

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

Paper and Paper Products

Trade and Tariffs

The paper and paper products sector is defined by the Uruguay Round sectoral initiative on paper. Paper and paper products accounted for 3 percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial exports to Morocco, averaging \$9.9 million.¹ U.S. exports in the sector are led by chemical wood pulp, uncoated Kraft paper, and articles made from paper pulp.

Moroccan tariffs on paper products range from 2.5 to 50 percent, averaging 43 percent. The highest tariffs in this sector apply to major U.S. paper exports such as chemical wood pulp and Kraft paper. Moroccan exports in this sector were minimal, less than 1 percent of Moroccan total non-textile industrial exports to the United States.

The United States, as a party to the Uruguay Round zero-for-zero sectoral agreement on paper, applies duty-free treatment on a MFN basis to these products.

Tariff Elimination

Tariffs will be phased out according to two tariff elimination categories: immediate elimination and equal cuts over nine years.

Overall, 56 percent of U.S. paper exports to Morocco will receive duty-free treatment immediately upon implementation of the agreement. All remaining duties will be phased out over a course of nine years. Kraft paper, chemical wood pulp and articles made from paper pulp are examples of products set for longer staging.

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