310.720	1.815.761	1.284.035	-5,15%
BALANZA	57	ALFOMBRAS	1.672.622	1.840.575	907.227	1.306.720	1.811.049	1.284.035	-5,15%
Importaciones	58	TEJIDOS ESPECIALES	701.541	976.696	1.368.230	1.812.013	2.301.661	2.382.617	27,70%
Exportaciones	58	TEJIDOS ESPECIALES	58.825.450	83.689.128	85.033.227	97.098.908	90.741.429	91.742.779	9,30%
BALANZA	58	TEJIDOS ESPECIALES	58.123.909	82.712.432	83.664.997	95.286.895	88.439.768	89.360.162	8,98%
Importaciones	59	TELAS IMPREGNADAS	518.331	407.480	551.611	548.943	718.810	867.935	10,86%
Exportaciones	59	TELAS IMPREGNADAS	9.865.297	9.859.984	9.555.176	9.667.625	9.409.878	14.307.360	7,72%
BALANZA	59	TELAS IMPREGNADAS	9.346.966	9.452.504	9.003.565	9.118.682	8.691.068	13.439.425	7,53%
Importaciones	60	TEJIDOS DE PUNTO	17.518	147.241	161.786	72.464	69.915	72.344	32,80%
Exportaciones	60	TEJIDOS DE PUNTO	32.234.910	30.876.773	44.606.917	70.853.804	123.407.701	150.136.533	36,03%
BALANZA	60	TEJIDOS DE PUNTO	32.217.392	30.729.532	44.445.131	70.781.340	123.337.786	150.064.189	36,03%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Exports from the Dominican Republic have exhibited a significant decrease in 2004, compared to previous years, since for 2003 exports of the textile sector were USD 10 million, while for 2004 they totaled USD 5 million. Unlike imports, these figures have increased during the past few years.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – TEXTILES SECTOR (I)]

[Exports Imports Trade Balance]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. :SECTOR TEXTILES						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Exportaciones	17555094	21816333	22606006	21728697	10284317	5946625
Importaciones	194,665,127	256,295,190	501,973,901	659,844,346	670,906,327	727,687,903
Balanza comercial	-177,110,033	-234,478,857	-479,367,895	-638,115,649	-660,622,010	-721,741,278

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C10b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the textile sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. – TEXTILES SECTOR]

[Sub-item Product % change]

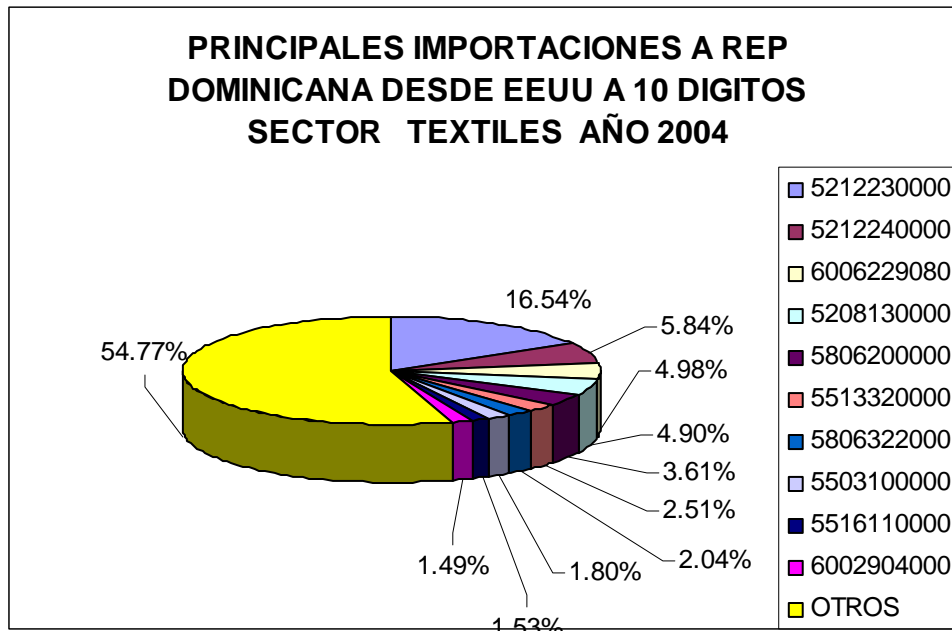
IMPORTACIONES A REP. DOMINICANA DE E.U. SECTOR TEXTILES									
SUBPARTID	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% cambio	
A 10 DIG		us \$						1999- 2004	
1	5212230000	Woven cotton fabrics, under 85% cotton by weight nesoi, dyed fabrics, weighing over 200 g/m2	-	-	31,198	389,069	28,913,088	120,375,183	1468.45%
2	5212240000	Woven cotton fabrics, under 85% cotton by weight nesoi, fabrics with yarns of different colors, weighing over 200 g/m2	-	-	-	330,406	2,015,878	42,513,375	1034.33%
3	6006229080	Other knit or crocheted of dyed cotton fabrics, nesoi (except of single knit const)	-	-	-	11,209,422	34,686,741	36,251,480	79.83%
4	5208130000	Woven fabric of cotton containing 85% or > by weight of cotton weighting < 200 g/m2 3 or 4 thread twill including cross twill unbleached	2,358,386	2,330,439	24,651,041	20,340,699	17,510,903	35,623,504	72.12%
5	5806200000	Narrow woven fabrics, other than goods of heading 5807; nesoi woven fabrics, containing by weight 5% or more of elastomeric yarn or rubber thread	25,047,282	25,526,965	26,968,740	36,684,831	36,641,853	26,259,322	0.95%
6	5513320000	Woven fabrics of synthetic staple fib <85% by wgt of such fib mxd m/scotton wgt <=170g/m2 3-4 thrd twill inc cross twl of polyester staple fibers ydf	2,735	154,618	264,055	4,678,600	10,550,816	18,245,374	481.89%
7	5806322000	Narrow woven fabrics of manmade fiber (other than goods of heading 5807), nesoi	2,943,733	8,758,278	4,413,598	5,214,649	5,550,410	14,878,762	38.27%
8	5503100000	Synthetic staple fibers not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning: of nylon or other polyamides	18,825	17,595	18,834	19,990,779	20,162,461	13,074,034	270.11%
9	5516110000	Unbleached or bleached woven fabrics of artificial staple fibers: containing 85 percent or more by weight of artificial staple fibers	-	-	-	18,849	2,936,396	11,117,443	2328.61%
10	6002904000	Other knitted or crocheted cotton fabrics, width not exceeding 30 cm and containing by weight 5 percent or more of elastomeric yarn or rubber thread	-	-	-	5,087,526	9,795,325	10,822,812	45.85%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In general imports in the textile sector have exhibited a considerable increase in the past several years. Sub-items 5516110000 corresponding to discontinuous artificial fiber fabrics, and sub-item 5212400000 corresponding to other cotton fabrics with threads of various colors are noteworthy, having exhibited significant average annual variation.

According to the following graphic, we see that imports in the sector are not significantly concentrated in a few sub-items, but rather they are diversified over various sub-item categories.

[PRIMARY IMPORTS TO DOM. REP FROM U.S.A. TO 10 DIGITS –
TEXTILES SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C10c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the textile sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO U.S. – TEXTILES SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

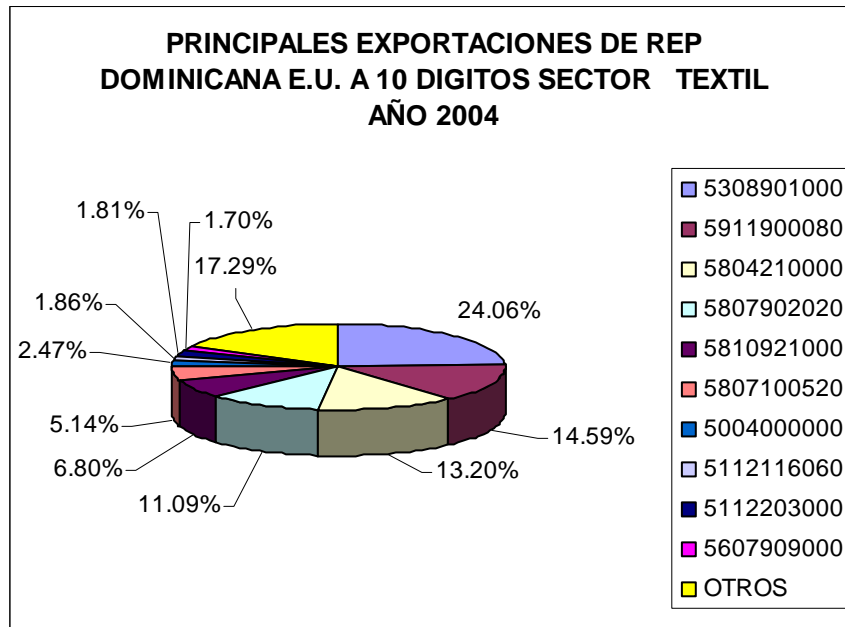
EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA A E.U. SECTOR TEXTIL									
	SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004
			US \$						
1	5308901000	Yarn of other vegetable textile fibers; paper yarn	0	0	0	0	436,562	1,430,956	227.78%
2	5911900080	Articles for technical uses specified in note 7 to chapter 59 other than cords, braids, & the like of a kind used in industry as packing or lubr matr	500,027	407,480	551,336	544,565	704,949	867,513	11.65%
3	5804210000	Tulles and other net fabrics, not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics, lace in the piece, mechanically made lace, of man-made fibers	0	0	265,264	780,714	946,577	785,115	43.58%
4	5807902020	Labels, badges and similar articles of textile materials, in the piece, in strips cut to shape or size: knit badges, man-made fibers, not embroidered	461,902	470,055	433,553	658,270	760,488	659,235	7.37%
5	5810921000	Badges, emblems, and motifs of man-made fibers, other embroidery with visible ground, embroidery in the piece, in strips or in motifs	16,097	71,433	333,700	234,477	254,181	404,156	90.53%
6	5807100520	Labels, in the piece, in strips or cut to shape or size, not embroidered, woven, of man-made fibers.	25,412	107,080	166,635	50,189	208,747	305,494	64.43%
7	5004000000	Silk yarn, other than yarn, not spun from silk waste, not put up for retail sale	0	0	0	0	0	146,762	0.00%
8	5112116060	Wv fb cb w/fah wt=85% w/fah,lt=200g/m2 nesoi	0	0	46,595	0	0	110,539	33.37%
9	5112203000	Combed woven fabric, of wool or fine animal hair, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibers filament yarns, other, not tapestry and upholstery fab	0	0	2,330	0	0	107,589	258.76%
10	5607909000	Twine, cordage, rope and cables, of other fibers, whether or not braided or plaited	0	0	0	0	8,553	100,899	1079.69%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Exports from the Dominican Republic in the textile sector have been increasing significantly. We note this in several sub-items exports since 2001. The same is the case for sub-items 511211060 and 5112203000 corresponding to combed wool or fine combed fur and cord, rope and strings.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 82% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. Exports under sub-item 5308901000 (other threads of other plant textile fibers) and sub-item 5911900080 (textile products and articles for technical use) represent 39% of the total exports in this sector.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO U.S. – TO 10 DIGITS –
TEXTILE SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C11. Clothing Sector The clothing sector includes 4 chapters, based on the following table.

CLOTHING SECTOR	
CHAP.	DESCR.
61	KNIT GARMENTS
62	WOVEN GARMETS
63	OTHER CLOTHING
63	OTHER CLOTHING

C11a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under the chapter of sewn undergarments (Chapter 61) totaling USD 378 million in 2004 are noteworthy. This chapter exhibited a significant increase in the past several years.

With respect to DR exports, the most representative chapter is 62, corresponding to flat woven undergarments, which recorded exports totaling USD 1,146 million in 2004, which have decreased during the past several years.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – CLOTHING SECTOR]
 [CHAP. DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR CONFECCIONES									
			1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	US \$						1999- 2004
Exportaciones	61	PRENDAS DE VESTIR DE PUNTO	896,703,066	852,102,837	777,175,992	774,647,952	857,664,054	889,429,446	-0.16%
Importaciones	61	PRENDAS DE VESTIR DE PUNTO	405,216,990	444,642,866	367,576,163	315,743,900	344,016,207	378,004,811	-1.38%
BALANZA	61	PRENDAS DE VESTIR DE PUNTO	491,486,076	407,459,971	409,599,829	458,904,052	513,647,847	511,424,635	0.80%
Exportaciones	62	PRENDAS DE VESTIR TEJIDO PLANO	1,410,575,315	1,531,279,397	1,452,799,419	1,358,818,358	1,240,814,976	1,146,791,124	-4.06%
Importaciones	62	PRENDAS DE VESTIR TEJIDO PLANO	623,562,030	667,274,790	406,068,390	297,810,458	232,976,415	145,586,391	-25.24%
BALANZA	62	PRENDAS DE VESTIR TEJIDO PLANO	787,013,285	864,004,607	1,046,731,029	1,061,007,900	1,007,838,561	1,001,204,733	4.93%
Exportaciones	63	OTRAS CONFECCIONES	14,771,716	12,523,140	28,142,697	43,469,418	65,576,565	72,647,059	37.52%
Importaciones	63	OTRAS CONFECCIONES	18,489,644	20,565,252	8,947,989	9,021,831	12,042,589	11,577,048	-8.94%
BALANZA	63	OTRAS CONFECCIONES	-3,717,928	-8,042,112	19,194,708	34,447,587	53,533,976	61,070,011	-275.03%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Total exports of the DR in this sector for 2004 are USD 2,018 million, while imports from the U.S. were USD 535 million, showing a balance of USD 1573 million, as shown below.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – CLOTHING SECTOR]
 [EXPORTS IMPORTS TRADE BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR CONFECCIONES							
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
Exportaciones	2,322,050,097	2,395,905,374	2,258,118,108	2,176,935,728	2,164,055,595	2,108,867,629	
Importaciones	1,047,268,664	1,132,482,908	782,592,542	622,576,189	589,035,211	535,168,250	
Balanza comercial	1,274,781,433	1,263,422,466	1,475,525,566	1,554,359,539	1,575,020,384	1,573,699,379	

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C11b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the textile sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – CLOTHING SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

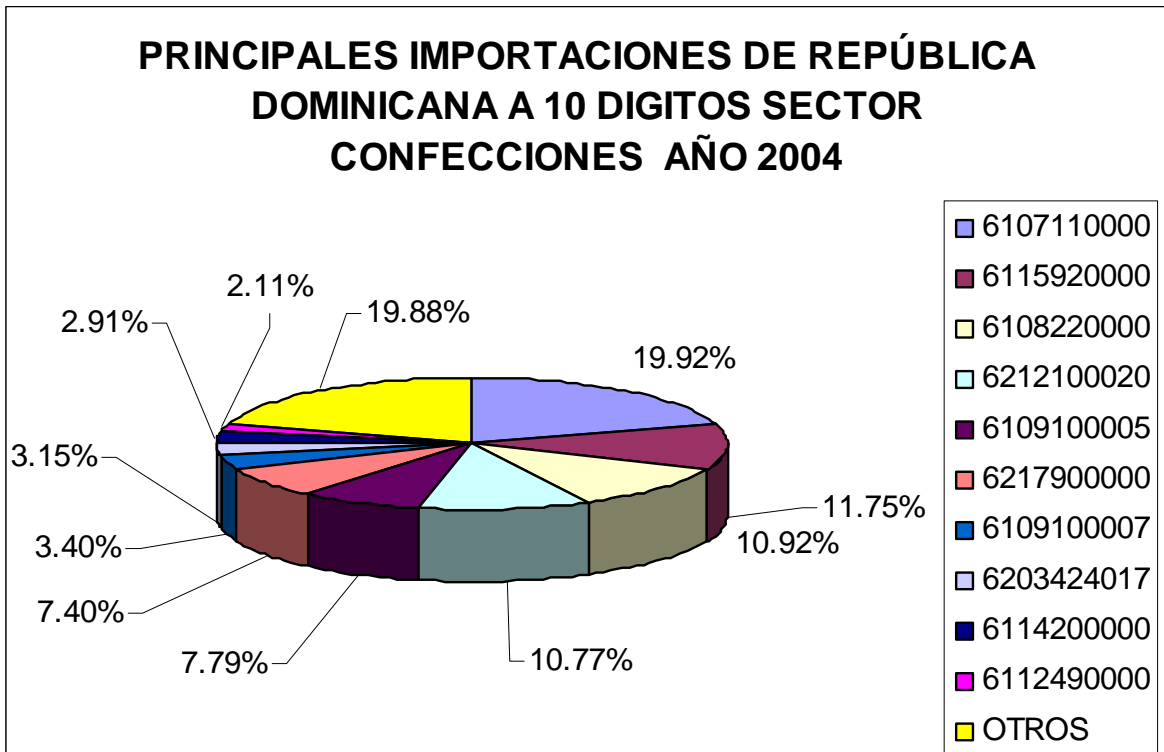
IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA A EU. SECTOR CONFECCIONES									
SUBPARTID	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO	
A 10 DIG		US \$							1999- 2004
1	6107110000	Men's or boys' underpants and briefs of cotton, knitted or crocheted	74,415,936	84,921,865	96,268,100	109,400,406	109,549,039	106,579,524	7.45%
2	6115920000	Socks and other hosiery inc stockings for varicose veins and footwear without applied soles of cotton, knitted or crocheted	1,175,205	184,278	230,378	3,349,215	35,867,347	62,903,632	121.67%
3	6108220000	Women's or girls' briefs and panties of manmade fibers, knitted or crocheted	8,774,911	7,698,056	12,081,139	15,417,811	17,231,479	58,446,196	46.12%
4	6212100020	Brassieres and similar articles and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted, of manmade fibers	52,224,129	48,616,534	39,965,842	61,612,720	52,643,003	57,655,688	2.00%
5	6109100005	Mens or boys t-shirts, all white of cotton underwear, short hemmed sleeves hemmed bottoms crew or round neckline without pockets,trim,embroidery- knit	1,836,958	7,578,080	25,518,400	23,701,683	30,569,789	41,698,632	86.73%
6	6217900000	Other made-up clothing accessories; parts of garments or of clothing accessories, except brassieres, girdles, corsets, braces, suspenders, and garters	72,034,645	51,398,730	32,444,184	15,449,593	37,200,372	39,605,684	-11.28%
7	6109100007	Men's or boys' knitted or crocheted singlets, of cotton, all white, without pockets, trim, or embroidery	17,781,085	21,347,237	11,887,445	20,000,385	20,198,529	18,173,158	0.44%
8	6203424017	Men's or boy's trousers and breeches of cotton, not knitted or crocheted nesoi	138,164,365	121,617,499	48,245,541	64,317,576	92,341,563	16,845,020	-34.35%
9	6114200000	Other garments of cotton, knitted or crocheted	811,860	28,306,765	34,945,103	39,324,428	40,135,808	15,597,381	80.60%
10	6112490000	Women's or girls' swimwear of other textile materials, knitted or crocheted	297,438	2,670,111	11,544,909	15,801,978	17,769,991	11,272,833	106.88%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Underwear, undershirts, pajamas and similar cotton items corresponding to sub-item 6107110000 are noteworthy, in that they accounted for 2004 imports totaling USD 106 million.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 80% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – CLOTHING SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C11c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the clothing sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – CLOTHING SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA A EU. SECTOR CONFECCIONES									
SUBPARTID	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO	
A 10 DIG		US \$						1999- 2004	
1	6203424015	Men's trousers and breeches, not knitted, of cotton, other	287,610,164	343,379,834	301,256,423	404,679,508	389,497,519	312,154,112	1.65%
2	6203434010	Men's trousers and breeches, not knitted, of synthetic fibers	133,912,780	158,660,908	177,188,281	170,390,699	170,785,483	153,257,479	2.74%
3	6212109020	Brassieres, not containing lace or net or embroidery, of man-made fibers, whether or not knitted or crocheted	148,836,497	131,911,873	122,536,663	142,345,598	117,487,363	152,743,107	0.52%
4	6107110010	Men's underpants and briefs, knitted or crocheted, of cotton	99,521,747	102,306,960	121,677,517	163,962,587	172,783,519	140,870,328	7.20%
5	6115929000	Socks and other hosiery, for varicose veins, and footwear without applied soles, knitted or crocheted, of cotton: not containing lace or net	43,904,239	46,415,201	29,754,473	29,999,595	57,137,647	91,200,887	15.74%
6	6204624020	Women's trousers and breeches, of cotton, not knitted, other	132,597,495	185,345,371	139,042,062	112,697,858	97,412,768	69,229,757	-12.19%
7	6203424010	Men's trousers and breeches, not knitted, of cotton, blue denim	20,635,509	20,980,249	43,133,590	38,477,238	36,931,172	59,090,873	23.42%
8	6108229020	Women's briefs and panties, knitted or crocheted, of man-made fibers	41,620,529	37,468,101	41,414,173	38,701,730	35,459,721	56,126,623	6.16%
9	6107110020	Boys' underpants and briefs, knitted or crocheted, of cotton	21,855,385	21,415,027	13,434,865	30,734,090	51,498,224	52,006,102	18.93%
10	6110202075	Women's or girls' other pullovers, and similar garments, of cotton, knitted or crocheted, containing less than 36 percent by weight of flax fibers	65,922,680	62,863,566	54,867,719	40,478,566	50,523,252	50,952,771	-5.02%

