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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION**

**TEXTILES AND APPAREL IMPORT REPORT**

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**The Office of Textiles and Apparel reported today that imports of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blends, and non-cotton vegetable fiber textile and apparel products totaled 4,993.3 million square meter equivalents (MSME) in April 2018, an increase of 1.1 percent compared to April 2017. Imports of textiles were 3,006.5 MSME in April 2018, up 1.4 percent from April 2017. Imports of apparel were 1,986.8 MSME in April 2018, up 0.7 percent from April 2017.**

**Imports of textiles and apparel were 20,568.9 MSME for the year-to-date April 2018, an increase of 5.0 percent from year-to-date April 2017. Imports of textiles were 12,037.8 MSME for the year-to-date April 2018, an increase of 7.7 percent from the year-to-date April 2017. Apparel imports for the year-to-date April 2018 were 8,531.0 MSME, up 1.5 percent from the year-to-date April 2017.**

**U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF COTTON, WOOL  
MAN-MADE FIBER, SILK BLEND AND NON-COTTON  
VEGETABLE FIBER TEXTILES AND APPAREL  
DATA IN MILLION SME**

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**TOTAL (TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS)**

|    |    |  |          |
|----|----|--|----------|
| 1. | a. | April Imports .....                            | 4,993.3  |
|    | b. | Percent change: Same month, previous year..... | +1.1     |
| 2. | a. | Year-to-Date Imports.....                      | 20,568.9 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous calendar year .....   | +5.0     |
| 3. | a. | Year Ending Imports.....                       | 65,847.6 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous year ending.....      | +4.0     |

**TEXTILE IMPORTS (YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP AND MISC.)**

|    |    |  |          |
|----|----|--|----------|
| 1. | a. | April Imports .....                            | 3,006.5  |
|    | b. | Percent change: Same month, previous year..... | +1.4     |
| 2. | a. | Year-to-Date Imports.....                      | 12,037.8 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous calendar year .....   | +7.7     |
| 3. | a. | Year Ending Imports.....                       | 38,609.5 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous year ending.....      | +6.7     |

**APPAREL IMPORTS**

|    |    |  |          |
|----|----|--|----------|
| 1. | a. | April Imports .....                            | 1,986.8  |
|    | b. | Percent change: Same month, previous year..... | +0.7     |
| 2. | a. | Year-to-Date Imports.....                      | 8,531.0  |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous calendar year .....   | +1.5     |
| 3. | a. | Year Ending Imports.....                       | 27,238.1 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous year ending.....      | +0.5     |

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## UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS OF COTTON, WOOL, MAN-MADE FIBER, VEGETABLE FIBERS EXCEPT COTTON AND SILK BLEND TEXTILES

(MILLION SQUARE METERS EQUIVALENT)

