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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 4,682.3 million square meter equivalents (MSME) in March 2018, an increase of 4.7 percent compared to March 2017. Imports of textiles were 2,833.5 MSME in March 2018, up 11.4 percent from March 2017. Imports of apparel were 1,848.8 MSME in March 2018, down 4.3 percent from March 2017.

Imports of textiles and apparel were 15,577.6 MSME for the year-to-date March 2018, an increase of 6.4 percent from year-to-date March 2017. Imports of textiles were 9,031.7 MSME for the year-to-date March 2018, an increase of 10.0 percent from the year-to-date March 2017. Apparel imports for the year-to-date March 2018 were 6,545.9 MSME, up 1.7 percent from the year-to-date March 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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March 2018

TOTAL (TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS)

1.	a.	March Imports.....	4,682.3
	b.	Percent change: Same month, previous year.....	+4.7
2.	a.	Year-to-Date Imports.....	15,577.6
	b.	Percent change: Previous calendar year.....	+6.4
3.	a.	Year Ending Imports.....	65,795.9
	b.	Percent change: Previous year ending.....	+4.4

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

1.	a.	March Imports.....	2,833.5
	b.	Percent change: Same month, previous year.....	+11.4
2.	a.	Year-to-Date Imports.....	9,031.7
	b.	Percent change: Previous calendar year.....	+10.0
3.	a.	Year Ending Imports.....	38,571.6
	b.	Percent change: Previous year ending.....	+7.1

APPAREL IMPORTS

1.	a.	March Imports.....	1,848.8
	b.	Percent change: Same month, previous year.....	- 4.3
2.	a.	Year-to-Date Imports.....	6,545.9
	b.	Percent change: Previous calendar year.....	+1.7
3.	a.	Year Ending Imports.....	27,224.3
	b.	Percent change: Previous year ending.....	+0.8

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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.		
	2016	2017	CHANGE	2017	2018	CHANGE	2017	2018	CHANGE	2017	2018	CHANGE
MULTIPLE FIBERS												
TOTAL TRADE	62,850.3	64,865.5	3.2	4,473.9	4,682.3	4.7	14,647.1	15,577.6	6.4	63,025.6	65,795.9	4.4
YARN	2,986.5	3,075.4	3.0	270.0	267.9	-0.8	770.0	805.4	4.6	2,992.8	3,110.8	3.9
FABRICS	12,612.0	12,268.0	-2.7	904.3	995.4	10.1	2,920.0	3,091.4	5.9	12,589.7	12,439.4	-1.2
MADE-UP AND MISC	20,346.4	22,408.0	10.1	1,368.2	1,570.1	14.8	4,521.4	5,134.9	13.6	20,435.4	23,021.4	12.7
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	35,944.9	37,751.4	5.0	2,542.5	2,833.5	11.4	8,211.4	9,031.7	10.0	36,017.9	38,571.6	7.1
APPAREL	26,905.3	27,114.1	0.8	1,931.4	1,848.8	-4.3	6,435.8	6,545.9	1.7	27,007.7	27,224.3	0.8
Top Ten												
China	30,098.5	31,703.3	5.3	1,583.4	1,808.1	14.2	6,394.4	7,103.1	11.1	30,214.3	32,411.9	7.3
India	4,816.8	5,150.3	6.9	466.8	475.2	1.8	1,283.3	1,334.7	4.0	4,901.5	5,201.7	6.1
Vietnam	4,479.1	4,825.0	7.7	344.4	345.6	0.3	1,145.6	1,170.9	2.2	4,555.7	4,850.3	6.5
Pakistan	2,478.2	2,520.9	1.7	221.9	218.8	-1.4	636.9	640.7	0.6	2,496.0	2,524.7	1.1
Bangladesh	2,193.9	2,239.6	2.1	219.7	201.3	-8.4	635.9	630.2	-0.9	2,208.6	2,233.8	1.1
Mexico	2,418.5	2,506.5	3.6	218.2	221.4	1.4	596.8	615.0	3.1	2,441.9	2,524.8	3.4
Indonesia	1,732.4	1,623.5	-6.3	157.6	133.8	-15.1	453.7	423.9	-6.6	1,710.8	1,593.6	-6.8
Korea, South	1,547.8	1,594.9	3.0	141.1	158.1	12.1	383.9	409.1	6.6	1,553.1	1,620.1	4.3
Cambodia	983.5	1,010.6	2.7	82.4	83.7	1.6	249.8	292.7	17.2	975.9	1,053.5	8.0
Canada	1,061.8	1,079.9	1.7	88.8	104.9	18.2	251.2	291.1	15.9	1,045.7	1,119.7	7.1