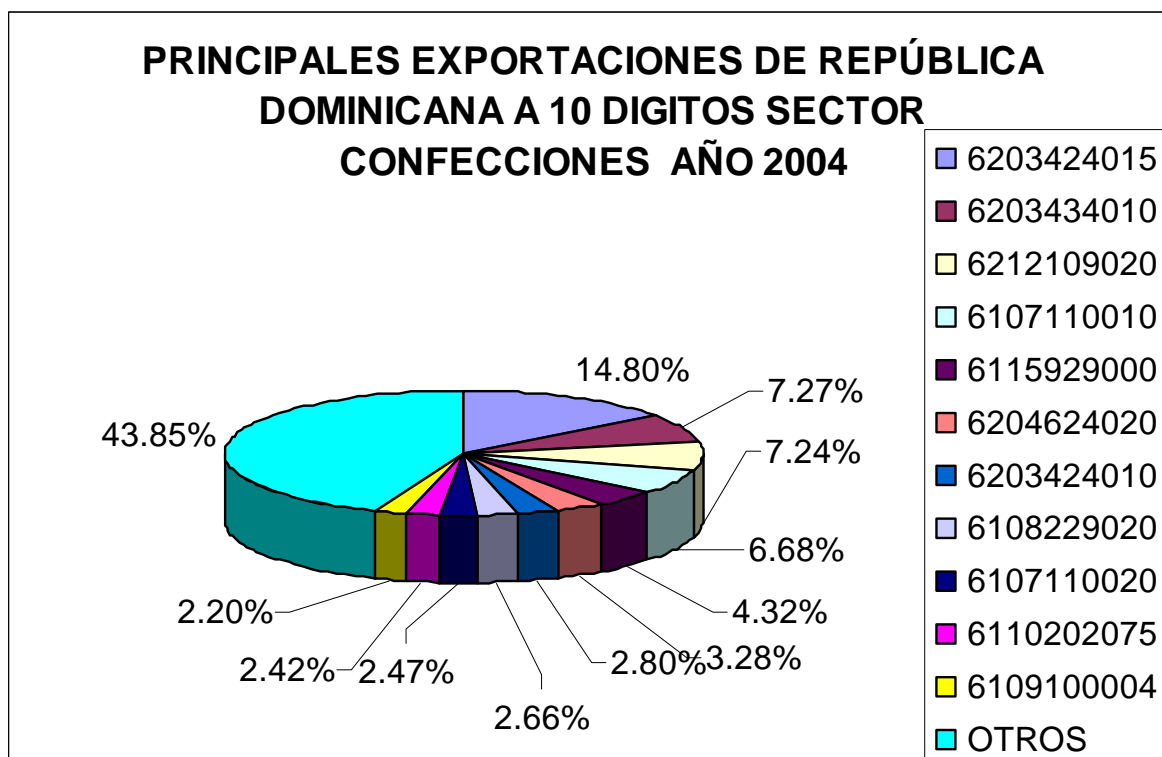
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

For 2004, the most significant exports in the clothing sector were long pants, with bibs, and cotton shorts, of sub-item 6203424015, which totaled USD 312 million, with an annual average variation of 1.65%.

The primary exports of the sector for 2004, which exhibited the greatest annual percentage variation, was sub-item 6203424010, corresponding to men's blue work pants.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 56% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – CLOTHING SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C12. Footwear Sector The footwear sector includes 1 chapter, based on the following table.

FOOTWEAR SECTOR	
CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
64	FOOTWEAR

C12a. Trade balance of the sector. For the footwear sector, exports from the Dominican Republic in the various years under review are greater than imports, resulting in a trade balance for 2004 of USD 114,494,989.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – FOOTWEAR SECTOR]
[EXPORTS IMPORTS TRADE BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR CALZADO						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	US \$					
Exportaciones	237,121,032	181,157,921	193,113,755	139,746,661	138,432,884	137,229,697
Importaciones	57,374,751	53,792,377	51,215,384	29,708,451	27,397,359	22,734,708
Balanza comercial	179,746,281	127,365,544	141,898,371	110,038,210	111,035,525	114,494,989

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C12b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports from the U.S. in the footwear sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. – FOOTWEAR SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA DESDE EU. SECTOR CALZADO									
SUBPARTID			1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO		US \$						1999- 2004
1	6406999500	Footwear parts nesoi and accessories and parts nesoi, including gaiters and similar articles	19,507,258	37,713,662	30,484,618	11,050,829	17,880,967	9,361,563	-13.66%
2	6406100000	Footwear uppers and upper parts except stiffeners	25,804,673	4,255,917	3,609,491	4,071,816	2,345,922	6,935,086	-23.11%
3	6406200000	Parts of footwear outer soles and heels of rubber or plastics	5,848,594	5,266,005	5,171,845	1,942,466	1,391,600	2,774,602	-13.86%
4	6402991815	Other footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber/plastics uppers with external area >90% rubber/plastics tennis, basketball, gym shoes an the like	-	93,537	4,353,082	6,621,219	2,921,209	521,875	53.69%
5	6405909000	Other footwear other nesoi	323,310	252,751	666,177	354,726	479,164	347,418	1.45%
6	6403993500	Footwear with uppers of leather and non-leather outer soles, footwear not covering the ankle, tennis, basketball, gym etc shoes for men, youth or boys	55,362	-	273,851	351,948	231,919	284,344	38.72%
7	6404110000	Footwear with uppers of textile materials and outer soles of rubber or plastics, sports footwear, including tennis, basketball, and gym shoes etc	66,424	73,012	351,265	718,898	497,595	225,965	27.74%
8	6402190000	Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics with uppers stitched etc to soles, sports footwear except ski-boots and cc ski footwear	71,300	57,333	168,729	38,772	50,189	224,091	25.74%
9	6403911500	Footwear with uppers of leather and non-leather outer soles, footwear covering the ankle, tennis, basketball, gym etc shoes for men, youth and boys	44,611	100,352	1,685,518	1,782,171	411,194	199,887	34.98%
10	6403594500	Footwear with uppers and outer soles of leather nesoi, footwear not covering the ankle, for women	1,667,338	591,584	335,244	369,569	191,353	179,330	-35.98%

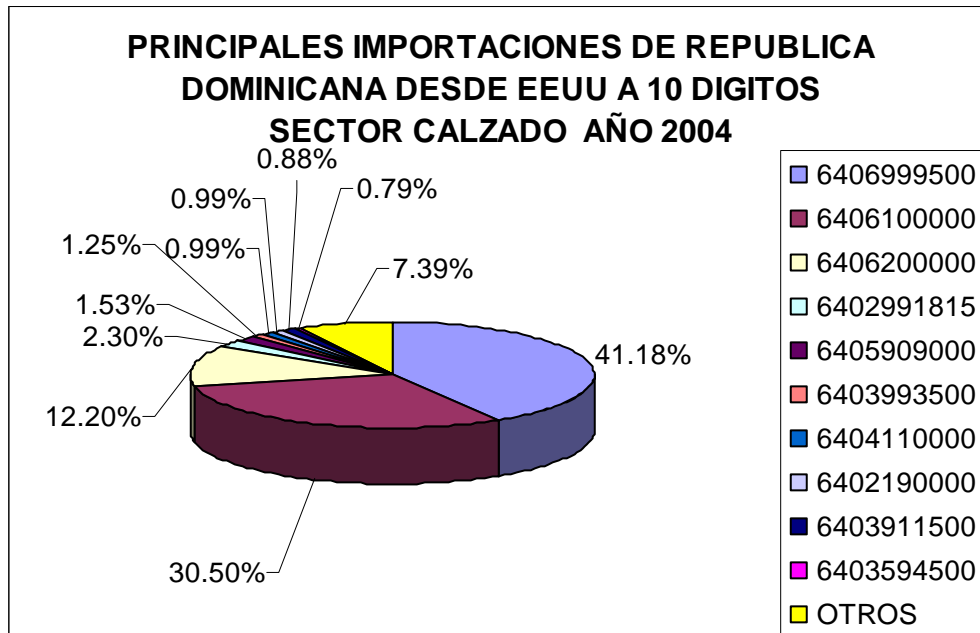
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports of footwear components and accessories, totaling USD 9 million for 2004, with an annual average variation of -13%, taking into consideration that in previous years imports of this sub-item were greater.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 92% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

It is important to note that footwear components and accessories (6406999500) and footwear uppers and parts thereof (640610000) represented 70% of the total imports of the sector in 2004.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. TO 10 DIGITS
FOOTWEAR SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C12c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the footwear sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

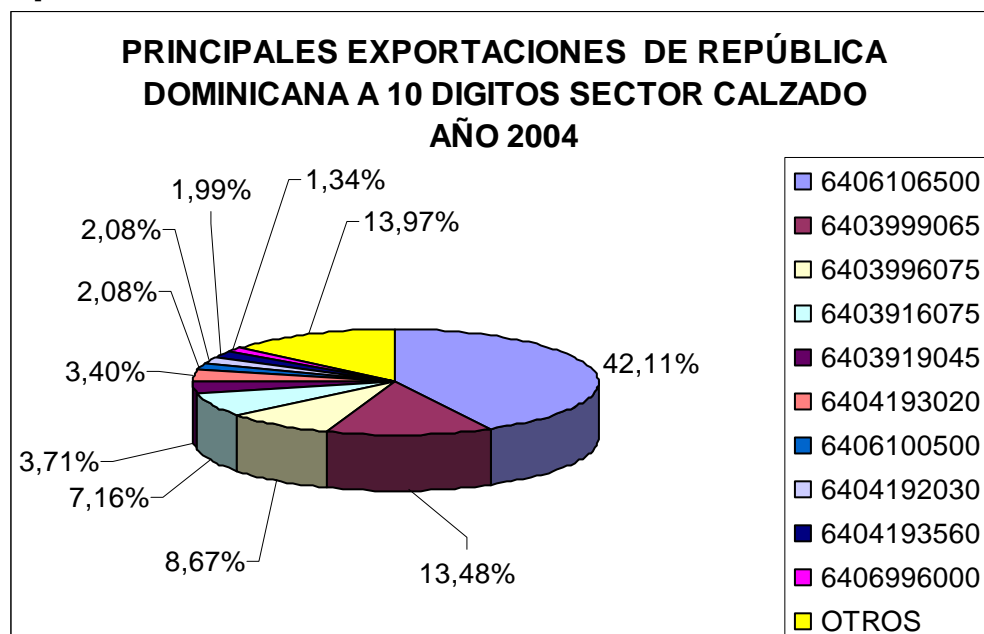
[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – FOOTWEAR SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA A EU. SECTOR CALZADO										
SUBPARTID	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO		
A 10 DIG		US \$							1999- 2004	
1	6406106500	Parts of footwear other uppers and parts thereof other than stiffeners of leather	166,065,907	107,723,877	104,822,013	62,971,669	61,988,028	57,783,971	-19.03%	
2	6403999065	Footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastics and uppers of leather: other ftwr valued over \$2.50/pair, exct ftwr with pigskin uppers, for women	12,891,607	8,209,784	8,964,812	6,267,165	7,426,984	18,500,229	7.49%	
3	6403996075	Footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastics and uppers of leather: other footwear without pigskin uppers for men.	15,093,763	14,409,716	12,831,897	12,538,821	10,113,287	11,895,482	-4.65%	
4	6403916075	Footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastics and uppers of leather: covering the ankle: other footwear for men except with pigskin uppers	2,195,220	4,996,922	2,345,926	6,812,818	8,238,639	9,830,057	34.96%	
5	6403919045	Footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastics and uppers of leather: covering the ankle: other footwear for exect with pigskin uppers for women	1,785,766	1,759,771	9,536,302	3,863,978	2,525,884	5,097,708	23.34%	
6	6404193020	Ftwr w upper of tex matl & outer sole rub/plas: ftwr w open toes or open heel slip-on >10% by wt r/p up of other, house slippers not covering ankle	0	314	179,557	1,804,039	4,727,346	4,667,698	1004.19%	
7	6406100500	Parts of footwear formed uppers other than stiffeners, of composition leather for men youths and boys	232,644	4,272,838	4,846,287	5,032,397	7,429,380	2,851,978	65.08%	
8	6404192030	Footwear with uppers of text mats and outer soles rub/plas: other ftwr worn over/in lieu of, to protect against water-chem-inclmnt weather for men	2,123,182	6,993,048	6,030,608	4,339,340	4,097,356	2,851,583	6.08%	
9	6404193560	Footwear with outer soles rub/plastic (not for sports), slip-on etc footwear 10% or more (wt) rub/plastic, textile uppers, for women	1,897,753	1,874,147	890,272	1,331,999	1,613,361	2,733,955	7.57%	
10	6406996000	Other parts of footwear, insoles, heel cushions, and simialr articles, of leather	937,690	684,134	355,191	1,146,863	2,058,646	1,844,703	14.49%	

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The most representative exports of the sector, corresponding to sub-item 6406106500, corresponding to footwear uppers and parts thereof, have exhibited a decrease in the past several years, showing an average percentage change of -19%.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 86% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C13. Various Manufactured Items Sector The Various Manufactured Items Sector includes 7 chapters, based on the following table.

MISC. MANUFACTURED GOODS	
CHAP.	DESCR.
65	HATS
66	UMBRELLAS, CANES FUSTAS,
67	ARTIFICIAL FEATHERS, FLOWERS AND PRODUCTS FOR FUR
92	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
95	TOYS AND GAMES
96	MISC. GOODS
97	OBJETS D'ART

C13a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under the chapter corresponding to miscellaneous manufactured items (Chapter 96) are noteworthy, in that they totaled USD 9 million in 2004. These imports decreased in the past several years, with an average annual variation of -3.38%.

With respect to DR exports, the most representative chapter is 65, corresponding to hats, with recorded exports totaling USD 27 million in 2004 – which have decreased during the past several years.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH U.S.: MISC. MANUFACTURED GOODS SECTOR]
 [CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]
 [EXPORTS IMPORTS TRADE BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR MANUFACTURAS DIVERSAS									
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
			US \$						
Exportaciones	65	SOMBREROS	47,179,381	59,542,036	55,313,179	42,957,980	34,928,276	27,451,095	-10.27%
Importaciones	65	SOMBREROS	848,123	1,077,518	1,171,460	1,449,684	314,907	316,209	-17.91%
BALANZA	65	SOMBREROS	46,331,258	58,464,518	54,141,719	41,508,296	34,613,369	27,134,886	-10.15%
Exportaciones	66	PARAGUAS, BASTONES, FUSTAS, LATIGOS	0	0	0	0	2,203	2,800	27.10%
Importaciones	66	PARAGUAS, BASTONES, FUSTAS, LATIGOS	14,830	211,505	534,681	393,809	119,095	101,665	46.96%
BALANZA	66	PARAGUAS, BASTONES, FUSTAS, LATIGOS	-14,830	-211,505	-534,681	-393,809	-116,892	-98,865	46.14%
Exportaciones	67	PLUMAS, FLORES ARTIFICIALES Y MANUFACTURAS PARA EL CABELLO	719,542	417,475	441,548	184,718	334,930	376,656	-12.14%
Importaciones	67	PLUMAS, FLORES ARTIFICIALES Y MANUFACTURAS PARA EL CABELLO	465,238	482,272	1,154,139	1,161,175	476,078	406,024	-2.69%
BALANZA			254,304	-64,797	-712,591	-976,457	-141,148	-29,368	-22%
Exportaciones	92	INSTRUMENTOS MUSICALES	23,513	48,157	16,684	3,390	0	39,014	10.66%
Importaciones	92	INSTRUMENTOS MUSICALES	277,988	175,598	567,591	1,540,053	670,158	426,562	8.94%
BALANZA	92	INSTRUMENTOS MUSICALES	-254,475	-127,441	-550,907	-1,536,663	-670,158	-387,548	8.78%
Exportaciones	95	JUGUETES Y JUEGOS	4,841,917	6,606,806	6,824,651	5,396,124	4,874,674	3,323,058	-7.25%
Importaciones	95	JUGUETES Y JUEGOS	7,568,236	10,482,150	8,383,216	11,817,237	11,920,121	6,624,954	-2.63%
BALANZA	95	JUGUETES Y JUEGOS	-2,726,319	-3,875,344	-1,558,565	-6,421,113	-7,045,447	-3,301,896	3.91%
Exportaciones	96	MANUFACTURAS DIVERSAS	4,846,242	4,653,876	3,097,485	3,297,108	2,709,429	2,955,406	-9.42%
Importaciones	96	MANUFACTURAS DIVERSAS	11,929,117	17,916,564	14,506,000	15,504,622	11,553,894	9,993,402	-3.48%
BALANZA	96	MANUFACTURAS DIVERSAS	-7,082,875	-13,262,688	-11,408,515	-12,207,514	-8,844,465	-7,037,996	-0.13%
Exportaciones	97	OBJETO DE ARTE	217,160	348,377	318,091	420,525	354,600	191,143	-2.52%
Importaciones	97	OBJETO DE ARTE	421,335	166,985	1,303,152	594,702	160,431	245,916	-10.21%
BALANZA	97	OBJETO DE ARTE	-204,175	181,392	-985,061	-174,177	194,169	-54,773	-23.14%

Source: US International Trade Commission

Total exports of the DR in this sector for 2004 are USD 34 million, while imports of the DR were USD 18 million, showing a balance of USD 16 million, as shown below.

[U.S. TRADE BALANCE WITH DOM. REP. – MISC. MANUFACTURED GOODS]
[EXPORTS IMPORTS BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE EEUU. CON REP. DOMINICANA SECTOR MANUFACTURAS VARIAS						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	US \$					
Exportaciones	57.827.755	71.616.727	66.011.638	52.259.845	43.204.112	34.339.172
Importaciones	21.524.867	30.512.592	27.620.239	32.461.282	25.214.684	18.114.732
Balanza	36.302.888	41.104.135	38.391.399	19.798.563	17.989.428	16.224.440

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C13b. Primary imports of the sector. The primary DR imports from the U.S. in the various manufactured items sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. – MISC. MANUFACTURED GOODS]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA DESDE EU. SECTOR MANUFACTURAS DIVERSAS									
SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004	
US \$									
1	9606210000	Buttons of plastics, not covered with textile material	2,865,726	3,786,216	2,543,109	3,119,650	2,011,850	2,070,268	-6.30%
2	9606100000	Press-fasteners, snap-fasteners & press-studs & parts therefor	1,451,341	1,236,821	1,215,350	1,946,430	2,271,671	1,776,537	4.13%
3	9607200000	Parts of slide fasteners	1,953,229	3,209,161	1,566,957	3,390,079	1,539,352	1,157,574	-9.93%
4	9607110000	Slide fasteners fitted with chain scoops of base metal	885,932	1,071,705	885,214	871,272	777,922	935,316	1.09%
5	9506910000	Gymnasium, playground or other exercise articles and equipment, parts and accessories thereof	600,457	983,889	828,558	711,119	865,233	853,092	7.28%
6	9504300050	Other games, coin-or token-operated, other than bowling alley equipment, nesoi	151,050	2,313,601	216,872	441,565	1,328,703	821,616	40.32%
7	9612109000	Typewriter or similar ribbons, nesoi, inked or otherwise prepared for giving impressions, whether or not on spools or in cartridges	96,920	163,672	1,216,602	338,745	417,669	814,993	53.09%
8	9612101000	Ribbons measuring < 30mm in width, put up in plastic/metal cartridges (whether/ nt contn spools) used in typewriters, automatic data process/other mach	341,007	465,428	76,669	45,640	733,548	613,593	12.47%
9	9603210000	Tooth brushes	1,029,277	1,140,778	565,517	438,783	588,671	500,126	-13.44%
10	9606290000	Buttons, nesoi	1,005,550	2,093,162	1,095,119	1,500,880	584,551	495,177	-13.21%

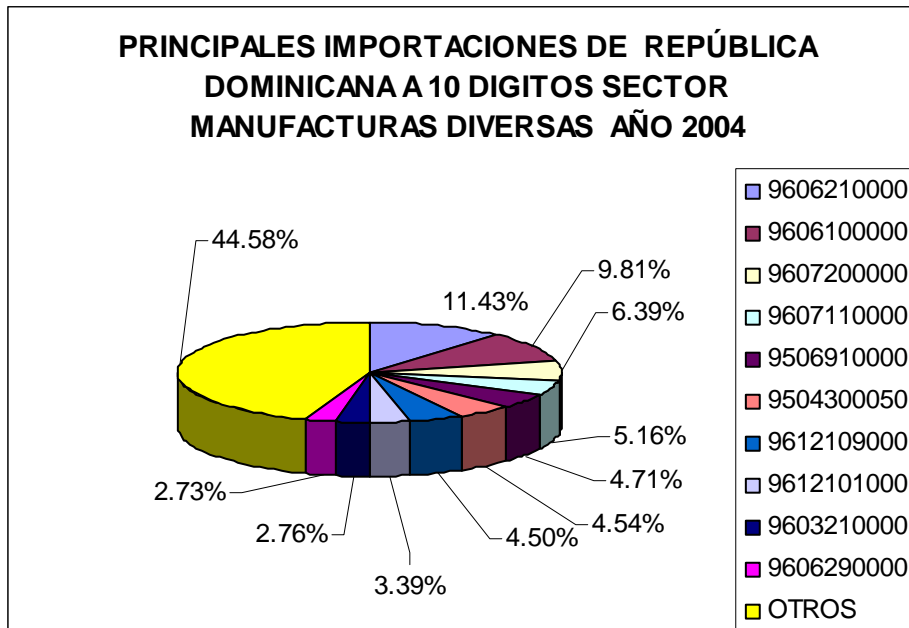
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports of plastic buttons not covered with textile material corresponding to sub-item 9606210000 are noteworthy, in that they accounted for 2004 imports totaling USD 2 million.

