

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

Footwear, Leather, and Leather Goods

Trade and Tariffs

The footwear, leather, and leather goods sector is defined by footwear, its components, leather goods, and travel goods. Footwear, leather, and leather goods accounted for approximately \$434,000 or 0.12 percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial exports to Oman in 2003. Top U.S. exports in the sector are metal toecap footwear, leather shoes, and travel cases.

Oman applies a 5 percent tariff on footwear, leather, and travel goods that enter the country.

Oman did not export any footwear, leather, or travel goods to the United States in 2003.

The United States applies tariffs of 0 to 58 percent on products in this sector, with the highest effective tariffs on rubber footwear. The average applied tariff for footwear, leather and leather goods is 16 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.

Footwear

Currently, the United States grants 14 percent of footwear products duty-free treatment. Upon implementation of the agreement, the United States will grant duty-free treatment for an additional 71 percent of footwear products from Oman. The United States will phase out the remaining tariffs on seventeen rubber footwear products over the course of ten years.

Oman currently applies a 5 percent tariff on 100 percent of footwear products. Upon implementation of the agreement Oman will grant 100 percent of imports of footwear products from the United States duty free treatment immediately.

Travel Goods

Only 4 percent of travel goods currently enter the United States duty free. However upon implementation 100 percent of travel goods from Oman will receive immediate duty-free treatment.

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