

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 - 5
-cotton	5204-5207	0
-other vegetable fiber	5306-5308	0 - 15
-man-made fiber	5401-5406/5501-5511	0 - 5
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](#).