The growth of imports under sub-items 9612109000 and 9504300050 corresponding to ribbons for typewriters and similar ribbons and other coin-, bill-, or card-operated games is noteworthy. These areas have exhibited annual growth of 53% and 40% respectively.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 55% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – MISC. MANUFACTURED GOODS SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C13b. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the various manufactured items sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – MISC. MANUFACTURED GOODS SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA A EU. SECTOR MANUFACTURAS DIVERSAS									
SUBPARTIDA	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO	
10 DIG		US \$						1999- 2004	
1	6505908090	Hats and other headgear, not knitted, other headwear, other than for babies, not braided, except disposable headwear, of man-made fibers	13,101,998	12,546,791	10,776,063	9,982,921	11,957,300	11,567,520	-2.46%
2	6505906090	Hats and other headgear, knitted or crocheted, or like fabric, other headwear not for babies, not braid, of man-made fibers, less than 23 percent wool	490,708	9,516,393	14,753,766	5,567,999	6,091,895	5,163,691	60.11%
3	6505902060	Hats and other headgear, not knitted headwear, other than for babies, certified handloomed; and headwear, of cotton	28,857,894	27,248,250	18,637,731	13,545,215	8,015,366	4,915,447	-29.81%
4	6505904090	Hats and other headgear, not knitted or crocheted, other headwear, of wool	2,484	55,708	101,431	1,125,295	5,255,536	1,975,397	280.28%
5	9603306000	Artists brushes, writing brushes & similar brushes for application of cosmetics, valued over .10 each	3,517,006	2,937,112	2,418,743	2,457,953	1,859,970	1,965,056	-10.99%
6	9506628040	Volleyballs	1,958,503	2,065,541	2,174,423	1,898,518	1,735,605	1,960,158	0.02%
7	6506990000	Other headgear, whether or not lined or trimmed, not safety headgear, of other materials	854,120	1,144,356	1,286,451	1,395,259	1,195,876	1,512,353	12.11%
8	9507907000	Artificial baits and flies	625,733	3,295,645	1,615,678	1,728,568	1,446,998	979,980	9.39%
9	6506106045	Other headgear, whether or not lined or trimmed, safety headgear, not reinforced or of laminated plastics, athletic, recreational and sporting headgr	647,094	1,310,380	1,141,771	1,024,032	415,655	851,446	5.64%
10	9603500000	Other brushes constituting parts of machines, appliances or vehicles	394,677	421,470	430,507	501,915	597,360	763,810	14.12%

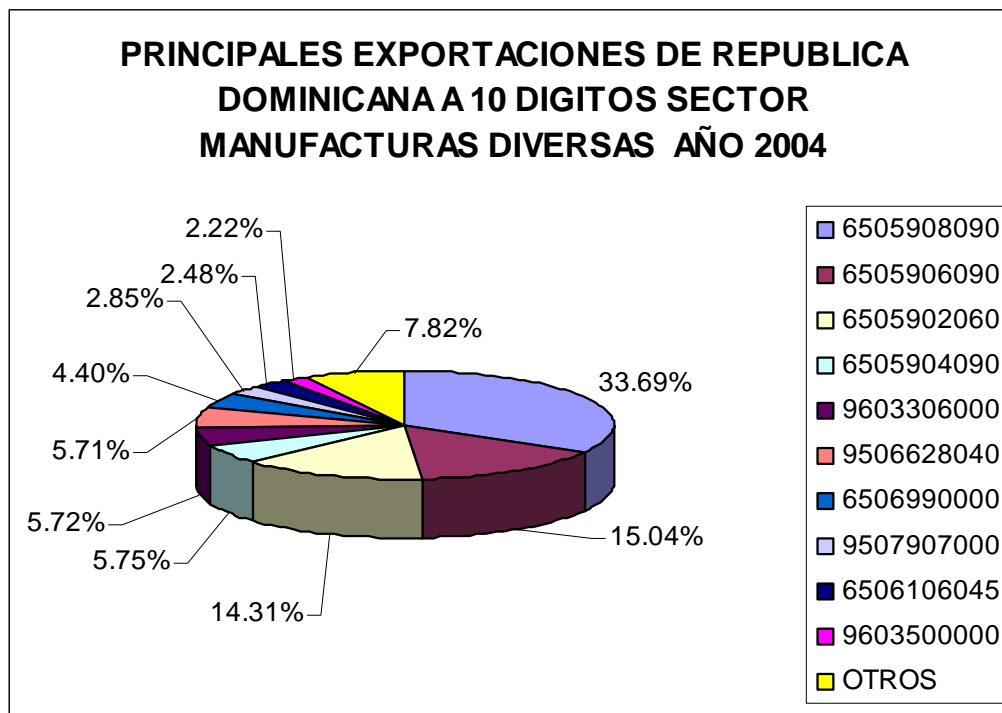
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

For 2004, the most significant exports in the various manufactured items sector were other hats and headgear of sub-item 6505908090, which totaled USD 11 million, with an annual average variation of -2,46%.

Among the primary exports of the sector for 2004, the sub-item that had the most dynamic activity was the sub-item for other hats and headgear (6505904090), with an annual average variation of 280%.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 92% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – MISC. MANUFACTURED GOODS SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C14. Non-metallic ores sector The non-metallic ores sector includes 3 chapters, based on the following table.

NON-METALLIC ORES SECTOR	
CHAPTER	DESCR.
68	GOODS MADE OF STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT
69	CERAMIC PRODUCTS
70	GLASS AND GLASS PRODUCTS

C14a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under the chapter corresponding to glass and glass products (Chapter 70) are noteworthy, which totaled USD 20 million in 2004, showing an annual average variation of -0.11%.

With respect to DR exports to the U.S., the most representative chapter is 69, corresponding to ceramic products, with recorded exports totaling USD 34 million in 2004 – which have increased significantly during the past several years.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – NON-METALLIC ORES SECTOR]
 [CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]
 [EXPORTS IMPORTS BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR MINERALES NO METALICOS									
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
			US \$						
			1999- 2004						
Exportaciones	68	MANUFACTURAS DE PIEDRA, YESO, CEMENTO	1,054,107	1,485,002	1,836,855	2,265,465	2,987,878	3,556,763	27.54%
Importaciones	68	MANUFACTURAS DE PIEDRA, YESO, CEMENTO	4,449,500	8,189,088	10,709,291	6,369,991	5,621,546	3,699,092	-3.63%
BALANZA	68	MANUFACTURAS DE PIEDRA, YESO, CEMENTO	-3,395,393	-6,704,086	-8,872,436	-4,104,526	-2,633,668	-142,329	-46.98%
Exportaciones	69	PRODUCTOS CERAMICOS	5,858,243	8,014,437	7,536,311	7,401,023	15,664,534	34,190,599	42.31%
Importaciones	69	PRODUCTOS CERAMICOS	5,759,802	3,435,150	3,771,986	3,562,264	5,070,963	5,673,817	-0.30%
BALANZA	69	PRODUCTOS CERAMICOS	98,441	4,579,287	3,764,325	3,838,759	10,593,571	28,516,782	210.73%
Exportaciones	70	VIDRIO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	273,236	162,100	93,922	175,066	1,595,366	204,059	-5.67%
Importaciones	70	VIDRIO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	20,705,636	19,948,694	17,284,931	13,981,209	13,760,715	20,591,147	-0.11%
BALANZA	70	VIDRIO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	-20,432,400	-19,786,594	-17,191,009	-13,806,143	-12,165,349	-20,387,088	-0.04%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Total exports from the DR to the U.S. in this sector for 2004 are USD 29 million, while imports of the DR were USD 37 million, showing a balance of USD 7 million, as shown below.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – NON-METALLIC ORES SECTOR]
 [EXPORTS IMPORTS BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR MINERALES NO METALICOS						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
US \$						
Exportaciones	30,914,938	31,572,932	31,766,208	23,913,464	24,453,224	29,964,056
Importaciones	7,185,586	9,661,539	9,467,088	9,841,554	20,247,778	37,951,421
BALANZA	23,729,352	21,911,393	22,299,120	14,071,910	4,205,446	-7,987,365

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C14b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imports in the non-metallic ores sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. IMPORTS – NON-METALLIC ORES SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA SECTOR MINERALES NO METALICOS									
SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004	
US \$									
1	7010905009	Glass containers with or without their closures of a capacity exceeding 1 liter, nesoi	-	-	-	1,760,212	7,931,145	12,284,313	164.18%
2	7018100000	Glass beads, imitation pearls, imitation precious or semiprecious stones and similar glass smallwares; articles thereof except jewelry	-	-	-	55,510	32,166	2,862,979	618.16%
3	6902201020	Refractory bricks containing more than 50 percent of silica or of a mixture or compound of silica and alumina, except alumina bricks	28,916	31,478	17,409	23,404	487,798	1,206,566	110.90%
4	6904900000	Ceramic flooring blocks, support or filler tiles and the like, except building bricks	111,238	12,503	26,978	5,448	-	1,173,968	60.21%
5	7005100000	Float glass and surface ground or polished glass, in sheets, nonwired, with an absorbent or reflecting layer, but not otherwise worked	68,477	-	-	2,866	-	1,047,957	72.57%
6	6914900000	Ceramic articles nesoi	46,465	107,701	719,436	385,099	1,748,117	981,688	84.06%
7	6809110000	Plaster boards sheets panels etc not ornamented faced or reinforced with paper or paperboard only	656,321	5,010,612	1,028,025	337,690	1,670,325	656,195	0.00%
8	7019391000	Insulation products of glass fibers	320,277	610,774	1,078,214	741,246	609,170	649,046	15.17%
9	6807900010	Roofing and siding of asphalt, or similar material	1,598,775	229,001	208,055	270,241	1,182,955	616,862	-17.34%
10	6806900010	Accoustical pads and boards of mineral wools and mixtures	116,497	155,917	126,068	134,615	398,450	576,402	37.68%

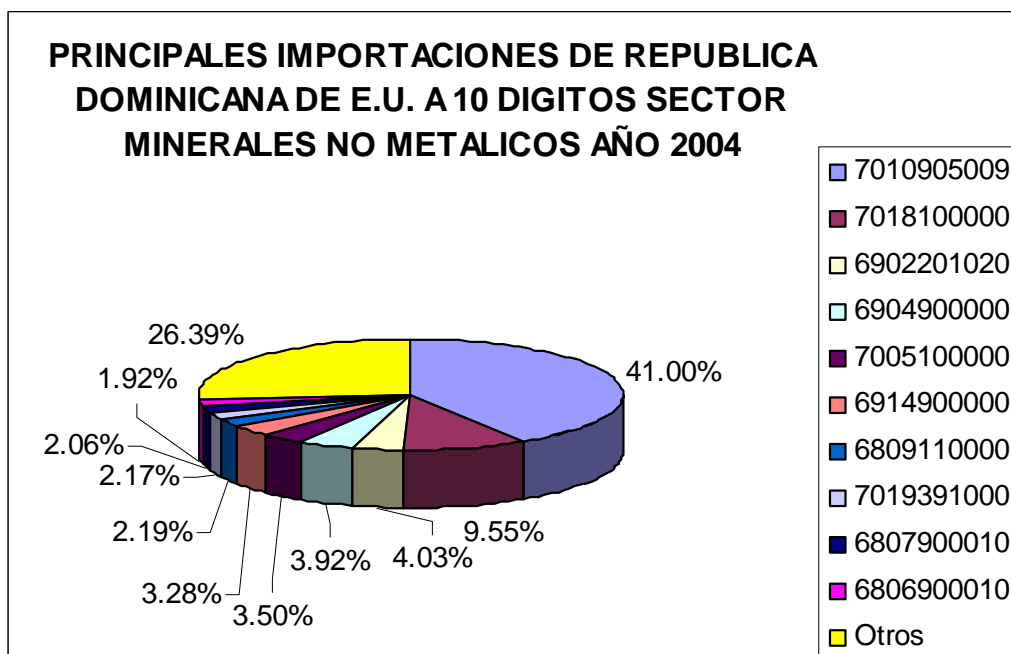
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports of glass containers corresponding to sub-item 7710905009 are noteworthy, in that they accounted for 2004 imports totaling USD 12 million.

It is important to underline how the Dominican Republic has increased imports in this sector, taking into account that in the most significant imports, imports were only recorded beginning in 2002.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 73% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. TO 10 DIGITS – NON-METALLIC ORES SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C14c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the non-metallic ores sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

For 2004, the most significant exports in the non-metallic ores sector were ceramic, porcelain or china ferrules, of sub-item 6914104000, which totaled USD 22 million, with an annual average variation of 272%.

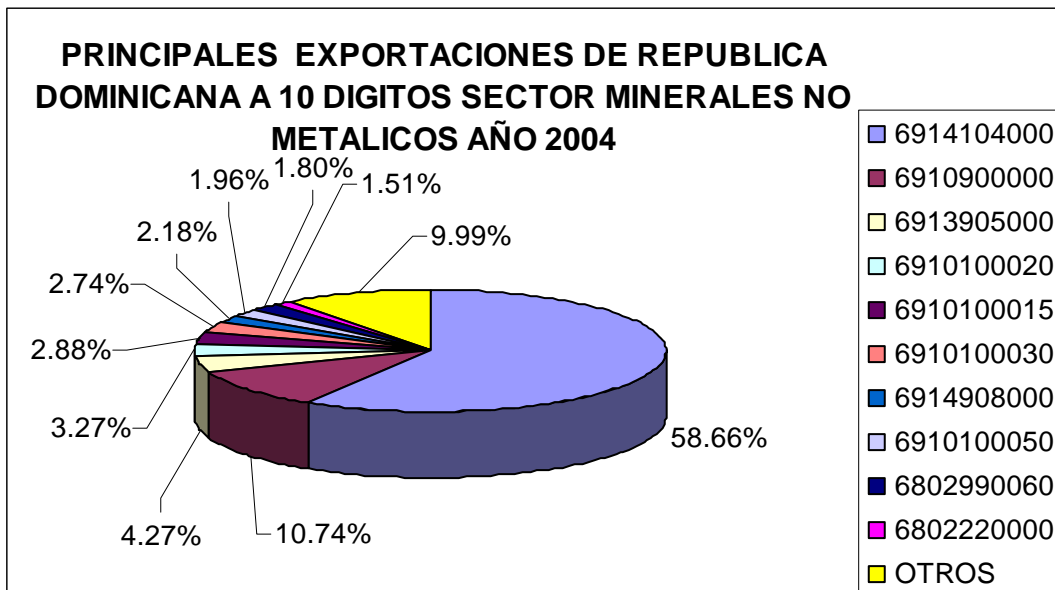
[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – NON-METALLIC ORES SECTOR]
 [SUB-ITEM PRODUCT %CHANGE]

EXPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA A E.U. SECTOR MINERALES NO METALICOS								
SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004
US \$								
1	6914104000 Ceramic ferrules of procelain or china, nov 3mm diam or 25 mm long, fiber channel opening and/or ceramic mating sleeves of alumina or zirconia	0	0	0	0	5,970,545	22,262,437	272.87%
2	6910900000 Ceramic sinks, washbasins, washbasin pedestals, baths, bidets, water closet bowls, flush tanks, urinals and similar sanitary fixt oth thn porceln/chna	238,053	315,174	119,868	2,741,053	840,410	4,076,863	76.49%
3	6913905000 Ornamental ceramic articles nesoi	1,320,221	1,867,151	690,312	875,136	1,774,689	1,622,130	4.20%
4	6910100020 Other water closet bowls, porcelain or china nesoi	41,605	44,205	52,034	35,888	453,058	1,242,127	97.24%
5	6910100015 Flush tanks of porcelain or china	2,114	0	0	0	1,018,122	1,092,136	248.85%
6	6910100030 Sinks and lavatories of porcelain or china	313,464	568,452	516,185	983,978	1,133,707	1,038,642	27.07%
7	6914908000 Ceramic articles nesoi	778,363	559,766	433,022	461,933	615,246	828,462	1.26%
8	6910100050 Sanitary fixtures of porcelain or china, nesoi (other than water closet bowls, flush tanks, sinks and lavatories)	2,006,827	3,266,431	3,856,446	514,765	866,888	742,863	-18.03%
9	6802990060 Other stone, nesoi	243,098	528,869	262,857	185,608	53,655	681,448	22.89%
10	6802220000 Other calcareous monumental or building stone smply cut or sawn	162,472	133,300	285,044	728,790	752,923	572,953	28.67%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 56% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – NON-METALLIC ORES SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C15. Jewelry and Watches Sector The jewelry and watches sector includes 2 chapters, based on the following table.

JEWELRY AND WATCHES SECTOR	
CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
71	JEWELRY
91	WATCHES AND PARTS

C15a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under the chapter corresponding to jewelry (Chapter 71) are noteworthy, which totaled USD 146 million in 2004, showing an annual average variation of 32%.

