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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 5,833.1 million square meter equivalents (MSME) in September 2015, an increase of 4.7 percent compared to September 2014. Imports of textiles were 3,144.3 MSME in September 2015, up 4.5 percent from September 2014. Imports of apparel were 2,688.8 MSME in September 2015, up 4.8 percent from September 2014.

Imports of textiles and apparel were 48,430.8 MSME for the year-to-date September 2015, an increase of 8.9 percent from year-to-date September 2014. Imports of textiles were 27,686.2 MSME for the year-to-date September 2015, an increase of 10.6 percent from the year-to-date September 2014. Apparel imports for the year-to-date September 2015 were 20,744.6 MSME, up 6.8 percent from the year-to-date September 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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September 2015

**TOTAL (TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS)**

|    |    |   |          |
|----|----|---|----------|
| 1. | a. | September Imports .....                         | 5,833.1  |
|    | b. | Percent change: Same month, previous year ..... | +4.7     |
| 2. | a. | Year-to-Date Imports.....                       | 48,430.8 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous calendar year .....    | +8.9     |
| 3. | a. | Year Ending Imports.....                        | 63,340.4 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous year ending .....      | +8.5     |

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

|    |    |   |          |
|----|----|---|----------|
| 1. | a. | September Imports .....                         | 3,144.3  |
|    | b. | Percent change: Same month, previous year ..... | +4.5     |
| 2. | a. | Year-to-Date Imports.....                       | 27,686.2 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous calendar year .....    | +10.6    |
| 3. | a. | Year Ending Imports.....                        | 36,382.1 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous year ending .....      | +10.4    |

**APPAREL IMPORTS**

|    |    |   |          |
|----|----|---|----------|
| 1. | a. | September Imports .....                         | 2,688.8  |
|    | b. | Percent change: Same month, previous year ..... | +4.8     |
| 2. | a. | Year-to-Date Imports.....                       | 20,744.6 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous calendar year .....    | +6.8     |
| 3. | a. | Year Ending Imports.....                        | 26,958.4 |
|    | b. | Percent change: Previous year ending .....      | +6.1     |