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(MILLION SQUARE METERS EQUIVALENT)

	Calendar Years			Mar.			Jan.-Mar.			YE-Mar.		
	2016	2017	CHANGE	2017	2018	CHANGE	2017	2018	CHANGE	2017	2018	CHANGE
COTTON												
TOTAL TRADE	18,963.4	18,838.1	-0.7	1,480.1	1,425.0	-3.7	4,600.9	4,680.5	1.7	18,981.3	18,917.7	-0.3
YARN	313.1	286.8	-8.4	27.3	25.7	-5.7	72.4	79.0	9.1	308.3	293.4	-4.8
FABRICS	1,380.4	1,397.1	1.2	98.7	111.4	12.9	325.6	355.6	9.2	1,401.3	1,427.1	1.8
MADE-UP AND MISC	5,501.8	5,691.0	3.4	453.9	473.1	4.2	1,370.9	1,415.8	3.3	5,564.2	5,735.9	3.1
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	7,195.4	7,374.9	2.5	579.9	610.2	5.2	1,769.9	1,850.4	4.6	7,273.8	7,456.5	2.5
APPAREL	11,768.0	11,463.2	-2.6	900.3	814.9	-9.5	2,832.0	2,830.0	-0.1	11,707.6	11,461.3	-2.1
WOOL												
TOTAL TRADE	268.2	240.9	-10.2	13.5	13.7	1.4	40.7	42.5	4.4	265.4	242.7	-8.6
YARN	26.9	24.3	-9.5	2.3	2.0	-11.8	6.0	5.6	-5.7	26.4	24.0	-9.1
FABRICS	17.7	16.9	-4.9	1.6	1.5	-4.1	4.0	4.0	-0.3	17.2	16.9	-2.3
MADE-UP AND MISC	31.8	31.7	-0.3	2.5	2.8	10.9	7.2	7.8	7.5	31.4	32.3	2.7
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	76.4	72.9	-4.6	6.3	6.3	-1.0	17.3	17.4	1.1	75.1	73.1	-2.6
APPAREL	191.8	167.9	-12.4	7.2	7.4	3.5	23.5	25.1	6.9	190.3	169.6	-10.9
MAN-MADE-FIBER												
TOTAL TRADE	42,788.8	44,910.3	5.0	2,898.5	3,161.9	9.1	9,757.5	10,590.9	8.5	42,970.8	45,743.7	6.5
YARN	2,642.1	2,758.8	4.4	240.1	240.0	-0.1	690.5	720.0	4.3	2,653.7	2,788.4	5.1
FABRICS	11,187.0	10,827.4	-3.2	802.4	880.5	9.7	2,584.1	2,724.2	5.4	11,145.4	10,967.6	-1.6
MADE-UP AND MISC	14,323.7	16,150.0	12.8	864.0	1,048.6	21.4	3,004.0	3,553.5	18.3	14,365.3	16,699.5	16.2
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	28,152.8	29,736.3	5.6	1,906.6	2,169.0	13.8	6,278.6	6,997.7	11.5	28,164.4	30,455.4	8.1
APPAREL	14,636.1	15,174.1	3.7	991.9	992.9	0.1	3,479.0	3,593.2	3.3	14,806.4	15,288.3	3.3
VEG FB EX COT & SLK B												
TOTAL TRADE	829.8	876.2	5.6	81.7	81.6	-0.1	248.0	263.7	6.3	808.1	891.9	10.4
YARN	4.4	5.4	22.7	0.3	0.2	-12.3	1.1	0.7	-33.9	4.4	5.1	15.1
FABRICS	26.8	26.6	-0.9	1.7	2.1	24.2	6.2	7.5	19.9	25.8	27.8	7.8
MADE-UP AND MISC	489.1	535.3	9.4	47.8	45.7	-4.3	139.3	157.9	13.3	474.5	553.8	16.7
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	520.3	567.3	9.0	49.7	48.0	-3.4	146.7	166.1	13.2	504.7	586.7	16.2
APPAREL	309.4	308.9	-0.2	32.0	33.6	5.0	101.3	97.6	-3.7	303.4	305.2	0.6

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