With respect to DR exports, the most representative chapter is also 71, with recorded exports totaling USD 340 million in 2004 – which have increased by 10%.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – JEWELRY AND WATCHES SECTOR]

[CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR JOYERIA Y RELOJERIA									
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004
			US \$						
Exportaciones	71	JOYERIA	203,459,361	179,989,420	201,765,950	233,486,299	277,277,449	340,577,792	10.85%
Importaciones	71	JOYERIA	35,893,400	57,806,413	111,599,710	139,384,879	167,423,981	146,768,438	32.53%
BALANZA	71	JOYERIA	167,565,961	122,183,007	90,166,240	94,101,420	109,853,468	193,809,354	2.95%
Exportaciones	91	RELOJES Y SUS PARTES	16,032	466	2,692	11,529	6,050	0	-100.00%
Importaciones	91	RELOJES Y SUS PARTES	265,675	432,377	371,144	1,268,254	907,010	586,620	17.17%
BALANZA	91	RELOJES Y SUS PARTES	-249,643	-431,911	-368,452	-1,256,725	-900,960	-586,620	18.63%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Total exports of the DR in this sector for 2004 are USD 340 million, while imports of the DR were USD 147 million, showing a balance of USD 193 million, as shown below.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – JEWELRY AND WATCHES SECTOR]

[Exports Imports Balance]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR JOYERIA Y RELOJERIA						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
In Actual DoUS \$llars						
Exportaciones	203,475,393	179,989,886	201,768,642	233,497,828	277,283,499	340,577,792
Importaciones	36,159,075	58,238,790	111,970,854	140,653,133	168,330,991	147,355,058
BALANZA	167,316,318	121,751,096	89,797,788	92,844,695	108,952,508	193,222,734

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C15b. Primary imports of the sector. The primary DR imports from the U.S. in the jewelry and watches sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. – JEWELRY AND WATCHES SECTOR]
 [SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA DESDE EU. SECTOR JOYERIA Y RELOJERIA									
	SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004
			US \$						
1	7113190000	Jewelry and parts thereof, of precious metal other than silver	19,025,228	19,006,021	77,277,948	90,080,118	86,016,061	43,723,424	18.11%
2	7113110000	Jewelry and parts thereof, of silver	815,823	2,856,767	702,203	10,375,710	13,816,832	27,945,148	102.74%
3	7108135000	Gold, semimanufactured, nesoi, nonmonetary	9,143,069	7,437,211	13,609,218	16,593,765	26,049,365	17,423,036	13.76%
4	7114190000	Articles of gold or platinum whether or not plated or clad with precious metal	-	-	1,422,606	7,114,396	9,883,999	16,344,125	125.64%
5	7117900000	Imitation jewelry not of base metal	142,208	609,564	1,694,919	3,880,975	11,205,596	15,473,419	155.47%
6	7117190000	Other imitation jewelry, base metal, inc precious metal plated	34,249	185,875	895,972	4,178,367	6,012,229	9,509,259	208.11%
7	7113200000	Jewelry and parts, base metal clad w precious metal	3,125,410	1,276,360	2,120,261	2,173,648	1,586,786	8,975,375	23.49%
8	7116204050	Articles of precious or semiprecious stones, not jewelry	22,112	39,536	367,647	307,004	2,522,777	1,334,570	127.06%
9	7106915000	Unwrought silver, nesoi	890,084	1,061,849	788,675	202,416	595,842	1,314,241	8.11%
10	7102390010	Diamonds except industrial, cut, faceted, set or mounted weighing not over 0.5 carat each	102,775	89,763	82,000	76,480	4,049,472	1,162,222	62.44%

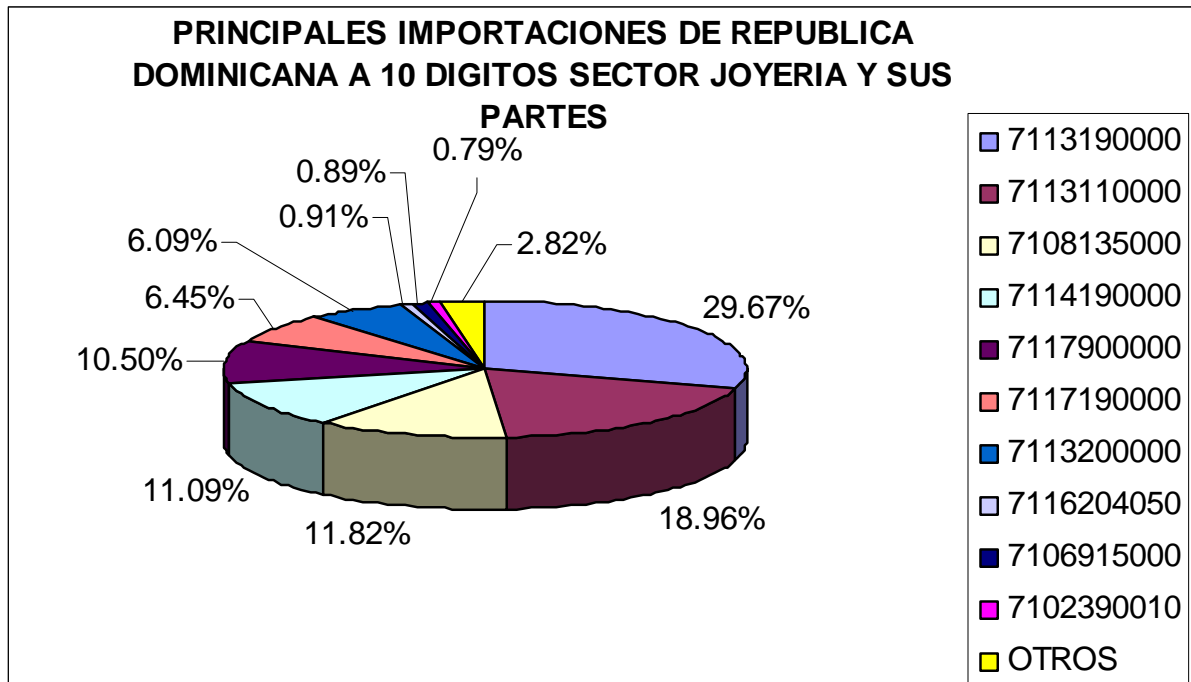
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports of other precious metals, including items coated or plated with precious metals (plating) corresponding to sub-item 7113190000 are noteworthy. They recorded imports in 2004 totaling USD 43 million.

The growth of imports of imitation jewelry is noteworthy, with an annual average variation of 155%.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 97% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – JEWELRY AND WATCHES AND PARTS SECTOR]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C15c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the jewelry and watches sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – JEWELRY AND WATCHES SECTOR]

[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

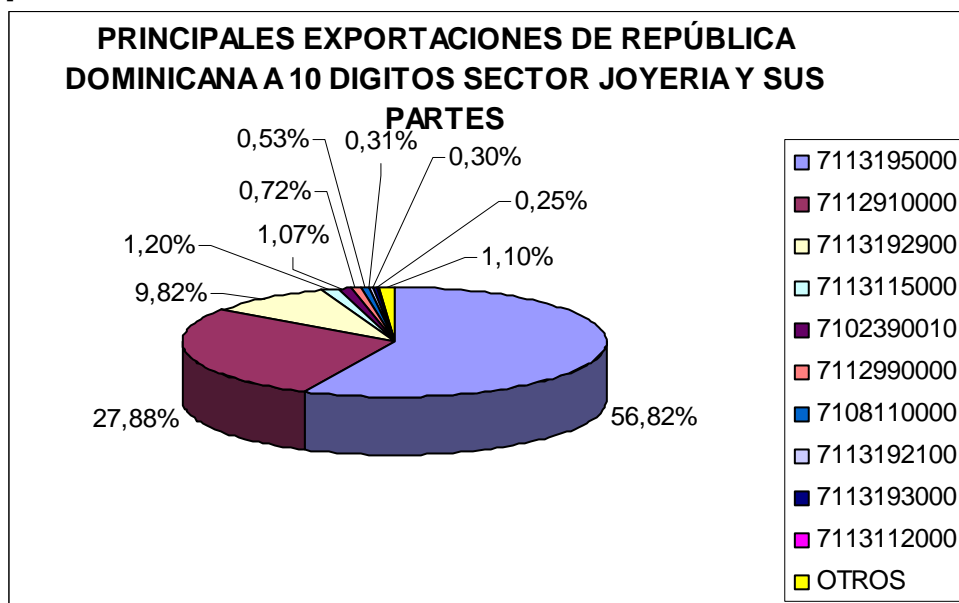
EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA A EU, SECTOR JOYERÍA Y RELOJERÍA									
SUBPARTID	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO	
A 10 DIG		US \$							1999- 2004
1	7113195000	Gold or platinum jewelry, whether plated, clad or not, nesoi	133,964,054	132,802,049	161,023,748	185,910,402	182,518,305	193,524,030	7.63%
2	7112910000	Precious metal waste and scrap of gold, including metal clad with gold, excluding sweepings containing other precious metals	0	0	0	32,791,725	68,475,645	94,943,821	70.16%
3	7113192900	Gold necklaces and neck chains nesoi	15,575,166	8,022,357	5,744,269	5,497,216	15,078,506	33,452,898	16.52%
4	7113115000	Silver jewelry, articles a pts incl pr mtl pltd silvr val ov \$18 per dozen pieces or parts	5,285,500	4,649,464	3,274,289	1,760,998	2,827,167	4,072,872	-5.08%
5	7102390010	Diamonds nonindustrial, (cut, faceted, not set or mounted) weighing less than 0.5 carat each	91,025	103,373	854,900	1,314,194	1,212,236	3,639,442	109.11%
6	7112990000	Precious metal waste and scrap not elsewhere specified	0	0	0	2,240,379	1,460,417	2,460,569	4.80%
7	7108110000	Gold powder, nonmonetary	4,950	154,866	570,468	969,678	1,086,547	1,810,827	225.58%
8	7113192100	Gold rope necklaces and neck chains	24,898	161,053	74,086	57,713	155,025	1,052,510	111.45%
9	7113193000	Gold clasps and parts thereof	235,567	751,545	167,295	245,903	297,040	1,014,896	33.92%
10	7113112000	Silver jewelry, articles and parts of prec metal valued not over \$18 per dozen pieces or parts	15,303,689	5,067,951	1,769,483	78,816	338,880	856,998	-43.81%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

For 2004, the most significant exports of the jewelry and watches sector were other jewels in gold, silver or precious metals, including those coated or plated with precious metals, of sub-item 7113190000, which totaled USD 193 million, with an annual average variation of 7.6%.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 98% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – JEWELRY AND PARTS SECTOR]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C16. Common metals and common metal products sector The common metals and common metal products sector includes 11 chapters, based on the following table.

COMMON METALS AND COMMON METAL GOODS SECTO	
CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
72	CAST IRON AND STEEL
73	CAST IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS
74	COPPER AND COPPER GOODS
75	NICKEL AND NICKEL GOODS
76	ALUMINUM AND ALUMINUM GOODS
78	LEAD AND LEAD GOODS
79	ZINC AND ZINC GOODS
80	TIN AND TIN GOODS
81	OTHER COMMON METALS
82	TOOLS, KNIVES, CUTLERY
83	MISC. GOODS MADE OF COMMON METALS

C16a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under the chapter corresponding to cast iron and steel products (Chapter 73) are noteworthy, which totaled USD 56 million in 2004, showing an annual average variation of 12%. With respect to DR exports to the U.S., the most representative chapter is 72 (cast iron and steel products), with recorded

exports totaling USD 161 million in 2004 – which have increased by 27% annually on average.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – COMMON METALS AND COMMON METALS GOODS SECTOR]

[CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]

[EXPORTS IMPORTS BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EEUU. SECTOR METALES COMUNES Y SUS MANUFACTURAS (I)									
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO %
			US\$						1999- 2004
Exportaciones	72	FUNDICION HIERRO Y ACERO	48.318.161	75.404.299	33.884.629	67.528.861	97.141.937	161.418.073	27,28%
Importaciones	72	FUNDICION HIERRO Y ACERO	6.215.607	9.553.230	4.040.766	3.905.274	12.071.434	7.148.945	2,84%
BALANZA	72	FUNDICION HIERRO Y ACERO							29,66%
			42.102.554	65.851.069	29.843.863	63.623.587	85.070.503	154.269.128	
Exportaciones	73	MANUFACTURAS DE FUNDICION HIERRO Y ACERO	13.233.554	17.490.335	12.041.039	14.697.411	14.667.455	11.189.378	-3,30%
Importaciones	73	MANUFACTURAS DE FUNDICION HIERRO Y ACERO	31.521.979	39.060.414	60.424.025	27.947.381	34.994.536	56.271.320	12,29%
BALANZA	73	MANUFACTURAS DE FUNDICION HIERRO Y ACERO							19,77%
			-18.288.425	-21.570.079	-48.382.986	-13.249.970	-20.327.081	-45.081.942	
Exportaciones	74	COBRE Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	2.269.707	3.345.247	2.957.796	1.799.665	1.483.907	949.645	-15,99%
Importaciones	74	COBRE Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	5.049.076	6.219.265	3.896.836	5.164.725	5.563.305	8.200.629	10,19%
BALANZA	74	COBRE Y SUS MANUFACTURAS							21,14%
			-2.779.369	-2.874.018	-939.040	-3.365.060	-4.079.398	-7.250.984	
Exportaciones	75	NIQUEL Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	0	14.587	0	0	5.061	350.320	121,37%
Importaciones	75	NIQUEL Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	57.783	106.944	24.848	210.326	570.796	2.169.810	106,50%
BALANZA	75	NIQUEL Y SUS MANUFACTURAS							99,36%
			-57.783	-92.357	-24.848	-210.326	-565.735	-1.819.490	
Exportaciones	76	ALUMINIO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	3.654.814	5.477.972	7.086.430	11.205.427	15.586.723	19.884.044	40,32%
Importaciones	76	ALUMINIO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	10.501.689	8.590.425	8.570.051	8.451.914	16.743.696	8.987.367	-3,07%
BALANZA	76	ALUMINIO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS							-209,74%
			-6.846.875	-3.112.453	-1.483.621	2.753.513	-1.156.973	10.896.677	

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – COMMON METALS AND COMMON METALS
GOODS SECTOR]

[CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EEUU. SECTOR METALES COMUNES Y SUS MANUFACTURAS (II)									
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO % 1999- 2004
			US\$						
Exportaciones	78	PLOMO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	27.839	11.389	0	6.928	0	0	-100,00%
Importaciones	78	PLOMO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	306.610	139.045	134.530	460.381	1.602.142	1.016.005	27,08%
BALANZA	78	PLOMO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	-278.771	-127.656	-134.530	-453.453	-1.602.142	-1.016.005	29,52%
Exportaciones	79	CINC Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	97.380	134.498	42.482	0	0	8.042	-39,27%
Importaciones	79	CINC Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	69.577	161.012	135.234	144.997	124.101	237.080	27,79%
BALANZA	79	CINC Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	27.803	-26.514	-92.752	-144.997	-124.101	-229.038	-252,46%
Exportaciones	80	ESTAÑO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	56.152	727.407	539.833	849.300	268.424	583.676	59,72%
Importaciones	80	ESTAÑO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	47.892	79.771	66.729	37.626	87.077	47.377	-0,22%
BALANZA	80	ESTAÑO Y SUS MANUFACTURAS	8.260	647.636	473.104	811.674	181.347	536.299	130,40%
Exportaciones	81	LOS DEMAS METALES COMUNES	19.617	0	0	0	18.620	12.400	-8,77%
Importaciones	81	LOS DEMAS METALES COMUNES	196.849	214.076	102.939	79.326	364.291	1.400.641	48,06%
BALANZA	81	LOS DEMAS METALES COMUNES	-177.232	-214.076	-102.939	-79.326	-345.671	-1.388.241	50,93%
Exportaciones	82	HERRAMIENTAS, CUCHILLOS, CUBIERTOS	51.718	64.708	213.394	12.348	49.776	215.420	33,02%
Importaciones	82	HERRAMIENTAS, CUCHILLOS, CUBIERTOS	8.823.616	8.924.427	8.498.609	9.611.054	12.711.787	18.718.545	16,23%
BALANZA	82	HERRAMIENTAS, CUCHILLOS, CUBIERTOS	-8.771.898	-8.859.719	-8.285.215	-9.598.706	-12.662.011	-18.503.125	16,10%
Exportaciones	83	MANUFACTURAS DIVERSAS DE METALES COMUNES	16.837.537	16.947.122	17.397.532	17.144.572	18.265.562	24.751.330	8,01%
Importaciones	83	MANUFACTURAS DIVERSAS DE METALES COMUNES	35.081.335	30.219.451	16.864.426	16.299.623	15.050.431	17.385.973	-13,10%
BALANZA	83	MANUFACTURAS DIVERSAS DE METALES COMUNES	-18.243.798	-13.272.329	533.106	844.949	3.215.131	7.365.357	-183,41%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – COMMON METALS AND COMMON METALS
GOODS SECTOR]

[EXPORTS IMPORTS BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU.: SECTOR METALES COMUNES Y SUS MANUFACTURAS						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
US \$						
Exportaciones	84.566.479	119.617.564	74.163.135	113.244.512	147.487.465	219.362.328
Importaciones	97.872.013	103.268.060	102.458.993	72.312.627	99.883.596	121.583.692
BALANZA	-13.305.534	16.349.504	-28.295.858	40.931.885	47.603.869	97.778.636

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C16b. Primary imports of the sector The primary DR imports in the common metals and common metal products sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – COMMON METALS AND COMMON METALS GOODS SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA DESDE EEUU. SECTOR METALES COMUNES Y SUS MANUFACTURAS									
	SUBPARTID		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO %
	A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	US \$						1999- 2004
1	8205510000	Household tools and parts thereof, base metal	1.019.884	93.875	159.149	1.102.652	4.973.702	13.128.139	66,70%
2	7303000090	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles of cast iron, nesoi	29.062	229.414	347.008	274.625	1.733.140	13.055.460	239,23%
3	7309000030	Tanks, of iron or steel, of a capacity exceeding 300 liters, whether or not lined or heat insulated, not fitted w mechan or thermal equip not f gases	1.090.859	1.327.136	571.565	496.905	270.557	10.391.935	56,96%
4	8308100000	Hooks, eyes and eyelets, of base metal	2.779.850	3.422.754	4.132.562	4.947.567	4.252.483	5.323.790	13,88%
5	7308901000	Columns, pillars, posts, beams, girders and similar structural units of iron or steel	959.660	1.020.354	1.235.134	1.472.611	2.591.225	4.759.046	37,75%
6	7308200000	Towers and lattice masts of iron or steel	781.853	1.589.029	3.781.966	1.514.397	339.892	2.939.371	30,32%
7	8305900000	Letter clips, letter corners, paper clips, indexing tags and similar office articles, and parts thereof, of base metal	2.524	39.911	22.673	75.375	2.986.111	2.683.177	303,01%
8	7310290000	Tanks, casks, drums, cans, boxes and sim cont of ios nesoi, capacity less than 50 liters, not fitted with mechanical or thermal equip, not for liq gas	2.912.709	1.988.355	736.932	2.462.753	1.389.849	2.628.182	-2,03%
9	8308906000	Buckles and buckle clasps, and parts thereof, of base metal	934.538	1.110.590	1.097.122	1.345.142	1.663.444	1.836.659	14,47%
10	7306105000	Line pipe for oil or gas not seamless nesoi, of alloy steel	38.877	-	-	49.329	-	1.836.025	116,19%

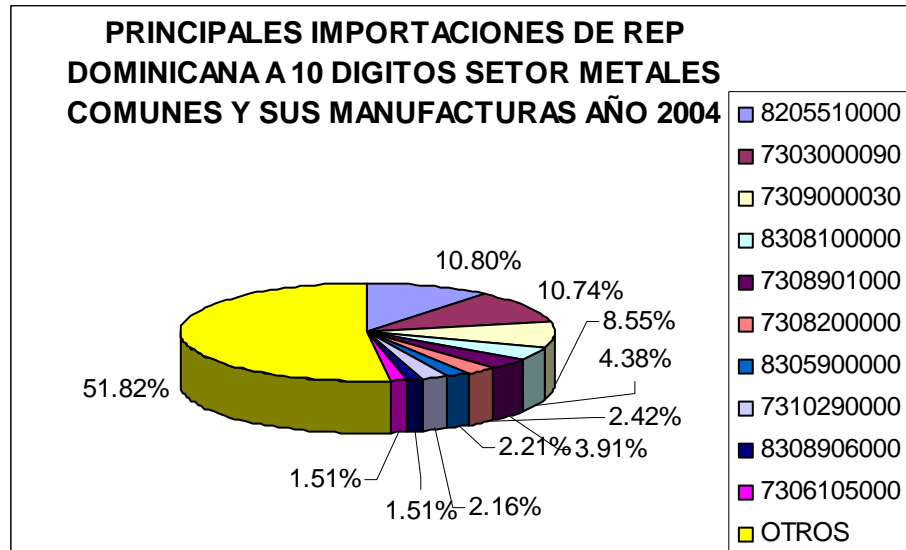
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Imports under the chapter corresponding to hand tools (Chapter 8205510000) are noteworthy, which totaled USD 13 million in 2004, showing an annual average variation of 66%.

Imports of paper clips and similar office supplies, corresponding to sub-item 8305900000 have shown average variation of 303% in the years under review (!999-2004).

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 48% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – COMMON METALS AND COMMON METALS PRODUCTS SECTOR]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C16c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports of the metals and metal products sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – COMMON METALS AND COMMON METALS GOODS SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

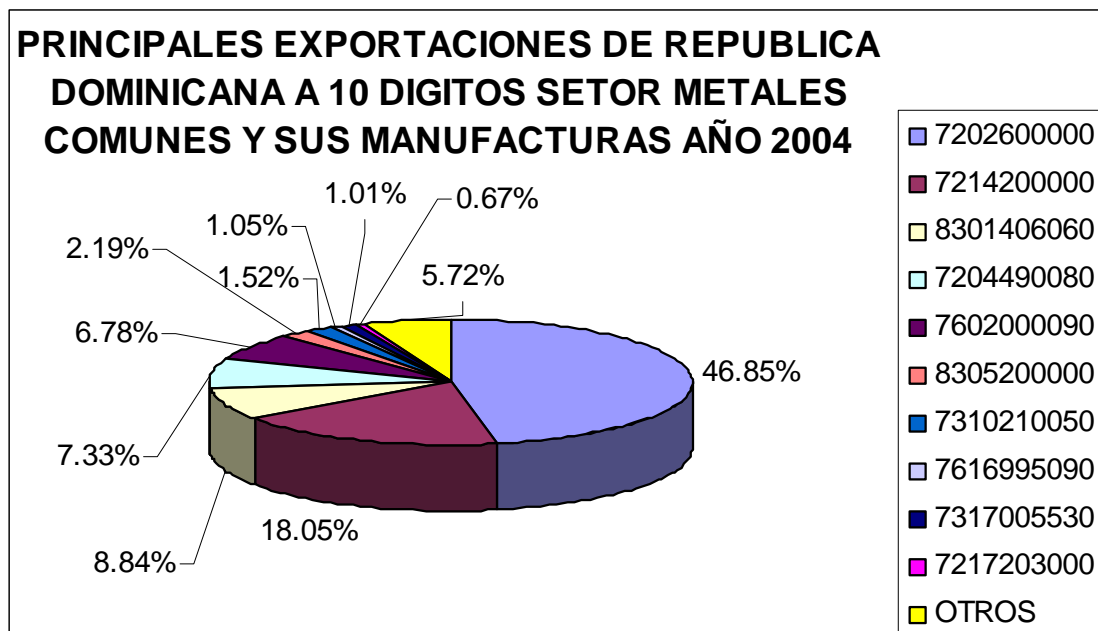
EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA A EEUU. SECTOR METALES COMUNES Y SUS MANUFACTURAS									
	SUBPARTID	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO %
	A 10 DIG		US \$						1999-2004
1	7202600000	Ferronickel	43.743.327	70.476.065	28.559.976	45.375.351	68.884.857	102.772.348	18,63%
2	7214200000	Other bars and rods iron or nonalloy steel, hot-worked, concrete reinforcing bars and rods	0	0	1.705.599	16.292.371	19.685.184	39.598.564	185,28%
3	8301406060	Other locks of base metal. nesoi	12.153.495	13.969.029	15.311.003	16.439.383	16.521.629	19.383.690	9,79%
4	7204490080	Other ferrous scrap	0	99.053	76.910	956.077	6.115.401	16.075.788	256,92%
5	7602000090	Aluminum waste and scrap other than used beverage container scrap	2.586.086	3.140.957	2.330.942	3.724.991	8.138.678	14.875.843	41,90%
6	8305200000	Staples in strips, of base metal	4.383.209	2.317.129	1.908.091	99.749	1.420.558	4.795.970	1,82%
7	7310210050	Cans closed by soldering or crimping, circular cross section, iron or steel, less than 50 liters. nesoi	3.473.114	5.272.381	3.908.668	3.829.160	2.998.700	3.336.413	-0,80%
8	7616995090	Articles of aluminum nesoi	2.780	1.125.108	3.657.872	3.066.157	2.604.365	2.297.192	283,20%
9	7317005530	Nails, tacks, drawing pins, staples etc of iron or steel nesoi, of round wire, one piece construction, smooth shank. galvanized	5.428.869	7.342.961	5.726.161	5.838.017	4.366.305	2.210.203	-16,45%
10	7217203000	Round wire, iron or nonalloy steel, plated or coated with zinc 1.5 mm or more diameter, under 0.25 percent carbon	404.261	509.516	581.785	1.759.367	1.404.313	1.478.249	29,60%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The activity of exports of other aluminum products (sub-item 7616995090) is noteworthy, with an annual average variation of 283% in the past several years (1999-2004).