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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 |          |        | Sep.    |         |        | Jan.-Sep. |          |        | YE-Sep.  |          |        |
|------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
|                        | 2013           | 2014     | CHANGE | 2014    | 2015    | CHANGE | 2014      | 2015     | CHANGE | 2014     | 2015     | CHANGE |
| <b>MULTIPLE FIBERS</b> |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| TOTAL TRADE            | 56,527.5       | 59,373.2 | 5.0    | 5,572.6 | 5,833.1 | 4.7    | 44,463.5  | 48,430.8 | 8.9    | 58,371.3 | 63,340.4 | 8.5    |
| YARN                   | 2,836.5        | 2,952.4  | 4.1    | 235.1   | 232.5   | -1.1   | 2,190.0   | 2,454.2  | 12.1   | 2,822.9  | 3,216.6  | 13.9   |
| FABRICS                | 10,189.6       | 11,225.6 | 10.2   | 952.3   | 922.8   | -3.1   | 8,440.9   | 9,126.2  | 8.1    | 10,948.3 | 11,910.8 | 8.8    |
| MADE-UP AND MISC       | 18,663.0       | 19,549.5 | 4.8    | 1,820.5 | 1,989.0 | 9.3    | 14,400.7  | 16,105.8 | 11.8   | 19,180.8 | 21,254.7 | 10.8   |
| NON-APPAREL TOTAL      | 31,689.0       | 33,727.5 | 6.4    | 3,007.9 | 3,144.3 | 4.5    | 25,031.7  | 27,686.2 | 10.6   | 32,951.9 | 36,382.1 | 10.4   |
| APPAREL                | 24,838.5       | 25,645.7 | 3.2    | 2,564.7 | 2,688.8 | 4.8    | 19,431.9  | 20,744.6 | 6.8    | 25,419.4 | 26,958.4 | 6.1    |
| <b>Top Ten</b>         |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| China                  | 27,117.3       | 28,569.5 | 5.4    | 2,999.3 | 3,104.7 | 3.5    | 21,244.9  | 23,599.8 | 11.1   | 28,088.3 | 30,924.5 | 10.1   |
| India                  | 3,730.1        | 4,259.1  | 14.2   | 349.2   | 386.7   | 10.7   | 3,159.6   | 3,483.8  | 10.3   | 4,125.3  | 4,583.4  | 11.1   |
| Vietnam                | 3,602.5        | 3,983.0  | 10.6   | 372.0   | 387.8   | 4.2    | 2,990.0   | 3,303.3  | 10.5   | 3,875.0  | 4,296.4  | 10.9   |
| Pakistan               | 2,479.9        | 2,517.0  | 1.5    | 174.1   | 220.4   | 26.6   | 1,908.3   | 1,971.6  | 3.3    | 2,494.0  | 2,580.3  | 3.5    |
| Mexico                 | 2,407.4        | 2,495.0  | 3.6    | 215.8   | 191.5   | -11.3  | 1,876.0   | 1,816.9  | -3.1   | 2,452.7  | 2,435.9  | -0.7   |
| Bangladesh             | 1,944.6        | 1,888.2  | -2.9   | 123.7   | 170.4   | 37.8   | 1,500.2   | 1,709.8  | 14.0   | 1,911.4  | 2,097.8  | 9.8    |
| Indonesia              | 1,726.2        | 1,713.9  | -0.7   | 123.6   | 137.6   | 11.3   | 1,305.9   | 1,359.9  | 4.1    | 1,695.2  | 1,767.9  | 4.3    |
| Korea, South           | 1,328.5        | 1,368.2  | 3.0    | 110.5   | 114.7   | 3.8    | 1,008.6   | 1,132.2  | 12.3   | 1,323.1  | 1,491.8  | 12.7   |
| Cambodia               | 1,131.5        | 1,087.4  | -3.9   | 117.7   | 119.4   | 1.4    | 829.8     | 878.5    | 5.9    | 1,099.0  | 1,136.2  | 3.4    |
| Honduras               | 1,100.7        | 1,122.0  | 1.9    | 109.4   | 103.0   | -5.8   | 832.5     | 858.5    | 3.1    | 1,107.3  | 1,148.0  | 3.7    |

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

(MILLION SQUARE METERS EQUIVALENT)