|                        | Calendar Years |          |        | Apr.    |         |        | Jan.-Apr. |          |        | YE-Apr.  |          |        |
|------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
|                        | 2016           | 2017     | CHANGE | 2017    | 2018    | CHANGE | 2017      | 2018     | CHANGE | 2017     | 2018     | CHANGE |
| <b>MULTIPLE FIBERS</b> |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| TOTAL TRADE            | 62,851.8       | 64,861.9 | 3.2    | 4,938.0 | 4,993.3 | 1.1    | 19,583.1  | 20,568.9 | 5.0    | 63,300.4 | 65,847.6 | 4.0    |
| YARN                   | 2,986.5        | 3,075.4  | 3.0    | 253.6   | 319.6   | 26.0   | 1,023.6   | 1,125.0  | 9.9    | 2,993.2  | 3,176.8  | 6.1    |
| FABRICS                | 12,612.1       | 12,268.2 | -2.7   | 1,062.6 | 1,081.8 | 1.8    | 3,983.0   | 4,173.7  | 4.8    | 12,599.3 | 12,458.9 | -1.1   |
| MADE-UP AND MISC       | 20,348.0       | 22,403.2 | 10.1   | 1,649.5 | 1,605.2 | -2.7   | 6,168.6   | 6,739.1  | 9.2    | 20,608.7 | 22,973.8 | 11.5   |
| NON-APPAREL TOTAL      | 35,946.7       | 37,746.9 | 5.0    | 2,965.8 | 3,006.5 | 1.4    | 11,175.2  | 12,037.8 | 7.7    | 36,201.2 | 38,609.5 | 6.7    |
| APPAREL                | 26,905.1       | 27,115.0 | 0.8    | 1,972.2 | 1,986.8 | 0.7    | 8,408.0   | 8,531.0  | 1.5    | 27,099.1 | 27,238.1 | 0.5    |
| <b>Top Ten</b>         |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| China                  | 30,099.7       | 31,704.5 | 5.3    | 2,247.1 | 2,001.9 | -10.9  | 8,641.8   | 9,104.4  | 5.4    | 30,511.7 | 32,167.1 | 5.4    |
| India                  | 4,816.8        | 5,150.2  | 6.9    | 397.1   | 462.0   | 16.3   | 1,680.4   | 1,797.2  | 6.9    | 4,895.3  | 5,267.0  | 7.6    |
| Vietnam                | 4,479.2        | 4,825.0  | 7.7    | 406.4   | 437.7   | 7.7    | 1,552.0   | 1,607.7  | 3.6    | 4,622.9  | 4,880.7  | 5.6    |
| Pakistan               | 2,478.2        | 2,520.9  | 1.7    | 176.7   | 217.7   | 23.2   | 813.6     | 858.1    | 5.5    | 2,474.8  | 2,565.4  | 3.7    |
| Bangladesh             | 2,193.9        | 2,239.5  | 2.1    | 184.4   | 221.3   | 20.0   | 820.3     | 851.3    | 3.8    | 2,205.8  | 2,270.6  | 2.9    |
| Mexico                 | 2,418.5        | 2,502.6  | 3.5    | 202.6   | 219.2   | 8.2    | 797.3     | 834.2    | 4.6    | 2,428.2  | 2,539.6  | 4.6    |
| Indonesia              | 1,732.4        | 1,623.4  | -6.3   | 140.8   | 150.3   | 6.8    | 594.4     | 574.4    | -3.4   | 1,705.7  | 1,603.4  | -6.0   |
| Korea, South           | 1,547.8        | 1,594.6  | 3.0    | 135.5   | 163.6   | 20.7   | 519.3     | 572.7    | 10.3   | 1,564.3  | 1,648.1  | 5.4    |
| Canada                 | 1,061.8        | 1,079.7  | 1.7    | 88.8    | 101.9   | 14.7   | 340.1     | 393.1    | 15.6   | 1,040.0  | 1,132.7  | 8.9    |
| Cambodia               | 983.5          | 1,010.6  | 2.7    | 77.0    | 91.1    | 18.3   | 326.8     | 383.8    | 17.4   | 980.3    | 1,067.6  | 8.9    |

## UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS OF COTTON, WOOL, MAN-MADE FIBER, VEGETABLE FIBERS EXCEPT COTTON AND SILK BLEND TEXTILES

(MILLION SQUARE METERS EQUIVALENT)