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 94% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – COMMON METALS AND COMMON METALS GOODS – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C17. Mechanical equipment and machinery sector The mechanical equipment and machinery sector includes 1 chapters, based on the following table.

MECH. EQUIP. AND MACHINERY	
CHAP.	DESCR.
84	MECH. EQUIP AND MACHINERY

C17a. Trade balance of the sector. Exports from the Dominican Republic have exhibited a significant increase in 2004, compared to previous years, since for 2003 exports of this sector were USD 12 million, while for 2004 they totaled USD 36 million. Imports of the sector have decreased, showing an average variation of -10%.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH U.S. – MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY SECTOR]
[CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO MECANICO									
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
			US \$						1999- 2004
Exportaciones	84	MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO MECANICO	2,401,056	2,715,126	3,250,251	11,319,600	12,111,095	36,443,731	72.28%
Importaciones	84	MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO MECANICO	355,640,487	458,609,632	462,716,126	354,634,073	193,239,217	207,880,340	-10.18%
BALANZA	84	MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO MECANICO	-353,239,431	-455,894,506	-459,465,875	-343,314,473	-181,128,122	-171,436,609	-13.46%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C17b. Primary imports of the sector The primary DR imported products of the mechanical equipment and machinery sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

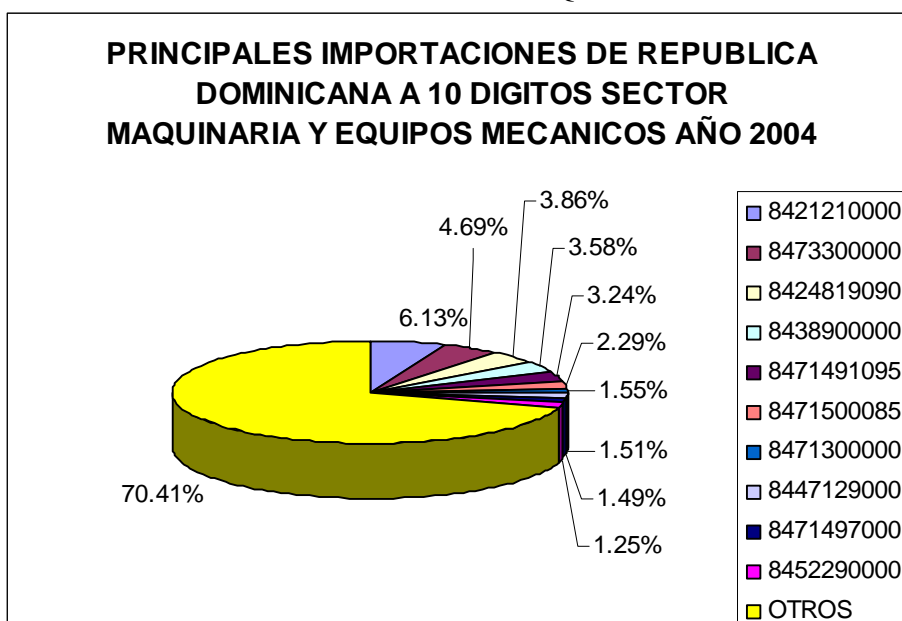
[DOM. REP. IMPORTS – MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA SECTOR MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO MECANICO									
SUBPARTI DA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004	
US \$									
1	8421210000	Water filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus	1,458,839	1,678,566	6,177,726	1,865,752	4,965,551	12,745,467	54.27%
2	8473300000	Parts and accessories for automatic data processing machines and units	22,493,933	26,727,848	34,873,065	27,806,295	17,978,658	9,742,381	-15.41%
3	8424819090	Agricultural or horticultural appliances for projecting, dispersing or spraying, nesoi	291,406	138,707	620,495	4,399,041	5,163,762	8,033,104	94.12%
4	8438900000	Parts of machinery of chapter 84, nesoi, for the industrial preparation or manufacture of food or drink	6,529,093	6,182,146	1,063,744	1,256,298	5,177,458	7,432,903	2.63%
5	8471491095	Digtl process unit exportd with the rest of a system, whether or not containing in same housing 1or2 of the following storage,input,output without crt	3,888,531	3,134,998	3,254,230	4,834,739	4,681,934	6,745,589	11.65%
6	8471500085	Digital processing units, nesoi, whether or not containing in the same housing 1 or 2 of the following types of unit: storage, input or output	2,142,581	1,832,928	2,693,530	3,923,642	3,063,745	4,750,434	17.26%
7	8471300000	Portable digtl automatic data processing machines, weight not more than 10 kg, consisting of at least a central processing unit, keyboard & a display	1,477,290	2,165,694	43,135,201	3,466,604	1,277,355	3,217,304	16.84%
8	8447129000	Circular knitting machines with cylinder diameter exceeding 165 mm, other than for knitting hosiery	21,982	72,000	130,000	50,000	1,099,551	3,136,629	169.70%
9	8471497000	Power supplies, entered as part of a system	15,605	434,922	588,694	4,345,134	602,109	3,094,699	188.05%
10	8452290000	Sewing machines other than of the household type, nesoi	8,318,028	9,192,751	8,929,619	10,350,246	2,967,917	2,607,222	-20.71%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Water purifier imports totaled USD 12 million in 2004, showing an annual average variation of 54%. Sub-item 8471497000 is also noteworthy, with significant activity in the past several years.

Imports of these 10 categories represent 30% of the total imports of the sector for 2004.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C17c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the mechanical equipment and machinery sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS – MECH. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

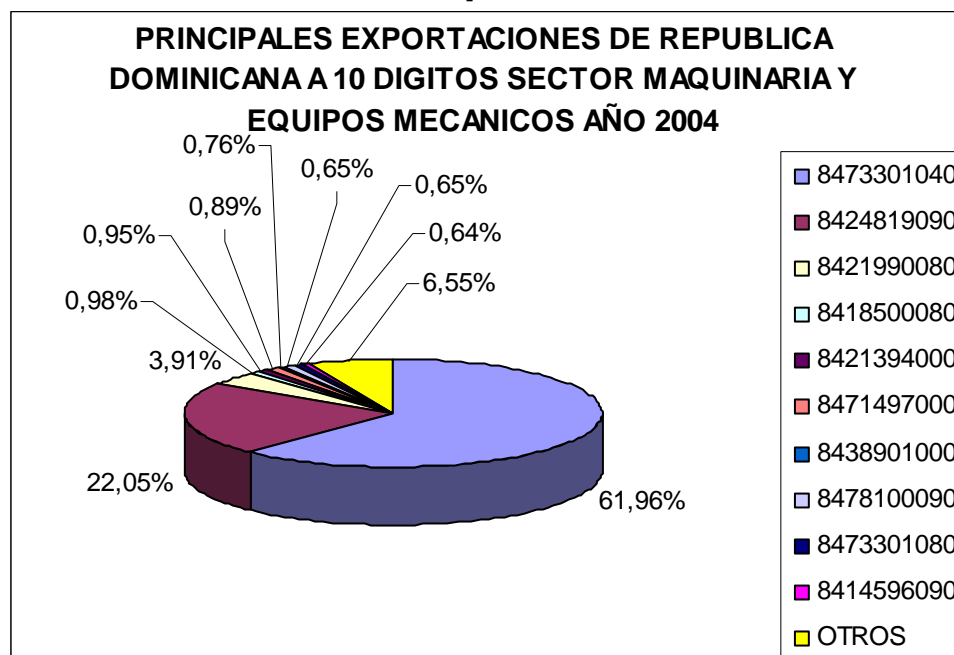
EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA SECTOR MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO MECANICO									
SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004	
U S \$									
1	8473301040	Pts adp mch, nt incptg crt,prt ct asm.,mry modules	0	0	5,000	10,000	0	22,582,209	1552.97%
2	8424819090	Agricultural or horticultural appliances for projecting, dispersing or spraying, nesoi	0	0	826,041	7,535,577	6,929,380	8,035,368	113.47%
3	8421990080	Parts of machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying liquids and gases, nesoi	0	0	5,788	218,465	837,037	1,425,748	526.86%
4	8418500080	Refrigerating display counters, cabinets, showcases and the like	713,484	380,562	458,881	403,825	262,750	356,820	-12.94%
5	8421394000	Catalytic converters of filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus for gases	0	0	0	0	202,279	346,078	71.09%
6	8471497000	Power supplies for automatic data processing machines or units thereof, nesoi, entered with the rest of a system	0	2,400	3,500	91,612	38,716	325,858	241.35%
7	8438901000	Parts of machinery for sugar manufacture	334,805	0	2,500	171,130	472,490	277,360	-3.69%
8	8478100090	Machinery for preparing or making up tobacco, not specified or included elsewhere in chapter 84	5,721	2,117	0	4,085	18,017	237,334	110.66%
9	8473301080	Pts adp mch, nt incptg crt,prt crt assem.;nesoi	0	0	15,765	0	12,940	236,759	146.72%
10	8414596090	Fans, nesoi, axial	0	0	0	0	73,921	233,054	215.27%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The parts and accessories for automatic data processing equipment recorded the highest exports of the sector during 2004, with a total value of USD 22 million.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 93% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – MECH. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C18. Electrical equipment and machinery sector The electrical equipment and machinery sector includes 1 chapter, based on the following table.

ELEC. EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY	
CHAP.	DESCR.
85	ELEC. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY

C18a. Trade balance of the sector. Exports from the Dominican Republic have exhibited a significant increase in 2004, compared to previous years, since for 2003 exports of this sector were USD 377 million, while for 2004 they totaled USD 392 million.

Imports of the sector have decreased, showing an average variation of -0,39%.

**[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY SECTOR]
[CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]**

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO ELECTRICO										
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO	
			US \$							1999- 2004
Exportaciones	85	MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO ELECTRICO	356,105,989	374,415,216	300,800,019	314,981,550	377,483,843	392,466,605	1.96%	
Importaciones	85	MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO ELECTRICO	510,477,129	507,218,826	458,350,315	429,907,459	394,790,350	500,512,855	-0.39%	
BALANZA	85	MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO ELECTRICO	-154,371,140	-132,803,610	-157,550,296	-114,925,909	-17,306,507	-108,046,250	-6.89%	

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C18b. Primary imports in the sector. The primary DR imported products of the electrical equipment and machinery sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

**[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]**

IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA A EEUU. SECTOR MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO ELECTRICO										
	SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO %	
			US\$							1999- 2004
1	8536200020	Automatic circuit breakers, molded case, for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 v	5.227.996	1.525.332	1.533.354	3.011.148	73.864.884	205.480.135	108,39%	
2	8517905000	Parts,nesoi,for telephonic apparatus	27.009.244	32.574.234	34.020.384	29.996.451	12.768.356	25.314.292	-1,29%	
3	8538907080	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the apparatus for heading 8535, 8536, nesoi	12.370.387	6.379.822	11.083.082	14.788.933	19.203.202	18.450.022	8,32%	
4	8531100035	Burglar alarms, electric	179.467	671.294	22.422	4.542.378	12.328.853	13.828.614	138,43%	
5	8525209040	Radio telephones designed for the public cellular radiotelecommunications service, excluding for motor vehicles	1.261.449	8.397.128	20.256.528	18.513.780	18.806.360	13.814.375	61,40%	
6	8542218028	Monolithic i/c's, digital, silicon, volatile memory, dynamic read-write random access (dram) greater than 1 megabit	-	-	-	-	16.800	13.624.591	80998,76%	
7	8502130040	Generating sets, electric, diesel, of an output exceeding 1,000 kva	1.408.638	3.514.311	2.763.412	2.021.285	1.006.190	11.958.711	53,38%	
8	8519938000	Tape players, cassette type, nesoi	199.160	-	72.503	1.331.706	6.705.701	8.962.635	114,11%	
9	8536509065	Other switches, nesoi, for a voltage not exceeding 1000 volts	253.481	13.438.974	11.179.461	9.869.430	6.690.905	7.905.898	98,98%	
10	8525209080	Transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus, nesoi	13.160.444	26.614.097	38.766.262	19.722.399	11.302.503	6.925.378	-12,05%	

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

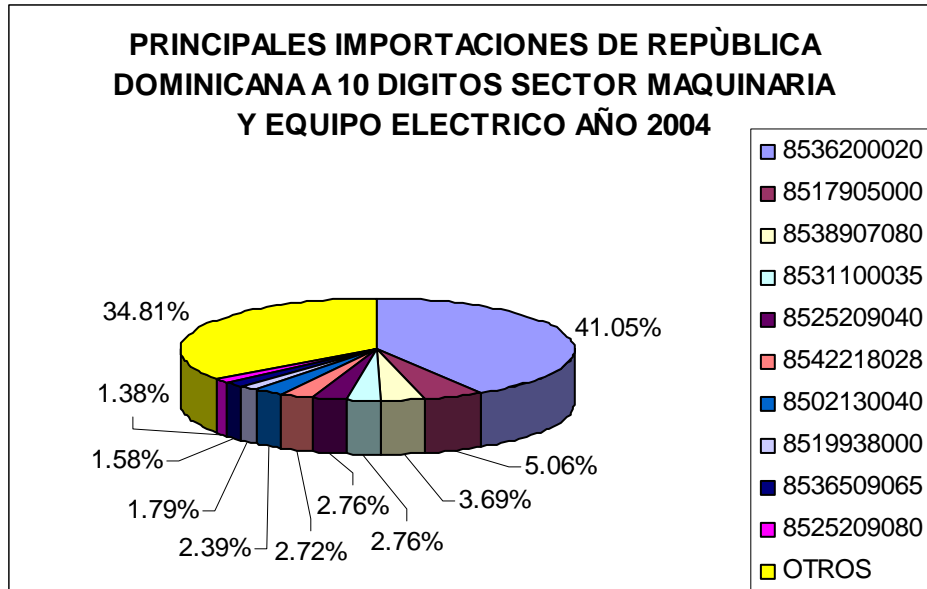
Automatic switch imports totaled USD 205 million in 2004, showing an annual average variation of 108%.

Imports of electrical theft protection alarms were also noteworthy. They have recorded significant activity during the past several years.

According to the graphic below, we see that 40% of imports in the sector were concentrated in sub-item 8536200020 (automatic switches).

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 65% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – ELEC. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C18c. Primary exports in the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the electrical equipment and machinery sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

**[[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]**

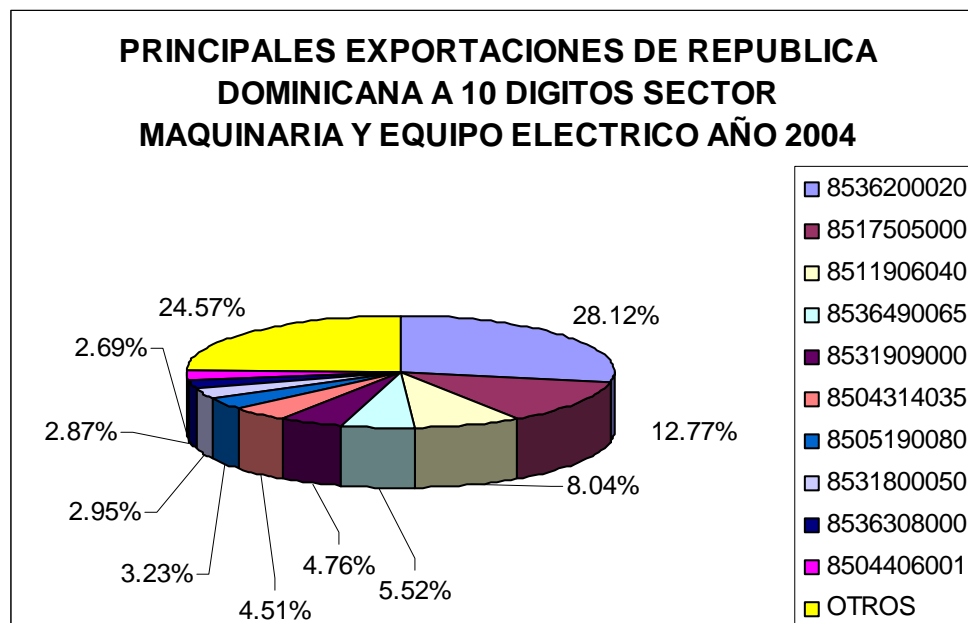
EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA A EU. SECTOR MAQUINARIA Y EQUIPO ELECTRICO								
SUBPARTID	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
A 10 DIG		US \$						
1	8536200020 Automatic circuit breakers, molded case, for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 v	84,290,540	82,258,438	79,136,542	85,457,635	99,726,559	110,373,281	5.54%
2	8517505000 Carrier-current line system apparatus, telephonic	262,521	56,740	0	0	19,224,784	50,107,920	185.86%
3	8511906040 Other parts for internal combustion engine ignition systems	6,787,543	6,137,843	15,208,843	22,285,716	27,273,686	31,538,108	35.96%
4	8536490065 Contactors for a voltage exceeding 60 v but not exceeding 1,000 v	22,650,036	22,288,950	17,123,952	17,037,302	17,814,056	21,657,283	-0.89%
5	8531909000 Elic snd/vsual sgn mch,part,oth	12,657,246	16,229,202	17,254,690	24,531,812	21,379,106	18,672,973	8.09%
6	8504314035 Transformers, nesoi, having a power handling capacity less than 40va	539,224	27,387,053	38,481,133	19,569,122	16,900,261	17,683,325	100.98%
7	8505190080 Nonflexible permanent magnets made of materials other than metal	0	0	0	3,753,184	11,214,431	12,659,298	83.66%
8	8531800050 Other signaling devices, electric, nesoi	0	0	0	9,252,341	10,080,603	11,566,154	11.81%
9	8536308000 Other apparatus for protecting electrical circuits, nesoi	9,472,825	9,098,081	18,681,545	26,500,788	24,213,329	11,253,639	3.51%
10	8504406001 Power supplies suitable for physical incorporation into automatic data processing machines or units thereof, with a power output not exceeding 50 w	0	0	6,205	1,123,007	9,087,777	10,541,596	1093.22%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Like imports, the chapter that recorded the greatest exports in 2004 was electrical breakers, which had an annual average variation of 5%.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 75% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. Exports under sub-item 8532000200 (electrical breakers) and sub-item 8517505000 (devices for carrier-current line systems or for digital line systems) represent 40% of the total exports of this sector.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C19. Transport equipment sector The transport equipment sector includes 4 chapters, based on the following table.

TRANSPORT EQUIP. SECTOR	
CHAP.	DESCR.
86	VEHICLES AND RAIL CARS
87	LAND VEHICLES AND PARTS
88	AIRCRAFT AND PARTS
89	SHIPS

C19a. Trade balance of the sector. The most representative imports in this sector are those under Chapter 87, corresponding to ground vehicles and parts for the same, which totaled USD 86 million in 2004. It is important to underline that in prior years, the same chapter recorded higher levels of imports.

