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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 5,436.1 million square meter equivalents (MSME) in March 2015, an increase of 30.7 percent compared to March 2014. Imports of textiles were 3,163.3 MSME in March 2015, up 35.5 percent from March 2014. Imports of apparel were 2,272.9 MSME in March 2015, up 24.5 percent from March 2014.

Imports of textiles and apparel were 14,557.7 MSME for the year-to-date March 2015, an increase of 7.4 percent from year-to-date March 2014. Imports of textiles were 8,250.4 MSME for the year-to-date March 2015, an increase of 8.4 percent from the year-to-date March 2014. Apparel imports for the year-to-date March 2015 were 6,307.4 MSME, up 6.1 percent from the year-to-date March 2014.

**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 2015

TOTAL (TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS)

1.	a.	March Imports	5,436.1
	b.	Percent change: Same month, previous year	+30.7
2.	a.	Year-to-Date Imports.....	14,557.7
	b.	Percent change: Previous calendar year	+7.4
3.	a.	Year Ending Imports	60,372.7
	b.	Percent change: Previous year ending	+5.7

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

1.	a.	March Imports	3,163.3
	b.	Percent change: Same month, previous year	+35.5
2.	a.	Year-to-Date Imports.....	8,250.4
	b.	Percent change: Previous calendar year	+8.4
3.	a.	Year Ending Imports	34,366.0
	b.	Percent change: Previous year ending	+6.8

APPAREL IMPORTS

1.	a.	March Imports	2,272.9
	b.	Percent change: Same month, previous year	+24.5
2.	a.	Year-to-Date Imports.....	6,307.4
	b.	Percent change: Previous calendar year	+6.1
3.	a.	Year Ending Imports	26,006.8
	b.	Percent change: Previous year ending	+4.2

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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.		
	2013	2014	CHANGE	2014	2015	CHANGE	2014	2015	CHANGE	2014	2015	CHANGE
MULTIPLE FIBERS												
TOTAL TRADE	56,527.5	59,373.2	5.0	4,160.8	5,436.1	30.7	13,558.2	14,557.7	7.4	57,134.1	60,372.7	5.7
YARN	2,836.5	2,952.4	4.1	260.0	307.6	18.3	702.2	784.1	11.7	2,803.2	3,034.3	8.2
FABRICS	10,189.6	11,225.6	10.2	818.1	1,076.7	31.6	2,662.7	2,847.5	6.9	10,463.2	11,410.4	9.1
MADE-UP AND MISC	18,663.0	19,549.5	4.8	1,257.2	1,778.9	41.5	4,247.0	4,618.8	8.8	18,910.1	19,921.3	5.3
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	31,689.0	33,727.5	6.4	2,335.2	3,163.3	35.5	7,611.9	8,250.4	8.4	32,176.5	34,366.0	6.8
APPAREL	24,838.5	25,645.6	3.2	1,825.6	2,272.9	24.5	5,946.3	6,307.4	6.1	24,957.6	26,006.8	4.2
Top Ten												
China	27,117.3	28,569.5	5.4	1,485.8	2,404.2	61.8	5,922.8	6,637.4	12.1	27,417.7	29,284.1	6.8
India	3,730.1	4,259.1	14.2	361.3	436.2	20.7	1,043.4	1,149.6	10.2	3,858.8	4,365.4	13.1
Vietnam	3,602.5	3,983.0	10.6	308.7	399.8	29.5	976.7	1,033.4	5.8	3,686.3	4,039.8	9.6
Pakistan	2,479.9	2,517.0	1.5	215.7	220.8	2.4	647.8	621.9	-4.0	2,518.3	2,491.1	-1.1
Mexico	2,407.4	2,495.0	3.6	203.5	216.4	6.3	579.4	593.9	2.5	2,421.2	2,509.5	3.6
Bangladesh	1,944.6	1,888.2	-2.9	180.3	219.6	21.8	531.5	572.3	7.7	1,938.0	1,929.0	-0.5
Indonesia	1,726.2	1,713.9	-0.7	179.2	180.3	0.6	489.1	457.5	-6.5	1,728.7	1,682.3	-2.7
Korea, South	1,328.5	1,368.2	3.0	115.0	148.0	28.6	326.9	350.4	7.2	1,336.9	1,391.7	4.1
Cambodia	1,131.5	1,087.4	-3.9	112.9	120.7	6.9	296.4	279.9	-5.6	1,134.1	1,071.0	-5.6
Honduras	1,100.7	1,122.0	1.9	94.1	102.0	8.5	250.3	264.3	5.6	1,109.0	1,135.9	2.4

