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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 4,227.9 million square meter equivalents (MSME) in March 2016, a decline of 22.2 percent compared to March 2015. Imports of textiles were 2,436.8 MSME in March 2016, down 23.0 percent from March 2015. Imports of apparel were 1,791.0 MSME in March 2016, down 21.2 percent from March 2015.

Imports of textiles and apparel were 14,500.0 MSME for the year-to-date March 2016, a decline of 0.4 percent from year-to-date March 2015. Imports of textiles were 8,156.3 MSME for the year-to-date March 2016, a decline of 1.1 percent from the year-to-date March 2015. Apparel imports for the year-to-date March 2016 were 6,343.7 MSME, up. 0.6 percent from the year-to-date March 2015.

**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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March 2016

TOTAL (TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS)

1.	a.	March Imports	4,227.9
	b.	Percent change: Same month, previous year	- 22.2
2.	a.	Year-to-Date Imports.....	14,500.0
	b.	Percent change: Previous calendar year	- 0.4
3.	a.	Year Ending Imports	63,466.1
	b.	Percent change: Previous year ending	+5.1

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

1.	a.	March Imports	2,436.8
	b.	Percent change: Same month, previous year	- 23.0
2.	a.	Year-to-Date Imports.....	8,156.3
	b.	Percent change: Previous calendar year	- 1.1
3.	a.	Year Ending Imports	36,214.1
	b.	Percent change: Previous year ending	+5.4

APPAREL IMPORTS

1.	a.	March Imports	1,791.0
	b.	Percent change: Same month, previous year	- 21.2
2.	a.	Year-to-Date Imports.....	6,343.7
	b.	Percent change: Previous calendar year	+0.6
3.	a.	Year Ending Imports	27,252.0
	b.	Percent change: Previous year ending	+4.8

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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			Mar.			Jan.-Mar.			YE-Mar.		
	2014	2015	CHANGE	2015	2016	CHANGE	2015	2016	CHANGE	2015	2016	CHANGE
MULTIPLE FIBERS												
TOTAL TRADE	59,373.2	63,523.9	7.0	5,436.1	4,227.9	-22.2	14,557.8	14,500.0	-0.4	60,372.8	63,466.1	5.1
YARN	2,952.4	3,151.8	6.8	307.6	276.0	-10.3	784.1	764.2	-2.5	3,034.3	3,131.9	3.2
FABRICS	11,225.6	11,988.4	6.8	1,076.7	914.6	-15.1	2,847.5	2,942.1	3.3	11,410.4	12,083.0	5.9
MADE-UP AND MISC	19,549.5	21,168.0	8.3	1,778.9	1,246.2	-29.9	4,618.8	4,449.9	-3.7	19,921.3	20,999.2	5.4
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	33,727.5	36,308.2	7.7	3,163.2	2,436.8	-23.0	8,250.3	8,156.3	-1.1	34,366.0	36,214.1	5.4
APPAREL	25,645.7	27,215.7	6.1	2,272.9	1,791.0	-21.2	6,307.4	6,343.7	0.6	26,006.8	27,252.0	4.8
Top Ten												
China	28,569.5	30,868.4	8.0	2,404.2	1,391.1	-42.1	6,637.3	6,305.0	-5.0	29,284.0	30,536.1	4.3
India	4,259.1	4,564.2	7.2	436.2	442.5	1.4	1,149.6	1,199.6	4.3	4,365.4	4,614.1	5.7
Vietnam	3,983.0	4,368.6	9.7	399.8	309.4	-22.6	1,033.4	1,069.4	3.5	4,039.8	4,404.6	9.0
Bangladesh	1,888.2	2,196.4	16.3	219.6	219.3	-0.1	572.3	621.7	8.6	1,929.0	2,245.9	16.4
Pakistan	2,517.0	2,642.1	5.0	220.8	214.5	-2.9	621.9	619.4	-0.4	2,491.2	2,639.6	6.0
Mexico	2,495.0	2,367.8	-5.1	216.4	207.3	-4.2	593.9	573.8	-3.4	2,509.5	2,347.7	-6.4
Indonesia	1,713.9	1,767.0	3.1	180.3	157.9	-12.4	457.5	474.9	3.8	1,682.3	1,784.5	6.1
Korea, South	1,368.2	1,473.8	7.7	148.0	141.8	-4.2	350.4	378.5	8.0	1,391.7	1,501.9	7.9
Canada	1,015.4	1,062.1	4.6	88.0	90.9	3.3	243.1	266.9	9.8	1,015.9	1,085.9	6.9
Cambodia	1,087.4	1,133.9	4.3	120.7	79.2	-34.4	279.9	257.7	-8.0	1,071.0	1,111.6	3.8