In the case of exports, the most representative chapter for 2004 was also that corresponding to ground vehicles and parts for the same, with exports totaling USD 9 million.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR]
 [CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR EQUIPO DE TRANSPORTE									
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO
			US \$						
			1999- 2004						
Exportaciones	86	VEHICULOS Y MATERIAL FERREO	3,225	3,600	0	52,000	0	0	-100.00%
Importaciones	86	VEHICULOS Y MATERIAL FERREO	1,430,939	6,340,129	5,338,285	9,218,847	5,852,736	8,521,806	42.88%
BALANZA	86	VEHICULOS Y MATERIAL FERREO	-1,427,714	-6,336,529	-5,338,285	-9,166,847	-5,852,736	-8,521,806	42.95%
Exportaciones	87	VEHICULOS TERRESTRES Y SU PARTES	101,834	2,259,338	3,433,819	3,928,726	5,071,946	9,226,900	146.28%
Importaciones	87	VEHICULOS TERRESTRES Y SU PARTES	134,196,273	165,540,780	104,054,644	124,072,411	83,120,053	86,878,454	-8.33%
BALANZA	87	VEHICULOS TERRESTRES Y SU PARTES	-134,094,439	-163,281,442	-100,620,825	-120,143,685	-78,048,107	-77,651,554	-10.35%
Exportaciones	88	AERONAVES Y SUS PARTES	2,710	17,000	5,970	0	16,715	50,000	79.14%
Importaciones	88	AERONAVES Y SUS PARTES	3,451,396	1,870,248	21,706,073	16,483,307	3,623,437	5,736,943	10.70%
BALANZA	88	AERONAVES Y SUS PARTES	-3,448,686	-1,853,248	-21,700,103	-16,483,307	-3,606,722	-5,686,943	10.52%
Exportaciones	89	BARCOS	0	124,790	8,000	0	0	3,600	-58.79%
Importaciones	89	BARCOS	1,679,784	2,221,470	1,748,972	1,177,981	1,431,759	678,540	-16.58%
BALANZA	89	BARCOS	-1,679,784	-2,096,680	-1,740,972	-1,177,981	-1,431,759	-674,940	-16.67%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

For the transport equipment sector, exports from the Dominican Republic to the U.S. in the various years under review were less than imports, resulting in a trade balance for 2004 of USD -92 million.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR]
 [EXPORTS IMPORTS TRADE BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR EQUIPO DE TRANSPORTE						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
US \$						
Exportaciones	107,769	2,404,728	3,447,789	3,980,726	5,088,661	9,280,500
Importaciones	140,758,392	175,972,627	132,847,974	150,952,546	94,027,985	101,815,743
Balanza Comercial	-140,650,623	-173,567,899	-129,400,185	-146,971,820	-88,939,324	-92,535,243

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C19b. Primary imports of the sector. The primary DR imports from the U.S. in the transport equipment sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR]
 [SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

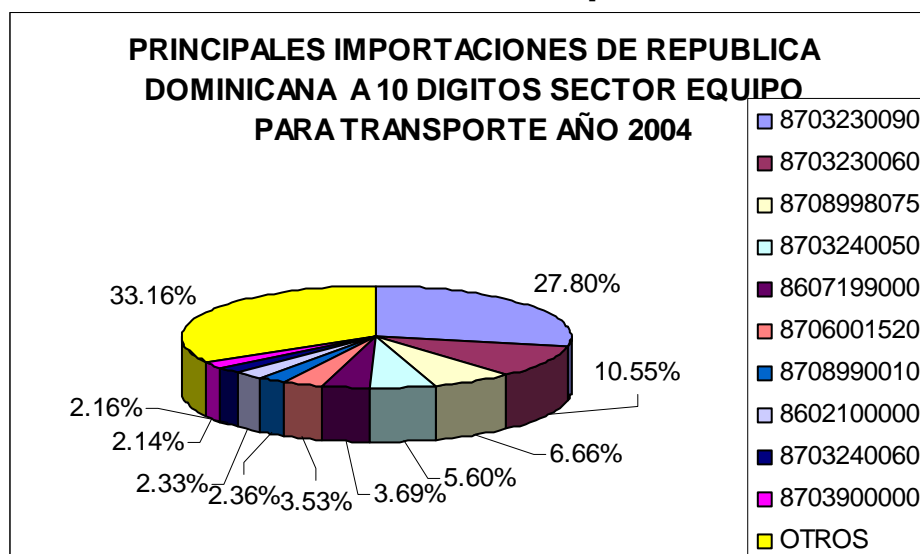
IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA DESDE EU. SECTOR EQUIPO PARA TRANSPORTE									
SUBPARTID	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO	
A 10 DIG		US \$						1999- 2004	
1	8703230090	Vehicles, nesoi, used, with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500, not exceeding 3000 cc	12,984,482	19,323,793	13,672,877	9,804,708	6,995,126	28,302,229	16.86%
2	8703230060	Vehicles, nesoi, new, w/spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine of a cyl capacity >1500, not exceeding 3000cc, >4cyl, but <=6 cyl	17,326,243	19,608,593	12,720,548	26,489,011	9,169,461	10,741,523	-9.12%
3	8708998075	Parts and accessories, for motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705, nesoi	12,808,082	9,503,806	8,160,141	7,956,503	6,316,145	6,785,520	-11.93%
4	8703240050	Passenger motor vehicles with spark ignition internal combustion piston engine, nesoi, new, with cyl capacity ov 3000 cc, and not more than 4 cylinder	15,000	-	16,949	17,500	-	5,706,318	228.14%
5	8607199000	Parts of truck assemblies, nesoi	921,938	5,212,826	4,084,908	2,775,106	2,332,833	3,759,262	32.46%
6	8706001520	Passenger automobile chassis fitted with engines, heading 8703	137,478	3,466,601	2,967,604	5,183,800	11,647,064	3,592,023	92.05%
7	8708990010	Parts and accessories, nesoi, for tractors (except road tractors for semi-trailers) of headings 8701 to 8705	4,312,264	1,658,882	4,434,133	4,837,769	2,799,572	2,407,746	-11.00%
8	8602100000	Diesel-electric locomotives	-	210,000	-	4,285,578	1,711,101	2,374,322	83.37%
9	8703240060	Passenger motor vehicles w/spark ignition internal combustion piston engine, nesoi, new, with cyl capacity ov 3000 cc & more than 4 but <= 6 cyinders	6,269,748	4,709,612	5,343,708	5,250,294	884,152	2,198,016	-18.91%
10	8703900000	Passenger motor vehicles, nesoi	3,681,995	2,735,347	3,015,433	1,738,887	849,614	2,183,866	-9.92%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Other piston-driven vehicles identified by sub-item 8703230090 recorded the highest imports in the sector during 2004, with an annual average variation of 16%.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 66% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C19c. Primary exports of the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the transport equipment sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

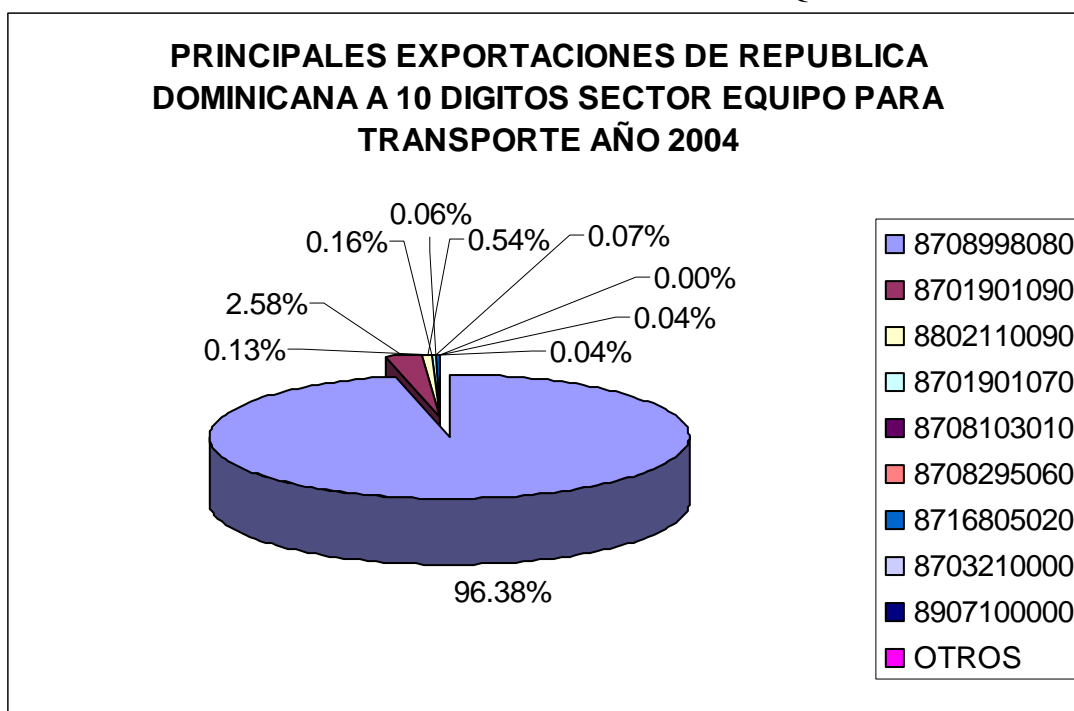
EXPORTACIONES DE DESDE REP DOMINICANA A EU. SECTOR EQUIPO DE TRANSPORTE								
SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004
US \$								
1	8708998080 Parts, nesoi, of motor vehicles, nesoi, of headings 8701 to 8705	4,250	2,190,595	3,376,416	3,871,790	4,872,019	8,944,540	361.99%
2	8701901090 Tractors,suitable for agricultural use, used, except track-laying type	0	0	0	0	0	239,000	0.00%
3	8802110090 Used or rebuilt helicopters, non-military of an unladen weight not exceeding 2,000 kg	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	0.00%
4	8701901070 Tractors,suitable for agricultural use, new, except tracklaying and pto type	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	0.00%
5	8708103010 Stampings of bumpers for motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705	0	0	0	0	0	11,715	0.00%
6	8708295060 Other parts and accessories, nesoi, of bodies (inc cabs) of heading 8701 to 8705	0	6,000	0	11,019	0	6,946	3.73%
7	8716805020 Portable luggage carts	0	0	0	0	0	5,650	0.00%
8	8703210000 Passenger motor vehicles with spark ignition internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 1,000 cc	0	0	0	0	0	4,049	0.00%
9	8907100000 Inflatable rafts	0	0	0	0	0	3,600	0.00%
10	8607199000 Parts of truck assemblies, nesoi	3,225	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

During the last several years, the Dominican Republic has exported few articles to the U.S. in this sector, as shown in the following table. Exports under sub-item 8708998080 corresponding to other parts and accessories for automotive vehicles is noteworthy.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 100% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C20. Measurement, precision optical, medical-surgical and veterinary instruments sector The measurement, medical-surgical and veterinary instruments sector includes 1 chapter, based on the following table.

MEASUREMENT, PRECISION OPTICAL, MED.-SURG. AND VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS	
CHAP.	DESCR.
90	MEAS., OPTICAL, MED-SURG. AND, VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS

C20a. Trade balance of the sector. In the case of this sector, we note that in the past several years (1999-2004), imports under Chapter 90 were less than exports of the Dominican Republic, therefore there is a trade balance for 2004 of USD 283 million.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – MEASUREMENT, PRECISION OPTICAL, MED.-SURG. AND VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS]

[CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE EXPORTS IMPORTS BALANCE]

ALANZA COMERCIAL DE EE.UU. CON REP. DOMINICANA SECTOR INSTRUMENTOS DE MEDIDA, PRECISIÓN, ÓPTICA, MEDICOQUIRÚRGICOS Y VETERINARIO									
			1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO %
	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION	US \$						1999- 2004
Exportaciones	90	INSTRUMENTOS DE MEDIDA, PRECISION, OPTICA Y MEDICOQUIRURGICOS	361.930.165	361.639.189	365.535.884	360.741.638	450.093.398	417.038.164	2,88%
Importaciones	90	INSTRUMENTOS DE MEDIDA, PRECISION, OPTICA Y MEDICOQUIRURGICOS	125.805.213	120.873.992	120.640.012	121.460.398	118.336.350	133.577.602	1,21%
BALANZA	90	INSTRUMENTOS DE MEDIDA, PRECISION, OPTICA Y MEDICOQUIRURGICOS	236.124.952	240.765.197	244.895.872	239.281.240	331.757.048	283.460.562	3,72%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C20b. Primary imports of the sector. The primary DR imports from the U.S. in this sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – MEAS., PRECISION OPTICAL, MED.-SURG. & VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA DESDE EEUU. SECTOR INSTRUMENTOS DE MEDIDA, PRECISIÓN ÓPTICA, MEDICOQUIRÚRGICOS Y VETERINARIOS									
SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO %	
		US \$						1999- 2004	
1	9018908000	Other instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences, nesoi	78.791.176	66.996.773	62.537.919	69.731.805	70.202.669	76.263.674	-0,65%
2	9030400000	Other instruments and apparatus, specially designed for telecommunications (for example, cross-talk meters, gain measuring instruments etc)	523.117	1.292.962	3.576.147	2.838.732	1.693.274	4.908.314	56,48%
3	9026900000	Parts and accessories for instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking the flow, level, pressure or other variables of liquids or gases	223.921	1.220.837	3.541.747	2.423.230	2.861.618	4.016.802	78,14%
4	9018390050	Cannulae and the like and part and accessories	15.877.296	9.930.684	3.126.601	1.697.962	1.879.482	3.677.511	-25,36%
5	9018320000	Tubular metal needles and needles for sutures and parts and accessories thereof	-	231.405	1.390.721	2.909.840	1.958.598	2.703.024	84,87%
6	9030100000	Instruments and apparatus for measuring or detecting ionizing radiations	119.782	246.146	47.244	7.769	674.626	1.797.622	71,89%
7	9028300000	Electricity meters	600.350	5.447.214	5.405.831	2.042.695	3.961.140	1.563.459	21,10%
8	9018310090	Parts and accessories for syringes, with or without their needles	58.172	177.537	36.525	10.010	83.692	1.111.249	80,39%
9	9017208040	Hand operated input devices which transmit position data to computer processors or displays (digitizers)	276.692	833.868	953.478	1.315.160	816.141	1.031.332	30,10%
10	9024900000	Parts and accessories for machines & appliances for testing hardness, strength, compressibility, elasticity or other mechanical properties of material	1.030.497	1.293.703	1.917.507	429.116	529.067	831.227	-4,21%

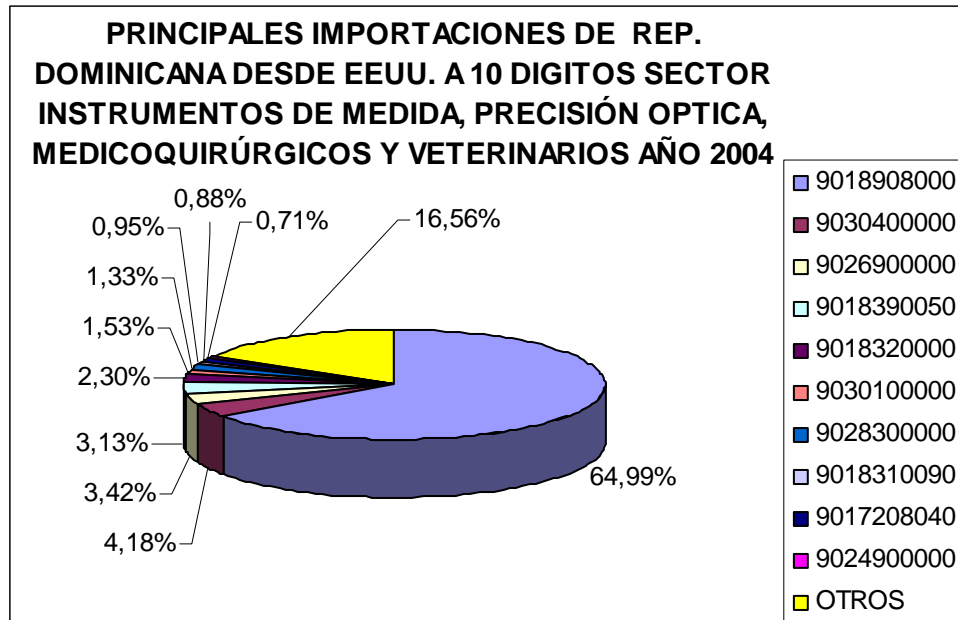
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The most significant imports in 2004 in this sector were other instruments used for medicine, odontology and veterinary applications, identified by sub-item 9018908000, which imports exceeded USD 76 million.

The dynamic activity of tubular metal needles and needles for sutures, identified under sub-item 9018320000, is noteworthy, recording imports in 2004 of USD 2 million and an annual average variation of 84%.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 83% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. TO 10 DIGITS – MEASUREMENT, PRECISION OPTICAL, MED.-SURG. AND VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C20c. Primary exports of the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in this sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. –MEASUREMENT, PRECISION OPTICAL, MED.-SURG. AND VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

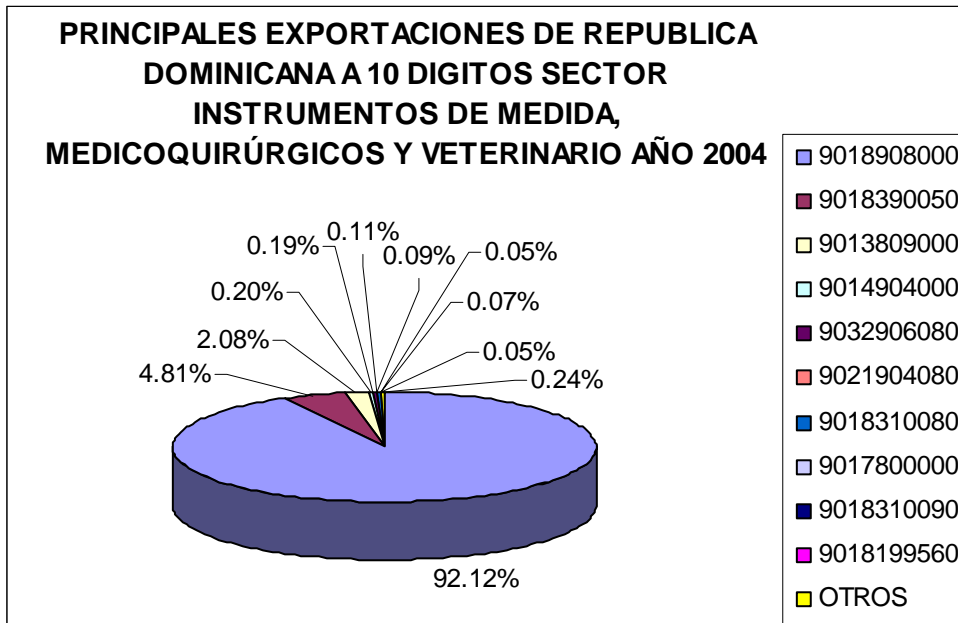
EXPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA A EEUU.: SECTOR INSTRUMENTOS DE MEDIDA, PRECISIÓN ÓPTICA, MEDICOQUIRÚRGICOS Y VETERINARIOS										
SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO % 1999- 2004		
US \$										
1	9018908000	Other instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences, nesoi	342.325.336	339.741.882	343.416.225	344.259.215	427.442.591	384.192.342	2.33%	
2	9018390050	Cannulae and the like and part and accessories	6.363.011	4.214.518	6.079.339	9.084.516	12.896.051	20.054.221	25.81%	
3	9013809000	Othr devs: optical & lcd nspf	532.225	2.227.841	3.403.377	3.690.599	6.406.191	8.667.460	74.73%	
4	9014904000	Parts and accessories for navigational instruments of articles covered by subheading 9014.80.50	284.607	1.523.460	2.591.591	1.712.435	1.112.315	820.024	23.57%	
5	9032906080	Parts and accessories of automatic regulating instruments or controlling instruments and apparatus, nesoi	2.219.366	2.094.149	1.043.632	962.197	1.037.002	792.452	-18.61%	
6	9021904080	Parts and accessories for pacemakers for stimulating heart muscles	0	0	0	0	0	474.257	0.00%	
7	9018310080	Other syringes, with or without their needles, nesoi	0	13.292	78.451	77.040	61.144	359.655	128.07%	
8	9017800000	Other instruments for measuring length, nesoi	0	0	0	0	0	289.320	0.00%	
9	9018310090	Parts and accessories for syringes, with or without their needles	0	0	0	2.827	49.043	209.603	761.06%	
10	9018199560	Part and accessories for electro-diagnostic apparatus	0	4.875	216.341	167.502	118.223	194.374	151.28%	

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Like the case of imports, sub-item 9018908000 corresponding to other instruments used for medicine, odontology and veterinary medicine was the most representative of the sector, recording exports of USD 384 million, with an annual average variation of 2.33%.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 99% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic. Exports corresponding to other instruments used for medicine, odontology and veterinary medicine represent 92% of the total exports of this sector.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – MEASUREMENT, MED.-SURG. AND VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C21. -Furniture and light fixtures sector. The furniture and light fixtures sector includes 1 chapter, based on the following table.