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.		
	2013	2014	CHANGE	2014	2015	CHANGE	2014	2015	CHANGE	2014	2015	CHANGE
COTTON												
TOTAL TRADE	19,097.0	18,878.8	-1.1	1,442.6	1,706.7	18.3	4,611.5	4,627.6	0.3	19,073.7	18,894.9	-0.9
YARN	316.6	357.8	13.0	34.3	34.0	-0.8	90.3	80.1	-11.3	317.9	347.6	9.4
FABRICS	1,239.2	1,298.0	4.7	85.7	114.1	33.1	293.2	302.8	3.3	1,251.3	1,307.6	4.5
MADE-UP AND MISC	5,246.8	5,191.1	-1.1	377.5	487.7	29.2	1,258.0	1,279.4	1.7	5,266.2	5,212.5	-1.0
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	6,802.7	6,846.8	0.6	497.5	635.8	27.8	1,641.4	1,662.3	1.3	6,835.4	6,867.6	0.5
APPAREL	12,294.3	12,032.0	-2.1	945.1	1,070.9	13.3	2,970.0	2,965.3	-0.2	12,238.3	12,027.3	-1.7
WOOL												
TOTAL TRADE	294.3	305.4	3.8	14.3	16.3	14.2	43.3	43.5	0.5	295.4	305.6	3.4
YARN	31.3	30.6	-2.3	2.6	2.8	5.2	6.9	7.4	7.0	30.3	31.1	2.6
FABRICS	19.0	19.6	3.1	1.6	1.7	9.7	4.5	4.3	-3.1	18.6	19.4	4.7
MADE-UP AND MISC	27.7	32.0	15.5	2.5	2.5	-1.6	7.4	6.7	-9.1	28.6	31.3	9.2
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	78.0	82.1	5.3	6.8	7.0	3.7	18.8	18.5	-1.8	77.5	81.8	5.6
APPAREL	216.3	223.2	3.2	7.5	9.3	23.6	24.4	25.0	2.2	217.9	223.8	2.7
MAN-MADE-FIBER												
TOTAL TRADE	36,484.7	39,399.1	8.0	2,632.4	3,629.5	37.9	8,690.5	9,667.3	11.2	37,076.7	40,375.9	8.9
YARN	2,484.9	2,560.5	3.0	222.8	270.2	21.2	604.3	695.1	15.0	2,451.5	2,651.4	8.2
FABRICS	8,903.3	9,878.8	11.0	728.6	958.4	31.5	2,357.5	2,531.6	7.4	9,164.4	10,052.9	9.7
MADE-UP AND MISC	13,060.0	13,865.0	6.2	838.7	1,248.8	48.9	2,871.6	3,223.9	12.3	13,247.8	14,217.3	7.3
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	24,448.2	26,304.3	7.6	1,790.2	2,477.4	38.4	5,833.4	6,450.6	10.6	24,863.7	26,921.5	8.3
APPAREL	12,036.5	13,094.8	8.8	842.2	1,152.1	36.8	2,857.1	3,216.7	12.6	12,213.1	13,454.3	10.2
VEG FB EX COT & SLK B												
TOTAL TRADE	651.5	789.9	21.2	71.6	83.7	16.9	212.9	219.4	3.1	688.3	796.4	15.7
YARN	3.7	3.4	-6.8	0.2	0.7	262.0	0.7	1.4	109.5	3.5	4.2	18.8
FABRICS	28.0	29.2	4.3	2.2	2.5	15.9	7.6	8.8	16.8	28.9	30.5	5.6
MADE-UP AND MISC	328.5	461.5	40.5	38.4	39.9	3.8	109.9	108.7	-1.1	367.5	460.3	25.3
NON-APPAREL TOTAL	360.2	494.2	37.2	40.8	43.1	5.6	118.2	119.0	0.7	399.9	495.0	23.8
APPAREL	291.3	295.7	1.5	30.8	40.6	31.9	94.7	100.4	6.0	288.3	301.4	4.5

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