

# OFFICE OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL (OTEXA)

## Market Reports Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

### Panama

The following information is provided only as a guide and should be confirmed with the proper authorities before embarking on any export activities.

### Import Tariffs

On June 28, 2007, the United States and Panama signed a trade promotion agreement (TPA) and the Agreement entered into force on October 31, 2012. For more information on the agreement, see the [OTEXA Free Trade Agreement webpage](#).

Panama assesses import duties on an ad valorem basis on the declared c.i.f. (cost, insurance and freight) value.

#### Panama Tariffs (percent ad valorem) for Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

	HS Chapter/Subheading	Tariff Rate Range (%)
Yarn		
-silk	5003-5006	0 - 5
-wool	5105-5110	0 - 10
-cotton	5204-5207	0
-other vegetable fiber	5306-5308	0 - 15
-man-made fiber	5401-5406/5501-5511	5 - 10
Woven Fabric		
-silk	5007	0
-wool	5111-5113	0 - 10
-cotton	5208-5212	0
-other vegetable fiber	5309-5311	0 - 15
-man-made fiber	5407-5408/5512-5516	0
Knit Fabric	60	0
Non Woven Fabric	5603	0
Industrial Fabric	59	0 - 15
Apparel	61-62	0 - 15
Home Furnishings including: bed, bath, kitchen linens, etc.	63	0 - 15
Carpet	57	5 - 15
Footwear	64	0 - 15
Travel Goods	4202	5 - 15

To return to the Foreign Tariff Information webpage, click [here](#).

For information on local customs requirements and documentation, see:

- [Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas](#)

### Standards

#### Local standards organization and other resources:

- [Ministerio de Comercio e Industria](#)
  - Directorate General of Standards and Industrial Technology - DGNTI
  - Comision Panameña de Normas Industriales y Tecnicas - COPANIT
- [Consejo Nacional de Acreditacion - CNA](#) - National Council for Accreditation

## Labeling

Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama have adopted the [Central American Technical Regulation \(RTCA\) 59.01.08:12 for the Labelling Requirements of Textiles and Textile Products](#). Under this mandatory standard, apparel and home textiles must have a permanent label, in Spanish, with the following information:

- Fiber content
- Size or dimensions
- Care instructions
- Country of origin
- Name of manufacturer, distributor or importer (based in the region)

See the [Secretariat for Economic Integration \(SIECA\) website](#) for more information on the RTCAs developed by the members of the Central American Integration System (SICA) -- Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

**For additional information on exporting textiles, apparel, footwear and travel goods, click [here](#).**



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