

U.S.-Oman 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. In 2003 Oman imported approximately \$2.1 million worth of paper and paper products from the United States, which accounted for 0.6 percent of Oman's total non-textile industrial imports from the U.S. Imports in this sector were led by uncoated handmade paper and paperboard, uncoated kraftliner, and pulp.

Oman either applies a duty of 5 percent on imports of paper products or allows the products to enter duty free. The average tariff for the paper and paper products sector is 4.21 percent.

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

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.

100 percent of paper and paper products from the United States and Oman will be duty free immediately following the implementation of the agreement.