FURNITURE AND LIGHT FIXTURES SECTOR	
CHAP.	DESCR.
94	, FURNITURE, PERSONAL PROP. MED.-SURG. ITEMS BEDS, AND LIGHT FIXTURES

C21a. Trade balance of the sector. In the case of this sector, we note that in the past several years (1999-2004), imports under Chapter 94 were greater than exports of the Dominican Republic, therefore there is a trade balance for 2004 of USD -17 million.

It is important to point out that imports of the sector have been decreasing in the past several years, recording an annual average variation of -2%.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S.: FURNITURE AND LIGHT FIXTURES SECTOR]
 [CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]
 [EXPORTS IMPORTS BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR MUEBLES Y ARTICULOS DE ALUMBRADO									
	CAPI-TULO	DESCRIPCION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999-2004
			US \$						
Exportaciones	94	MUEBLES, MOBILIARIO MEDICOQUIRURGICO, ARTICULOS DE CAMA Y APARATOS PARA ALUMBRADO	5,679,631	6,667,782	6,040,156	6,464,197	6,508,047	7,455,398	5.59%
Importaciones	94	MUEBLES, MOBILIARIO MEDICOQUIRURGICO, ARTICULOS DE CAMA Y APARATOS PARA ALUMBRADO	27,727,667	43,853,499	44,450,615	33,069,741	35,585,271	24,621,956	-2.35%
BALANZA	94	MUEBLES, MOBILIARIO MEDICOQUIRURGICO, ARTICULOS DE CAMA Y APARATOS PARA ALUMBRADO	-22,048,036	-37,185,717	-38,410,459	-26,605,544	-29,077,224	-17,166,558	-4.88%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C21b. Primary imports of the sector. The primary DR imports from the U.S. in the furniture and light fixtures sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S.: FURNITURE AND LIGHT FIXTURES SECTOR]
 [SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA SECTOR MUEBLES Y ARTICULOS DE ALUMBRADO									
	SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999-2004
			EN US\$						
1	9406008025	Prefabricated buildings of metal	836,466	3,104,429	1,208,951	2,231,043	9,395,125	5,717,186	46.87%
2	9405990000	Parts for lamps and lighting fittings, nesoi	366,565	523,029	573,030	771,268	452,620	3,615,799	58.06%
3	9403600000	Wooden furniture, nesoi	4,337,117	5,330,413	3,373,220	3,694,660	2,795,819	2,124,001	-13.31%
4	9403500000	Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom	2,020,520	1,158,264	1,439,807	2,221,825	666,266	1,981,872	-0.39%
5	9403909000	Parts of furniture nesoi	1,740,032	1,259,660	2,047,636	1,255,777	996,923	1,720,246	-0.23%
6	9403100040	Metal furniture of a kind used in offices except filing cabinets	1,702,921	558,654	681,935	627,140	345,888	1,261,887	-5.82%
7	9405103000	Chandeliers and other electric ceiling or wall lighting fittings, excluding those used for lighting public open space or thoroughfares, exc household	602,357	1,098,004	1,193,440	1,412,262	2,119,580	977,568	10.17%
8	9403200020	Metal furniture counters, lockers, racks, display cases, shelves, partitions, and similar fixtures, except for office	2,183,905	2,398,686	1,618,435	1,909,230	2,840,468	967,788	-15.02%
9	9403300000	Wooden furniture of a kind used in offices	666,509	570,245	1,733,769	928,493	416,951	816,052	4.13%
10	9403907000	Furniture parts of wood	420,312	912,766	673,816	702,689	773,281	696,763	10.64%

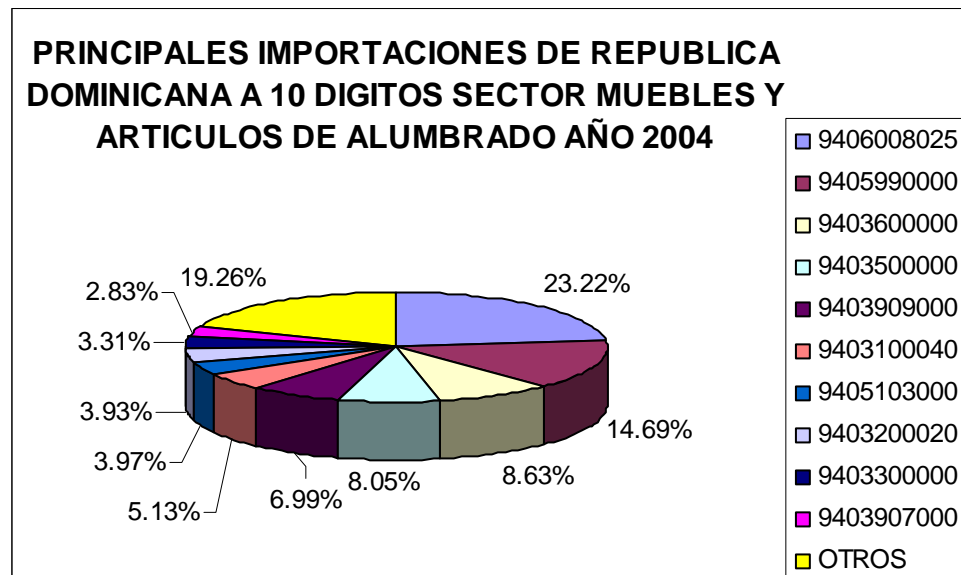
Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The most representative imports of the sector in 2004 were prefabricated metal constructions, with a value of USD 5 million, and a percentage variation of 46%.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 80% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

It is important to underline that sub-items 9406008025 and 9405990000 corresponding to prefabricated metal constructions and lamp parts represent 35% of the total imports of the sector in 2004.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – FURNITURE AND LIGHT FIXTURES SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C21c. Primary exports of the sector. The primary DR exports in the furniture and light fixtures sector for 2004 are shown in the following table.

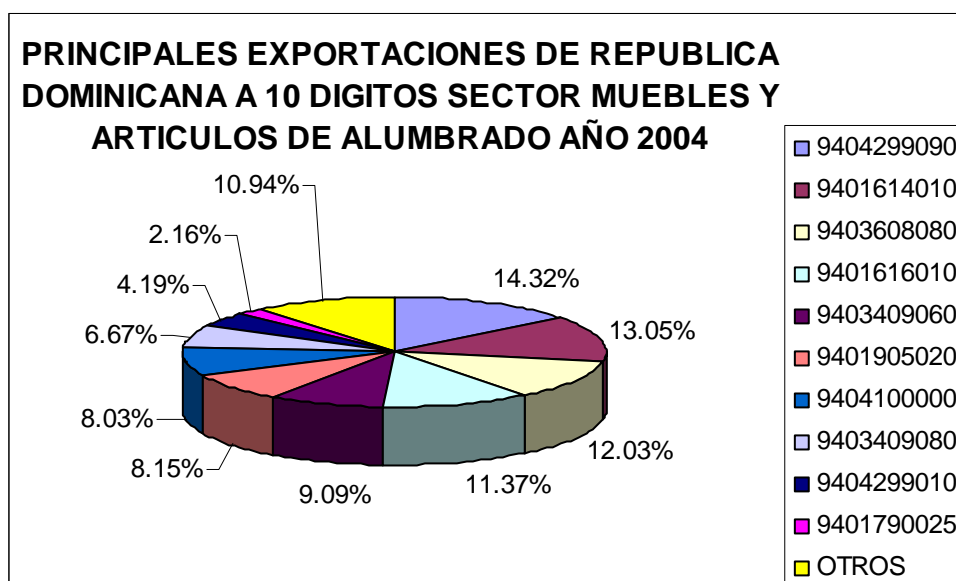
[DOM. REP. EXPORTS: FURNITURE AND LIGHT FIXTURES SECTOR]
 [SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA SECTOR MUEBLES Y ARTICULOS DE ALUMBRADO									
SUBPARTID	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO	
A 10 DIG		US \$							1999- 2004
1	9404299090	Mattress of other material, nesoi	1,347,791	1,059,112	923,556	1,100,948	1,099,729	1,067,530	-4.56%
2	9401614010	Household seats with wooden frames, for chairs upholstered, nesoi	634,200	801,468	741,875	547,347	409,486	973,015	8.94%
3	9403608080	Wooden furniture, nesoi	904,412	1,438,573	1,444,186	1,433,111	1,298,882	896,765	-0.17%
4	9401616010	Household seats with wooden frames, upholstered, nesoi	719,329	96,838	217,675	712,090	792,483	847,870	3.34%
5	9403409060	Cabinets designed for permanent installation of wood of a kind use in the kitchen	434,396	593,543	989,059	1,382,959	972,754	677,329	9.29%
6	9401905020	Seat parts of textile materials, cut to shape, nesoi	0	0	0	0	504,492	607,953	20.51%
7	9404100000	Mattress supports	0	0	21,768	30,416	7,899	598,849	201.88%
8	9403409080	Wooden furniture of a kind used in the kitchen, nesoi	51,144	198,972	15,608	4,000	230,202	496,923	57.58%
9	9404299010	Uncovered innerspring units	557,240	474,059	346,330	171,699	104,387	312,395	-10.93%
10	9401790025	Household outdoor seats with metal frames, except with textile covered cushions or textile seating or backing material	35,166	13,440	6,320	0	216,728	160,822	35.53%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The most significant exports of the Dominican Republic to the U.S. in the furniture and light fixtures sector in 2004 were under the sub-item corresponding to other cushions of other material, with exports of USD 1 million, and an annual average variation of -4%.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 89% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C22. Other Products Sector The sector identified as “other products” is comprised of 3 chapters, based on the following table.

OTHER ITEMS SECTOR	
CHAP.	DESC.
93	FIREARMS & AMMUNITION
98	SPECIAL TREATMENT
99	OTHER

C22a. Trade balance of the sector. Imports under Chapter 98 corresponding to special treatment items are noteworthy, which in 2004 totaled USD 138 million. Likewise, the most significant exports correspond to Chapter 98.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – OTHER ITEMS SECTOR]
[CHAPTER DESCRIPTION % CHANGE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR OTROS									
DESCRIPCION	CAPITULO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004	US \$
Exportaciones	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%	
Importaciones	93	4,958,994	2,117,522	2,955,196	2,083,122	3,072,730	2,056,138	-16.14%	
BALANZA	93	-4,958,994	-2,117,522	-2,955,196	-2,083,122	-3,072,730	-2,056,138	-16.14%	
Exportaciones	98	79,230,186	90,604,089	88,911,710	98,728,999	117,661,182	109,358,956	6.66%	
Importaciones	98	125,145,582	129,266,872	150,045,899	113,072,203	124,758,302	138,920,775	2.11%	
BALANZA	98	-45,915,396	-38,662,783	-61,134,189	-14,343,204	-7,097,120	-29,561,819	-8.43%	
Exportaciones	99	22,733,054	23,871,478	22,850,191	23,899,719	26,980,824	29,763,094	5.54%	
Importaciones	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%	
BALANZA	99	22,733,054	23,871,478	22,850,191	23,899,719	26,980,824	29,763,094	5.54%	

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

For 2004, a trade balance of USD -1,854,000 was recorded, with imports by the Dominican Republic of USD 140 million and exports of USD 139 million.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – OTHER ITEMS SECTOR]
[EXPORTS IMPORTS BALANCE]

BALANZA COMERCIAL DE REP. DOMINICANA CON EE.UU. : SECTOR OTROS						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
US \$						
Exportaciones	101,963,240	114,475,567	111,761,901	122,628,718	144,642,006	139,122,050
Importaciones	130,104,576	131,384,394	153,001,095	115,155,325	127,831,032	140,976,913
BALANZA	-28,141,336	-16,908,827	-41,239,194	7,473,393	16,810,974	-1,854,863

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C22b. Primary imports of the sector. The primary products imported by the DR in this sector for 2004 are identified in the following table.

[DOM. REP. TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S. – OTHER ITEMS SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

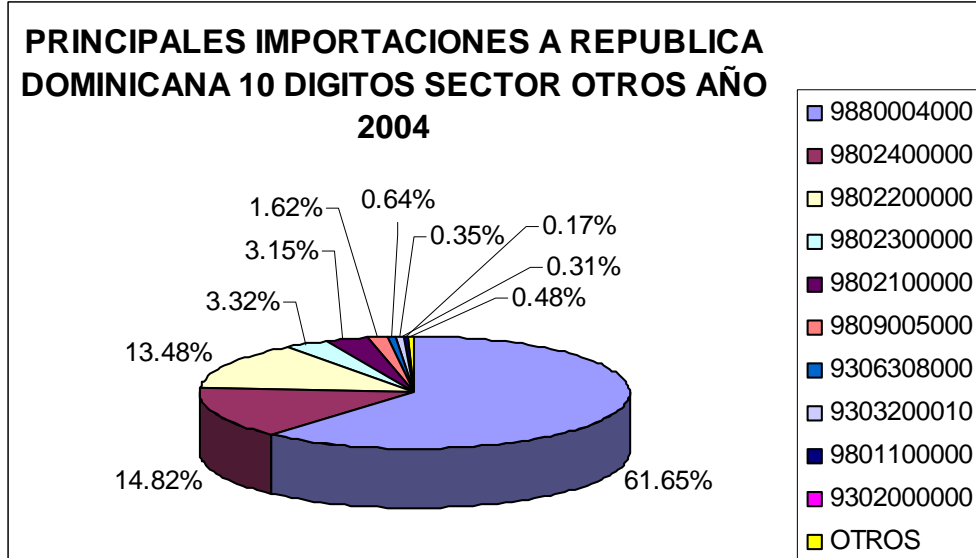
IMPORTACIONES DE REP. DOMINICANA SECTOR OTROS									
	SUBPARTID A 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% CAMBIO 1999- 2004
US \$									
1	9880004000	Low value estimate, excluding canada	85,423,344	93,287,267	92,473,735	88,244,618	86,795,965	86,909,690	0.35%
2	9802400000	Articles donated for relief or charity by individuals or private agencies, nesoi	4,950,639	1,422,322	13,432,160	5,229,075	12,350,776	20,894,403	33.37%
3	9802200000	Medicinal & pharmaceutical products donated for relief or charity by individuals or private agencies	5,923,623	1,201,895	23,117,649	6,273,139	17,168,740	19,007,478	26.26%
4	9802300000	All wearing apparel (including footwear and headwear) donated for relief or charity by individuals or private agencies	1,934,182	1,794,229	1,184,447	1,235,878	2,915,875	4,677,530	19.32%
5	9802100000	Commingled food products, donated for relief or charity by individuals or private agencies	508,321	631,419	3,520,826	1,986,783	314,232	4,441,927	54.27%
6	9809005000	Shipments valued \$20,000 and under, not identified by kind	21,643,633	27,977,553	9,609,262	7,067,093	3,801,078	2,284,627	-36.22%
7	9306308000	Parts of cartridges, nesoi	263,455	-	21,335	6,000	231,001	909,214	28.11%
8	9303200010	Shotguns for sporting, hunting or target-shooting	427,187	232,039	209,266	254,126	459,510	499,449	3.18%
9	9801100000	Value of repairs or alterations of previously imported articles, repaired or altered prior to exportation from united states	1,355,952	707,493	5,694,339	1,833,926	1,048,258	439,135	-20.19%
10	9302000000	Revolvers and pistols, other than those of heading 9303 or 9304	1,870,175	1,026,321	1,430,431	1,017,287	656,725	239,819	-33.69%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The imports of donated foods, a sub-item that has had an annual average variation of 54%, is noteworthy.

Imports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 99% of the total imports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY DOM. REP. IMPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – OTHER ITEMS SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

C22a. Primary exports of the sector. The primary DR exports to the U.S. in the sector identified as other products for 2004 are shown in the following table.

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS – OTHER ITEMS SECTOR]
[SUB-ITEM PRODUCT % CHANGE]

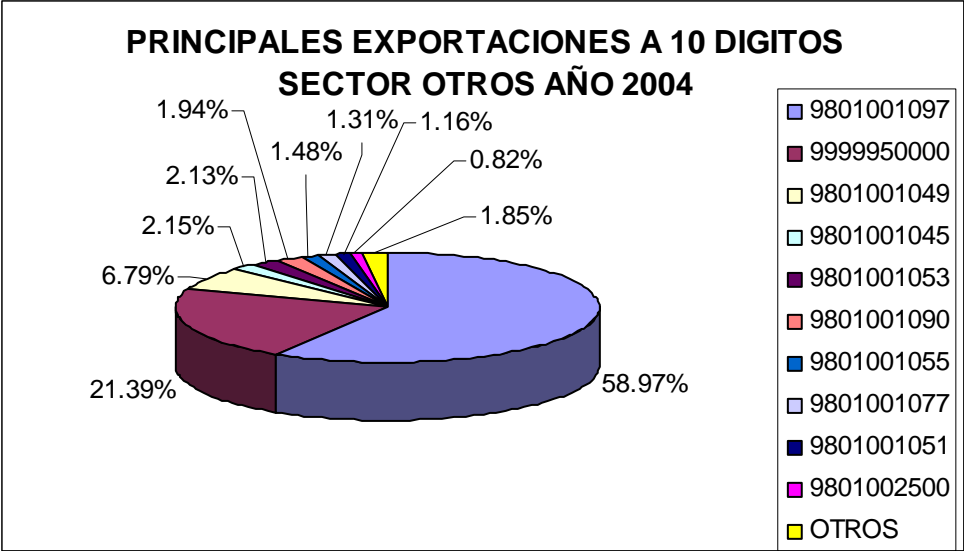
EXPORTACIONES DE REP DOMINICANA SECTOR OTROS									
SUBPARTID	PRODUCTO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	CAMBIO %	
A 10 DIG		US \$						1999- 2004	
1	9801001097	U.s. goods, nesoi, returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad	68,932,114	74,118,134	71,825,136	76,852,310	84,147,337	82,046,994	3.54%
2	9999950000	Estimated imports of low valued transactions	22,733,054	23,871,478	22,850,191	23,899,719	26,980,824	29,763,094	5.54%
3	9801001049	U.s. goods in headings 8501, 8502 or 8503 returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad	17,850	2,244,290	97,728	531,000	1,484,134	9,440,209	250.48%
4	9801001045	U.s. goods in chapter 84 headings, nesoi, returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad	2,031,598	2,463,024	4,647,203	2,371,694	1,423,647	2,985,172	8.00%
5	9801001053	U.s. goods in 8517, 8520, 8525, 8527 or 8529 returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad	236,096	607,551	1,362,089	2,458,938	15,689,531	2,963,401	65.86%
6	9801001090	U.s. goods provided for in chapter 90 returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad	2,747,564	2,184,419	2,275,998	3,131,957	3,732,122	2,697,846	-0.36%
7	9801001055	U.s. goods in chapter 85 headings, nesoi, returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad	2,915,649	5,553,391	1,974,277	3,265,675	4,720,906	2,063,322	-6.68%
8	9801001077	U.s. goods provided for in headings 8803 or 8804 returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad	51,233	237,724	103,082	337,686	474,994	1,823,076	104.29%
9	9801001051	U.s. goods provided in heading 8504 returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad	10,000	86,410	74,161	459,879	1,771,811	1,619,694	176.62%
10	9801002500	Articles reimported without having advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad, or do not conform to specifications	242,556	252,504	144,825	166,464	1,236,039	1,146,336	36.43%

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

As may be seen from the table above, the most significant exports of the sector in 2004 were goods, returned without receiving an aggregate value or transformed while abroad, which totaled USD 84 million.

Exports of these 10 products in 2004 represent 98% of the total exports of the sector, as noted in the following graphic.

[PRIMARY EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS – OTHER ITEMS SECTOR – 2004]



Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

SECTION VII

BILATERAL TRADE - 10 DIGITS OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF
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BILATERAL TRADE – 10 DIGITS OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF CODE

A. Primary Imports of the DR from the U.S. to 10 Digits

Total imports of the Dominican Republic from the U.S. in 2004 were USD 4,116,101,623. The 74 sub-items that represented the greatest value in 2004, and which represented 55% of the total value of the same, are shown below.

The sub-item that generated the greatest imports for this year was automatic switches, with a value of USD 205 million, representing 5% of the total imports recorded in the past year.

This sub-item had an average annual variation of 108% during the past several years (1999 - 204), taking into consideration that for 2003, imports totaled USD 73 million.

The second sub-item in order of size is 5212230000, corresponding to dyed cotton fabric, with imports totaling USD 120 million in 2004.

It is important to underline that this sub-item had no imports in 1999 and 2000, while in 2001 imports in the amount of USD 31,000 were recorded, with a notable increase for 2003 to USD 28 million.

Imports of underwear, undershirts and pajamas made of cotton for men or children corresponding to sub-item 6107110000 are noteworthy. They totaled USD 106 million in 2004.

