

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

Lumber and Wood

Trade and Tariffs

The lumber and wood sector is defined in chapter 44 of the Harmonized Tariff System. Lumber and wood accounted for nearly 0.5 percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial exports to Oman in 2003, totaled \$1.8 million. Top U.S. exports in this sector are wood in the rough, telephone/electrical wooden poles, and wood charcoal.

Oman applies a 5 percent tariff on all lumber and wood products that enter the country.

The United States did not import any lumber or wood products from Oman in 2003.

The United States applies tariffs of 0 to 10.7 percent to these products, with an average tariff of 2 percent.

Tariff Elimination

In industrial goods overall, tariffs will be phased out according to four tariff elimination categories: 1) immediate elimination, 2) equal cuts over 5 years, 3) equal cuts over 10 years and 4) no reduction in rate until January 1 of year ten when the rate goes to zero.

Currently, 64 percent of wood products entering the United States receive duty-free treatment. Upon implementation of the agreement, the remaining 36 percent of lumber and wood products from Oman will receive duty-free treatment immediately.

Upon implementation of the agreement, 100 percent of wood products from the United States will receive immediate duty-free treatment.