

U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Market Access Results

Consumer Goods

Trade and Tariffs

The consumer goods sector is composed of various product groups, including those covered by the toy and furniture Uruguay Round sectoral agreements, as well as appliances and various recreational goods. Consumer goods accounted for 10 percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial exports to Bahrain in 2002, totaling \$16.3 million.¹ Upholstered seats with wooden frames lead U.S. exports in the sector.

Bahrain's tariffs on consumer goods range from 0 to 20 percent, averaging 4.6 percent. The highest tariffs generally apply to mattresses. Imports of unworked cultured pearls are prohibited in Bahrain and remain prohibited so long as it is in accordance with GATT Article XX.

Bahrain's exports to the United States in this sector totaled \$174 thousand in 2002², or less than one percent of the country's total non-textile industrial exports to the United States. U.S. tariffs on consumer goods range from 0 to 109 percent, with an average of 3.6 percent. Tariffs are highest on broom corn brooms.

Tariff Elimination

Both sides will eliminate duties on imports of consumer from the other Party immediately upon implementation of the Agreement.

¹ Based on Bahraini Imports for Consumption from the United States (Average 2002)

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