

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

Electronics and Instrumentation

Trade and Tariffs

The Uruguay Round sectoral initiatives on medical and scientific equipment and the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) define the electronics and instrumentation sector. Electronics and instrumentations accounted for 16 percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial exports to Bahrain in 2002, totaling \$25 million¹. Parts and accessories for ADP machines and units dominate U.S. exports in this sector

Bahrain's tariffs on electronics and instrumentation range from 0 to 20 percent, averaging 4.9 percent. The highest tariffs are generally applied to wadding, gauze and similar articles as well as syringes. As a signatory to the WTO Information and Technology Agreement, Bahrain accords duty free treatment to information technology products.

Bahrain's exports to the United States in this sector totaled approximately \$360,000 in 2002², and accounted for less than 1 percent of Bahrain's total non-textile industrial exports to the United States. U.S. tariffs in the sector range from zero to 16 percent. The highest tariffs apply to parts and accessories of telescopic sights for rifles. As a signatory to the WTO Information and Technology Agreement, the United States accords duty free treatment to information technology products.

Tariff Elimination

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

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

² Based on U.S. Imports for Consumption from Bahrain (Average 2002)