This sub-item had an annual average variation which was moderate in comparison with the two sub-items analyzed above, of 7.45%. A table appears below identifying the 74 sub-items that recorded the highest level of imports in 2004, their position, description and the value of imports, within a range of from USD 205 million to USD 10 million.

[DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. TO 10 DIGITS]
 [10 DIGIT SUB-ITEM PRODUCT]

IMPORTACIONES DE REPUBLICA DOMINICANA DESDE EE.UU. A 10 DIGITOS			
	SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	2004 US \$
1	8536200020	Automatic circuit breakers, molded case, for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 v	205.480.135
2	5212230000	Woven cotton fabrics, under 85% cotton by weight nesoi, dyed fabrics, weighing over 200 g/m2	120.375.183
3	6107110000	Men's or boys' underpants and briefs of cotton, knitted or crocheted	106.579.524
4	9880004000	Low value estimate, excluding canada	86.909.690
5	2710193020	Automotive, diesel or marine engine (except turbine) lubricating oils	80.310.022
6	9018908000	Other instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences, nesoi	76.263.674
7	1005902030	Yellow dent corn (maize), u. S. No. 2, except seed	74.291.150
8	6115920000	Socks and other hosiery inc stockings for varicose veins and footwear without applied soles of cotton, knitted or crocheted	62.903.632
9	6108220000	Women's or girls' briefs and panties of manmade fibers, knitted or crocheted	58.446.196
10	6212100020	Brassieres and similar articles and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted, of manmade fibers	57.655.688
11	2710190520	Heavy fuel oils under 25 degrees api havg sayblt un vis at 37.8 d cent of more than 125 seconds	54.720.454
12	1001902055	Wheat and meslin, except seed, nesoi	52.540.490
13	2710191007	Light fuel oils 25 degrees api or more having a saybolt universal viscosity at 37.8 deg c of less thn 45 seconds, containing over 0.05 percent sulfur	47.850.593
14	7113190000	Jewelry and parts thereof, of precious metal other than silver	43.723.424
15	5212240000	Woven cotton fabrics, under 85% cotton by weight nesoi, fabrics with yarns of different colors, weighing over 200 g/m2	42.513.375
16	6109100005	Mens or boys t-shirts, all white of cotton underwear, short hemmed sleeves hemmed bottoms crew or round neckline without pockets,trim,embroidery- knit	41.698.632
17	6217900000	Other made-up clothing accessories; parts of garments or of clothing accessories, except brassieres, girdles, corsets, braces, suspenders, and garters	39.605.684
18	6006229080	Other knit or crocheted of dyed cotton fabrics, nesoi (except of single knit const)	36.251.480
19	5208130000	Woven fabric of cotton containing 85% or > by weight of cotton weighting < 200 g/m2 3 or 4 thread twill including cross twill unbleached	35.623.504
20	3916906000	Monofilaments, any cross-sectional dimension exceeds 1mm, rods, sticks & profile shapes, whether or not surface-worked,not worked, plastics, nesoi	34.447.555

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. TO 10 DIGITS]
 [10 DIGIT SUB-ITEM PRODUCT]

IMPORTACIONES DE REPUBLICA DOMINICANA DESDE EE.UU. A 10 DIGITOS			
	SUBPARTIDA		2004
	10 DIG	PRODUCTO	US \$
21	2401102020	Connecticut shade tobacco, not stemmed/stripped, containing over 35 percent wrapper tobacco	32.234.620
22	2304000000	Soybean oilcake and other solid residues resulting from the extraction of soy bean oil, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets	30.907.835
23	8703230090	Vehicles, nesoi, used, with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500, not exceeding 3000 cc	28.302.229
24	7113110000	Jewelry and parts thereof, of silver	27.945.148
25	1006309010	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, nesoi, long grain	27.623.516
26	5806200000	Narrow woven fabrics, other than goods of heading 5807; nesoi woven fabrics, containing by weight 5% or more of elastomeric yarn or rubber thread	26.259.322
27	8517905000	Parts, nesoi, for telephonic apparatus	25.314.292
28	3100000000	3100000000 fertilizers and fertilizer materials	23.830.883
29	2710191025	No. 4-type fuel oils 25 degrees api or more with a saybolt universal viscosity at 37.8 deg c of 45 to 125 seconds, containing more than 0.05% sulfur	23.731.345
30	3904100000	Polyvinyl chloride, not mixed with any other substances	23.505.434
31	4804110000	Kraftliner, uncoated, unbleached, in rolls or sheets	22.257.076
32	2401102040	Tobacco, not stemmed/stripped, containing over 35 percent wrapper tobacco, nesoi	21.606.251
33	9802400000	Articles donated for relief or charity by individuals or private agencies, nesoi	20.894.403
34	9802200000	Medicinal & pharmaceutical products donated for relief or charity by individuals or private agencies	19.007.478
35	3306200000	Yarn used to clean between the teeth (dental floss)	18.729.640
36	8538907080	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the apparatus for heading 8535, 8536, nesoi	18.450.022
37	5513320000	Woven fabrics of synthetic staple fib <85% by wgt of such fib mxd m/scotton wgt <=170g/m2 3-4 thrd twill inc cross twl of polyester staple fibers ydf	18.245.374
38	6109100007	Men's or boys' knitted or crocheted singlets, of cotton, all white, without pockets, trim, or embroidery	18.173.158
39	3901200000	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0.94 or more	18.084.652
40	3901100020	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of less than 0.94, low density polyethylene, except linear	17.844.934

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. TO 10 DIGITS]
 [10 DIGIT SUB-ITEM PRODUCT]

IMPORTACIONES DE REPUBLICA DOMINICANA DESDE EE.UU. A 10 DIGITOS			
	SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	2004 US \$
41	7108135000	Gold, semimanufactured, nesoi, nonmonetary	17.423.036
42	6203424017	Men's or boy's trousers and breeches of cotton, not knitted or crocheted nesoi	16.845.020
43	2710191005	Light fuel oils 25 deg api and over havg saybolt universal viscosity at 37.8 deg c of less thn 45 seconds, not over 0.05 percent by weight of sulfur	16.393.109
44	7114190000	Articles of gold or platinum whether or not plated or clad with precious metal	16.344.125
45	9033000000	Parts and accessories (not specified or included elsewhere in this chapter) for machines, appliances, instruments or apparatus of chapter 90	16.237.708
46	6114200000	Other garments of cotton, knitted or crocheted	15.597.381
47	7117900000	Imitation jewelry not of base metal	15.473.419
48	5806322000	Narrow woven fabrics of manmade fiber (other than goods of heading 5807), nesoi	14.878.762
49	3926909887	Articles of plastics & articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, nesoi	14.258.870
50	1507100000	Soybean oil and its fractions, crude, whether or not degummed	13.894.035
51	8531100035	Burglar alarms, electric	13.828.614
52	8525209040	Radio telephones designed for the public cellular radiotelecommunications service, excluding for motor vehicles	13.814.375
53	8542218028	Monolithic i/c's, digital, silicon, volatile memory, dynamic read-write random access (dram) greater than 1 megabit	13.624.591
54	8205510000	Household tools and parts thereof, base metal	13.128.139
55	5503100000	Synthetic staple fibers not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning: of nylon or other polyamides	13.074.034
56	7303000090	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles of cast iron, nesoi	13.055.460
57	8421210000	Water filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus	12.745.467
58	3002200000	Vaccines for human medicine	12.420.540
59	7010905009	Glass containers with or without their closures of a capacity exceeding 1 liter, nesoi	12.284.313
60	8502130040	Generating sets, electric, diesel, of an output exceeding 1,000 kva	11.958.711

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[DOM. REP. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. TO 10 DIGITS]
[10 DIGIT SUB-ITEM PRODUCT]

IMPORTACIONES DE REPUBLICA DOMINICANA DESDE EE.UU. A 10 DIGITOS			
	SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	2004 US \$
61	4407100046	S.yellow/long leaf/pitch/short leaf/slash& virginia pine slicd/peeld whether pland sanded thickness ov 6mm, not treated nesoi except finger-jointed	11.590.685
62	2401109570	Tobacco nesoi including cigar leaf, not stemmed/stripped, not containing wrapper tobacco or not containing over 35% wrapper tobacco	11.568.264
63	1107100000	Malt, not roasted	11.340.676
64	6112490000	Women's or girls' swimwear of other textile materials, knitted or crocheted	11.272.833
65	5516110000	Unbleached or bleached woven fabrics of artificial staple fibers: containing 85 percent or more by weight of artificial staple fibers	11.117.443
66	3920100000	Other plates,sheets,film,foil & strip,of plastic, noncelluar & not reinforced,laminated,supported or combined with oth mat,of polymers of ethylene	11.105.699
67	1208100000	Flours and meals of soybeans	10.970.127
68	6002904000	Other knitted or crocheted cotton fabrics, width not exceeding 30 cm and containing by weight 5 percent or more of elastomeric yarn or rubber thread	10.822.812
69	8703230060	Vehicles,nesoi,new,w/spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine of a cyl capacity >1500,not exceedining 3000cc, >4cyl, but <=6 cyl	10.741.523
70	4811905050	Paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibers, coated, impregnated or covered, surface-decorated etc,nesoi,wd>15x26x15cm,strps/rll	10.659.978
71	1005100010	Corn (maize), seed, yellow corn	10.633.245
72	2710193080	Lubricating oils with or without additives, nesoi	10.524.758
73	5515110000	Other woven fabrics of synthetic polyester staple fibers mixed m/s with viscose rayon staple fibers	10.508.779
74	7309000030	Tanks, of iron or steel, of a capacity exceeding 300 liters, whether or not lined or heat insulated, not fitted w mechan or thermal equip not f gases	10.391.935

Source: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

B.- Primary Imports from the DR to the U.S. to 10 Digits

Total exports of the Dominican Republic to the U.S. in 2004 were USD 4.529.040.523. The 79 sub-items that represented the greatest value in 2004, and which represented 80% of the total value of the same, are shown below.

The sub-item that recorded the highest level of exports in 2004 was that corresponding to other instruments used in medicine, odontology, surgery and veterinary medicine, which totaled USD 384 million. This sub-item had an annual average variation of 2.33% During the years under review, this sub-item showed the highest level of exports in

2004. It is important to underline that exports under this sub-item correspond to 8.48% of the total DR exports to the U.S. in 2004.

Long pants, pants with a bib, short pants and shorts represented 6.89% of the total exports for 2004.

Of this sub-item (6203424015), USD 312 million were exported, which had an average annual variation of 1.65%. In order of importance, exports of other gold or platinum jewelry, coated or non-coated, corresponding to sub-item 7113195000 comes next, which represented exports of USD 193 million in 2004, with an average annual variation of 7.63%. Exports of this sub-item represent 4.27% of the total exports of the Dominican Republic for 2004. A table appears below showing the 79 sub-items that accounted for the highest levels of exports in 2004, as well as their position, description and the value of exports, within a range of from USD 384 million to USD 10 million

[DOM. REP. EXPORTS TO 10 DIGITS]
 [10-DIGIT SUB-ITEM PRODUCT]

EXPORTACIONES DE REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA A 10 DIGITOS			
	SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	2004 US \$
1	9018908000	Other instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences, nesoi	384.192.342
2	6203424015	Men's trousers and breeches, not knitted, of cotton, other	312.154.112
3	7113195000	Gold or platinum jewelry, whether plated, clad or not, nesoi	193.524.030
4	2402108000	Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos containing tobacco, each valued \$.23 or over	182.524.335
5	6203434010	Men's trousers and breeches, not knitted, of synthetic fibers	153.257.479
6	6212109020	Brassieres, not containing lace or net or embroidery, of man-made fibers, whether or not knitted or crocheted	152.743.107
7	6107110010	Men's underpants and briefs, knitted or crocheted, of cotton	140.870.328
8	8536200020	Automatic circuit breakers, molded case, for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 v	110.373.281
9	7202600000	Ferronickel	102.772.348
10	7112910000	Precious metal waste and scrap of gold, including metal clad with gold, excluding sweepings containing other precious metals	94.943.821
11	6115929000	Socks and other hosiery, for varicose veins, and footwear without applied soles, knitted or crocheted, of cotton: not containing lace or net	91.200.887
12	9801001097	U.s. goods, nesoi, returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad	82.046.994
13	1701111000	Cane sugar, raw, in solid form, not containing added flavoring or coloring matter, nesoi, described in additional u s note 5 (chap. 17) & provisional	74.051.003
14	6204624020	Women's trousers and breeches, of cotton, not knitted, other	69.229.757
15	6203424010	Men's trousers and breeches, not knitted, of cotton, blue denim	59.090.873
16	6406106500	Parts of footwear other uppers and parts thereof other than stiffeners of leather	57.783.971
17	6108229020	Women's briefs and panties, knitted or crocheted, of man-made fibers	56.126.623
18	3926909880	Other articles of plastic, nesoi	55.649.189
19	6107110020	Boys' underpants and briefs, knitted or crocheted, of cotton	52.006.102
20	6110202075	Women's or girls' other pullovers, and similar garments, of cotton, knitted or crocheted, containing less than 36 percent by weight of flax fibers	50.952.771

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 [10-DIGIT SUB-ITEM PRODUCT]

EXPORTACIONES DE REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA A 10 DIGITOS			
	SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	2004 US \$
21	8517505000	Carrier-current line system apparatus, telephonic	50.107.920
22	6109100004	M/b t-shirts, knit cotton, crew/v-neck, short slev	46.392.593
23	7214200000	Other bars and rods iron or nonalloy steel, hot-worked, concrete reinforcing bars and rods	39.598.564
24	6109100012	Men's cotton other t-shirts, knitted or crocheted, except underwear	38.617.930
25	6202110010	Women's overcoats, carcoats, capes, cloaks and similar coats, not knitted, of wool or fine animal hair	36.597.879
26	6307906090	Other made up articles, including dress patterns: surgical drapes, of fabric formed on a base of paper or covered with paper, other	36.416.294
27	1801000000	Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted	33.780.495
28	6307906800	Other made up articles, including dress patterns: surgical drapes of spunlaced or bonded fiber fabric disposable surgical drapes of man-made fibers	33.758.442
29	7113192900	Gold necklaces and neck chains nesoi	33.452.898
30	8511906040	Other parts for internal combustion engine ignition systems	31.538.108
31	6203424045	Boys' trousers and breeches, not knitted, of cotton, not imported as parts of playsuits, other	30.836.341
32	3921904010	Plates, sheets, film, foil & strip, reinforced with paper, flexible	30.574.724
33	9999950000	Estimated imports of low valued transactions	29.763.094
34	6110202065	Men's or boys' other pullovers, and similar garments, of cotton, knitted or crocheted, containing less than 36 percent by weight of flax fibers	29.185.881
35	6112410010	Women's swimwear, knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibers, containing by weight 5 percent or more elastomeric yarn or rubber thread	23.983.459
36	6109100007	Men's or boys' cotton underwear singlets, knitted or crocheted, all white, without pockets, trim or embroidery	23.150.931
37	6203424050	Men's shorts, not knitted, of cotton	22.873.082
38	8473301040	Pts adp mch, nt incptg crt,prt ct asm.,mry modules	22.582.209
39	6914104000	Ceramic ferrules of procelain or china, nov 3mm diam or 25 mm long, fiber channel opening and/or ceramic mating sleeves of alumina or zirconia	22.262.437
40	8536490065	Contactors for a voltage exceeding 60 v but not exceeding 1,000 v	21.657.283

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EXPORTACIONES DE REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA A 10 DIGITOS			
	SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	2004 US \$
41	9018390050	Cannulae and the like and part and accessories	20.054.221
42	2203000030	Beer made from malt in glass containers not over 4 liters each	19.459.323
43	8301406060	Other locks of base metal, nesoi	19.383.690
44	6109100040	Women's cotton t-shirts, knitted or crocheted, except underwear	19.344.702
45	6109901007	Men's t-shirts, knitted or crocheted, of other textile materials: of man-made fibers	18.744.637
46	8531909000	Elc snd/vsual sgn mch,part,oth	18.672.973
47	6403999065	Footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastics and uppers of leather: other ftwr valued over \$2.50/pair, exct ftwr with pigskin uppers, for women	18.500.229
48	6110303055	Women's or girls' other pullovers, and similar articles, of man-made fibers, knitted or crocheted, containing less than 30 percent by weight of silk	18.314.229
49	8504314035	Transformers, nesoi, having a power handling capacity less than 40va	17.683.325
50	6112410020	Girls' swimwear, knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibers, containing by weight 5 percent or more elastomeric yarn or rubber thread	17.314.846
51	6104632011	Women's trousers and breeches, knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibers, other	16.932.446
52	6112410030	Women's swimwear, knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibers, containing less than 5 percent of elastomeric yarn or rubber thread	16.812.693
53	7204490080	Other ferrous scrap	16.075.788
54	6203434020	Boys' trousers and breeches, not knitted, of synthetic fibers, not imported as parts of playsuits	15.615.938
55	7602000090	Aluminum waste and scrap other than used beverage container scrap	14.875.843
56	2402103070	Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos, containing tobacco, each valued less than .15 cents	14.764.753
57	6106100010	Women's blouses and shirts, knitted or crocheted, of cotton	13.890.068
58	6204633510	Women's trousers and breeches, of synthetic fibers, not knitted	13.558.230
59	6201110010	Men's overcoats, carcoats, capes, cloaks, and similar coats, not knitted, of wool or fine animal hair	13.546.686
60	6204624055	Women's shorts, of cotton, not knitted	13.211.265

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EXPORTACIONES DE REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA A 10 DIGITOS			
	SUBPARTIDA 10 DIG	PRODUCTO	2004 US \$
61	2402106000	Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos containing tobacco, each valued \$.15 or over but less than \$.23	13.195.873
62	8505190080	Nonflexible permanent magnets made of materials other than metal	12.659.298
63	6212200020	Girdles and panty-girdles, of man-made fibers, whether or not knitted or crocheted	12.372.552
64	6403996075	Footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastics and uppers of leather: other footwear without pigskin uppers for men.	11.895.482
65	1703905000	Molasses resulting from the extraction or refining of sugar, nesoi	11.833.614
66	6108320025	Girls' nightdresses and pajamas, knitted or crocheted, of man-made fibers, other than blanket sleepers	11.731.910
67	6110303040	Men's or boys' sweatshirts, of man-made fibers, knitted or crocheted, containing less than 30 percent by weight of silk or silk waste	11.580.453
68	6505908090	Hats and other headgear, not knitted, other headwear, other than for babies, not braided, except disposable headwear, of man-made fibers	11.567.520
69	8531800050	Other signaling devices, electric, nesoi	11.566.154
70	8536308000	Other apparatus for protecting electrical circuits, nesoi	11.253.639
71	714901000	Dasheens, fresh, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	11.102.959
72	6202912011	Women's anoraks, wind-breakers and similar articles, not knitted, of wool or fine animal hair: other than padded or sleeveless jackets	11.014.973
73	6204624010	Women's trousers and breeches, of cotton, not knitted, blue denim	10.841.646
74	8504406001	Power supplies suitable for physical incorporation into automatic data processing machines or units thereof, with a power output not exceeding 50 w	10.541.596
75	6203332010	Men's suit-type jackets and blazers, not knitted, of synthetic fibers, containing less than 36 percent by weight of wool or fine animal hair	10.453.535
76	6205302070	Men's other shirts, of man-made fibers, not knitted, with less than two colors in the warp and/or the filling	10.383.864
77	6111206010	Babies garments and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted, of cotton: sunsuits, washsuits, and similar apparel	10.246.955
78	2106909972	Preparations for the manufacture of beverages, nesoi, containing sugar derived from sugar cane and/or sugar beets	10.234.423
79	6105100010	Men's shirts, knitted or crocheted, of cotton	10.228.651

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DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMS TARIFF CHAPTERS

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SECTOR	CAPITULO	DESCRIPCION
PECUARIO	1	ANIMALES VIVOS
PECUARIO	2	CARNE
PECUARIO	3	PESCADO Y CRUSTACEOS
PECUARIO	4	LECHE Y PRODUCTOS LACTEOS, HUEVOS, MIEL
PECUARIO	5	LOS DEMAS PRODUCTOS DE ORIGEN ANIMAL
AGRICOLA	6	PLANTAS VIVAS Y FLORES
AGRICOLA	7	HORTALIZAS
AGRICOLA	8	FRUTAS
AGRICOLA	9	CAFÉ, TE, MATE ESPECIAS
AGRICOLA	10	CEREALES
AGRICOLA	11	MOLINERIA
AGRICOLA	12	SEMILLAS OLEAGINOSAS, PLANTAS MEDICINALES, FORRAJE
AGRICOLA	13	GOMAS, RESINAS, JUGOS Y EXTRACTOS VEGETALES
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AGROINDUSTRIAL	20	PREPARACIONES DE HORTALIZAS Y FRUTAS
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AGROINDUSTRIAL	23	RESIDUOS ALIMENTICIOS Y ALIMENTOS PARA ANIMALES
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