|                                  | Calendar Years |          |        | Sep.    |         |        | Jan.-Sep. |          |        | YE-Sep.  |          |        |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
|                                  | 2013           | 2014     | CHANGE | 2014    | 2015    | CHANGE | 2014      | 2015     | CHANGE | 2014     | 2015     | CHANGE |
| <b>COTTON</b>                    |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| TOTAL TRADE                      | 19,097.0       | 18,878.8 | -1.1   | 1,609.7 | 1,691.8 | 5.1    | 14,242.8  | 14,764.6 | 3.7    | 18,928.6 | 19,400.6 | 2.5    |
| YARN                             | 316.6          | 357.8    | 13.0   | 30.2    | 21.9    | -27.3  | 270.0     | 261.8    | -3.0   | 346.4    | 349.6    | 0.9    |
| FABRICS                          | 1,239.2        | 1,298.0  | 4.7    | 115.8   | 110.0   | -5.0   | 943.0     | 1,025.7  | 8.8    | 1,258.7  | 1,380.6  | 9.7    |
| MADE-UP AND MISC                 | 5,246.8        | 5,191.1  | -1.1   | 415.0   | 480.0   | 15.7   | 3,868.7   | 4,179.9  | 8.0    | 5,231.1  | 5,502.2  | 5.2    |
| NON-APPAREL TOTAL                | 6,802.7        | 6,846.8  | 0.6    | 560.9   | 611.9   | 9.1    | 5,081.7   | 5,467.3  | 7.6    | 6,836.3  | 7,232.4  | 5.8    |
| APPAREL                          | 12,294.3       | 12,032.0 | -2.1   | 1,048.8 | 1,079.9 | 3.0    | 9,161.0   | 9,297.2  | 1.5    | 12,092.4 | 12,168.2 | 0.6    |
| <b>WOOL</b>                      |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| TOTAL TRADE                      | 294.3          | 305.4    | 3.8    | 46.8    | 42.1    | -10.0  | 221.5     | 221.7    | 0.1    | 302.5    | 305.5    | 1.0    |
| YARN                             | 31.3           | 30.6     | -2.3   | 2.8     | 2.7     | -5.1   | 24.1      | 24.6     | 2.1    | 30.9     | 31.1     | 0.6    |
| FABRICS                          | 19.0           | 19.6     | 3.1    | 1.7     | 1.3     | -24.1  | 14.4      | 16.1     | 11.9   | 18.6     | 21.3     | 14.2   |
| MADE-UP AND MISC                 | 27.7           | 32.0     | 15.5   | 2.7     | 2.7     | 2.8    | 24.1      | 22.4     | -7.1   | 31.7     | 30.2     | -4.6   |
| NON-APPAREL TOTAL                | 78.0           | 82.1     | 5.3    | 7.2     | 6.7     | -6.7   | 62.6      | 63.1     | 0.8    | 81.3     | 82.7     | 1.7    |
| APPAREL                          | 216.3          | 223.2    | 3.2    | 39.6    | 35.4    | -10.6  | 158.9     | 158.5    | -0.2   | 221.2    | 222.9    | 0.7    |
| <b>MAN-MADE-FIBER</b>            |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| TOTAL TRADE                      | 36,484.7       | 39,399.1 | 8.0    | 3,860.1 | 4,042.2 | 4.7    | 29,401.1  | 32,819.0 | 11.6   | 38,397.3 | 42,817.1 | 11.5   |
| YARN                             | 2,484.9        | 2,560.5  | 3.0    | 201.7   | 207.6   | 2.9    | 1,893.8   | 2,164.5  | 14.3   | 2,442.4  | 2,831.3  | 15.9   |
| FABRICS                          | 8,903.3        | 9,878.8  | 11.0   | 832.5   | 807.4   | -3.0   | 7,460.8   | 8,059.7  | 8.0    | 9,640.4  | 10,477.7 | 8.7    |
| MADE-UP AND MISC                 | 13,060.0       | 13,865.0 | 6.2    | 1,368.9 | 1,472.3 | 7.6    | 10,172.5  | 11,556.9 | 13.6   | 13,500.3 | 15,249.4 | 13.0   |
| NON-APPAREL TOTAL                | 24,448.2       | 26,304.3 | 7.6    | 2,403.1 | 2,487.4 | 3.5    | 19,527.0  | 21,781.1 | 11.5   | 25,583.1 | 28,558.4 | 11.6   |
| APPAREL                          | 12,036.5       | 13,094.8 | 8.8    | 1,457.0 | 1,554.8 | 6.7    | 9,874.1   | 11,037.9 | 11.8   | 12,814.2 | 14,258.7 | 11.3   |
| <b>VEG FB EX COT &amp; SLK B</b> |                |          |        |         |         |        |           |          |        |          |          |        |
| TOTAL TRADE                      | 651.5          | 789.9    | 21.2   | 56.0    | 56.9    | 1.7    | 598.2     | 625.5    | 4.6    | 742.8    | 817.2    | 10.0   |
| YARN                             | 3.7            | 3.4      | -6.8   | 0.4     | 0.2     | -38.2  | 2.3       | 3.3      | 48.4   | 3.1      | 4.5      | 45.5   |
| FABRICS                          | 28.0           | 29.2     | 4.3    | 2.4     | 4.1     | 72.3   | 22.7      | 24.6     | 8.5    | 30.5     | 31.2     | 2.3    |
| MADE-UP AND MISC                 | 328.5          | 461.5    | 40.5   | 34.0    | 34.0    | -0.1   | 335.3     | 346.6    | 3.4    | 417.7    | 472.9    | 13.2   |
| NON-APPAREL TOTAL                | 360.2          | 494.2    | 37.2   | 36.7    | 38.2    | 4.2    | 360.3     | 374.6    | 4.0    | 451.2    | 508.5    | 12.7   |
| APPAREL                          | 291.3          | 295.7    | 1.5    | 19.3    | 18.7    | -3.0   | 237.9     | 250.9    | 5.5    | 291.6    | 308.7    | 5.9    |

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