

# U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Market Access Results

## Building Products

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### Trade and Tariffs

The building products sector is composed of various products such as valves, steel structures and plasterboards used for construction. Building products and other materials accounted for 1 percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial exports to Morocco, averaging \$2 million<sup>1</sup>. Valves, steel beams and iron pipes lead U.S. exports in this sector.

Moroccan tariffs on building products range from 2.5 to 50 percent, averaging 42.3 percent. The highest tariffs in this sector generally apply to U.S. major exports.

Moroccan exports to the United States in this sector are approximately \$3.1 million<sup>2</sup>, or about 1.1 percent of the country's total non-textile industrial exports to the United States.

The United States applies tariffs ranging from 0 to 13.5 percent on these products, with an average of 3 percent. The highest U.S. duties apply to ceramic roofing tiles.

### Tariff Elimination

Tariffs on building product exports will be phased out according to three tariff elimination categories: immediate elimination, equal cuts over five years, and equal cuts over nine years.

Overall, 30 percent of U.S. industrial exports will receive duty-free treatment immediately upon implementation of the agreement. Tariffs on 37 percent of exports will be eliminated over five years. Duties on the remaining 34 percent of U.S. exports will be eliminated over nine years.

Upon implementation of this agreement, the United States will eliminate duties on 96 percent of Moroccan building product exports. The remaining 4 percent will be phased out in nine years.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on Moroccan Imports for Consumption from the United States (Average 1999-2001)

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