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(MILLION SQUARE METERS EQUIVALENT)

	Calendar Years			Mar.			Jan.-Mar.			YE-Mar.		
	2014	2015	CHANGE	2015	2016	CHANGE	2015	2016	CHANGE	2015	2016	CHANGE
COTTON												
TOTAL TRADE	18,878.8	19,467.6	3.1	1,706.7	1,392.7	-18.4	4,627.5	4,588.4	-0.8	18,894.9	19,428.5	2.8
YARN	357.8	340.3	-4.9	34.0	25.5	-25.0	80.1	77.3	-3.5	347.6	337.5	-2.9
FABRICS	1,298.0	1,356.9	4.5	114.1	98.1	-14.0	302.8	305.2	0.8	1,307.6	1,359.3	4.0
MADE-UP AND MISC	5,191.1	5,525.4	6.4	487.7	413.8	-15.2	1,279.5	1,310.6	2.4	5,212.5	5,556.5	6.6
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	6,846.8	7,222.6	5.5	635.8	537.4	-15.5	1,662.3	1,693.0	1.9	6,867.7	7,253.4	5.6
APPAREL	12,032.0	12,245.1	1.8	1,070.9	855.3	-20.1	2,965.3	2,895.3	-2.4	12,027.2	12,175.1	1.2
WOOL												
TOTAL TRADE	305.4	297.4	-2.6	16.3	13.7	-16.0	43.5	43.6	0.3	305.6	297.5	-2.6
YARN	30.6	31.8	3.8	2.8	2.1	-24.8	7.4	6.5	-12.7	31.1	30.8	-0.9
FABRICS	19.6	21.5	9.6	1.7	1.5	-10.4	4.3	4.5	4.8	19.4	21.7	11.4
MADE-UP AND MISC	32.0	30.4	-5.0	2.5	2.6	4.9	6.7	7.6	12.8	31.3	31.2	-0.2
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	82.1	83.6	1.7	7.0	6.3	-10.6	18.5	18.6	0.7	81.8	83.7	2.3
APPAREL	223.2	213.8	-4.2	9.3	7.4	-20.0	25.0	25.0	0.0	223.8	213.9	-4.4
MAN-MADE-FIBER												
TOTAL TRADE	39,399.1	42,965.1	9.1	3,629.5	2,738.8	-24.5	9,667.4	9,597.4	-0.7	40,376.0	42,895.2	6.2
YARN	2,560.5	2,775.1	8.4	270.2	248.3	-8.1	695.1	679.3	-2.3	2,651.4	2,759.3	4.1
FABRICS	9,878.8	10,578.6	7.1	958.4	813.3	-15.1	2,531.6	2,625.2	3.7	10,052.9	10,672.3	6.2
MADE-UP AND MISC	13,865.0	15,164.6	9.4	1,248.8	780.2	-37.5	3,223.9	2,977.1	-7.7	14,217.3	14,917.7	4.9
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	26,304.3	28,518.3	8.4	2,477.4	1,841.8	-25.7	6,450.6	6,281.6	-2.6	26,921.5	28,349.3	5.3
APPAREL	13,094.8	14,446.9	10.3	1,152.1	897.0	-22.1	3,216.8	3,315.8	3.1	13,454.5	14,545.9	8.1
VEG FB EX COT & SLK B												
TOTAL TRADE	789.9	793.7	0.5	83.7	82.7	-1.2	219.4	270.6	23.3	796.4	844.9	6.1
YARN	3.4	4.6	34.3	0.7	0.2	-77.2	1.4	1.1	-21.9	4.2	4.3	3.0
FABRICS	29.2	31.4	7.5	2.5	1.6	-37.4	8.8	7.2	-18.8	30.5	29.8	-2.4
MADE-UP AND MISC	461.5	447.7	-3.0	39.9	49.6	24.3	108.7	154.7	42.3	460.3	493.7	7.3
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	494.2	483.8	-2.1	43.1	51.3	19.1	118.9	163.0	37.0	495.0	527.8	6.6
APPAREL	295.7	309.9	4.8	40.6	31.4	-22.8	100.4	107.6	7.1	301.4	317.1	5.2

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