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
|                                   | 2016           | 2017     | CHANGE | 2017    | 2018    | CHANGE | 2017      | 2018     | CHANGE | 2017     | 2018     | CHANGE |
| <b>COTTON</b>                     |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| TOTAL TRADE                       | 18,963.2       | 18,837.3 | -0.7   | 1,421.2 | 1,457.4 | 2.5    | 6,022.0   | 6,137.5  | 1.9    | 18,972.4 | 18,952.8 | -0.1   |
| YARN                              | 313.1          | 286.8    | -8.4   | 24.0    | 26.8    | 12.0   | 96.4      | 105.8    | 9.8    | 306.9    | 296.3    | -3.5   |
| FABRICS                           | 1,380.4        | 1,396.8  | 1.2    | 100.8   | 108.8   | 7.9    | 426.4     | 464.3    | 8.9    | 1,395.9  | 1,434.7  | 2.8    |
| MADE-UP AND MISC                  | 5,501.8        | 5,690.9  | 3.4    | 440.1   | 442.7   | 0.6    | 1,811.0   | 1,858.4  | 2.6    | 5,573.9  | 5,738.4  | 2.9    |
| NON-APPAREL TOTAL                 | 7,195.4        | 7,374.6  | 2.5    | 564.9   | 578.3   | 2.4    | 2,333.8   | 2,428.5  | 4.1    | 7,276.8  | 7,469.4  | 2.6    |
| APPAREL                           | 11,767.8       | 11,462.7 | -2.6   | 856.3   | 879.0   | 2.7    | 3,688.3   | 3,709.0  | 0.6    | 11,695.5 | 11,483.4 | -1.8   |
| <b>WOOL</b>                       |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| TOTAL TRADE                       | 268.1          | 240.9    | -10.2  | 12.1    | 12.1    | 0.1    | 52.8      | 54.6     | 3.4    | 263.6    | 242.7    | -7.9   |
| YARN                              | 26.9           | 24.3     | -9.5   | 1.8     | 1.6     | -9.8   | 7.8       | 7.2      | -6.7   | 25.7     | 23.8     | -7.2   |
| FABRICS                           | 17.7           | 16.9     | -4.9   | 1.4     | 1.6     | 14.5   | 5.4       | 5.6      | 3.5    | 17.4     | 17.1     | -1.7   |
| MADE-UP AND MISC                  | 31.8           | 31.7     | -0.3   | 2.6     | 2.5     | -5.1   | 9.8       | 10.2     | 4.1    | 31.5     | 32.1     | 1.9    |
| NON-APPAREL TOTAL                 | 76.4           | 72.9     | -4.6   | 5.8     | 5.7     | -1.8   | 23.0      | 23.1     | 0.4    | 74.5     | 73.0     | -2.1   |
| APPAREL                           | 191.7          | 168.0    | -12.4  | 6.3     | 6.4     | 1.8    | 29.8      | 31.5     | 5.8    | 189.0    | 169.7    | -10.2  |
| <b>MAN-MADE-FIBER</b>             |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| TOTAL TRADE                       | 42,790.7       | 44,907.7 | 4.9    | 3,420.4 | 3,437.9 | 0.5    | 13,175.9  | 14,027.1 | 6.5    | 43,252.0 | 45,758.9 | 5.8    |
| YARN                              | 2,642.1        | 2,758.8  | 4.4    | 227.7   | 290.7   | 27.6   | 918.2     | 1,010.8  | 10.1   | 2,656.2  | 2,851.4  | 7.3    |
| FABRICS                           | 11,187.2       | 10,828.0 | -3.2   | 958.4   | 969.9   | 1.2    | 3,542.8   | 3,694.8  | 4.3    | 11,159.7 | 10,979.9 | -1.6   |
| MADE-UP AND MISC                  | 14,325.2       | 16,145.3 | 12.7   | 1,162.0 | 1,111.4 | -4.4   | 4,163.6   | 4,664.0  | 12.0   | 14,527.3 | 16,645.7 | 14.6   |
| NON-APPAREL TOTAL                 | 28,154.5       | 29,732.1 | 5.6    | 2,348.1 | 2,372.0 | 1.0    | 8,624.7   | 9,369.6  | 8.6    | 28,343.2 | 30,477.1 | 7.5    |
| APPAREL                           | 14,636.2       | 15,175.5 | 3.7    | 1,072.3 | 1,065.9 | -0.6   | 4,551.2   | 4,657.5  | 2.3    | 14,908.9 | 15,281.8 | 2.5    |
| <b>VEG FB EX COT &amp; SILK B</b> |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| TOTAL TRADE                       | 829.8          | 876.0    | 5.6    | 84.4    | 86.0    | 1.8    | 332.4     | 349.6    | 5.2    | 812.4    | 893.2    | 9.9    |
| YARN                              | 4.4            | 5.4      | 22.7   | 0.2     | 0.4     | 142.8  | 1.3       | 1.2      | -8.9   | 4.4      | 5.3      | 20.5   |
| FABRICS                           | 26.8           | 26.5     | -0.9   | 2.0     | 1.5     | -26.0  | 8.3       | 9.0      | 8.5    | 26.3     | 27.3     | 3.5    |
| MADE-UP AND MISC                  | 489.1          | 535.2    | 9.4    | 44.8    | 48.6    | 8.3    | 184.2     | 206.5    | 12.1   | 476.0    | 557.5    | 17.1   |
| NON-APPAREL TOTAL                 | 520.3          | 567.2    | 9.0    | 47.1    | 50.5    | 7.4    | 193.7     | 216.6    | 11.8   | 506.7    | 590.1    | 16.5   |
| APPAREL                           | 309.5          | 308.8    | -0.2   | 37.4    | 35.4    | -5.1   | 138.7     | 133.0    | -4.1   | 305.7    | 303.1    | -0.8   |

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