

OFFICE OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL (OTEXA)

Market Reports Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

Russia

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

Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia are members of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU, also known as the EAEU) under the Governing body of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC). Most duties are levied on an ad valorem basis. However, some goods are subject to specific duties and others to a combination of specific and ad valorem duties. Specific duties are based on unit of measurement such as weight or volume and are stated and calculated in European currency units. Currently, about 85% of tariffs are harmonized across the EEU. Please keep in mind that there may be individual tariff rates that are not harmonized yet, although all tariff lines must be harmonized by 2025

Russia Ad Valorem Tariffs on Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

	HS Chapter/Subheading	Tariff Rate Range (%)
Yarn		
-silk	5003-5006	5
-wool	5105-5110	5
-cotton	5204-5207	5
-other vegetable fiber	5306-5308	5
-man-made fiber	5401-5406/5501-5511	0 - 14
Woven Fabric		
-silk	5007	0 - 3
-wool	5111-5113	10 - 11.3
-cotton	5208-5212	5 - 12.5
-other vegetable fiber	5309-5311	8 - 10
-man-made fiber	5407-5408/5512-5516	0 - 15
Knit Fabric	60	3 - 8
Non Woven Fabric	5603	5*
Industrial Fabric	59	5 - 11.3*
Apparel	61-62	5 - 17.5*
Home Furnishings including: bed, bath, kitchen linens, etc.	63	5 - 17.5*
Carpet	57	*
Footwear	64	0*
Travel Goods	4202	0 - 15

* Some products may be subject to per unit tariffs.

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Import Licenses--Import licenses are required for carpets. Import licenses are issued by the Russian Ministry for Economic Development and Trade or its regional branches and controlled by the State Customs Committee. To learn whether an import license is needed for a particular product, contact the [Russian Ministry for Economic Development](#) licensing department.

The EAEU maintains a unified list of goods to which import and export limitations and prohibitions apply. In Russia, import licenses are issued by the Ministry of Industry and Trade in accordance with the unified licensing rules of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) [Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade](#).

For information on local customs requirements and documentation, see:

- [Federal Customs Service](#)
- [Russian State Customs Committee](#)
- [Eurasian Economic Commission- EEC](#)

Standards

Goods subject to obligatory certification include food products, industrial and household chemicals, electrical appliances, motor vehicles, metering equipment, toys, children's clothing and footwear, and telecommunications, office, health, and manufacturing equipment.

A Certificate of Conformity is required for all imported goods to clear Russian Customs. A number of agencies issue certificates. Some are affiliated with the Russian State Standards Committee; others are affiliated with industry-specific scientific and research centers. Russian Customs does not require a certificate of conformity for imported fabrics, although local apparel manufacturers need it to certify products consisting of imported fabrics.

With the establishment of the Customs Union, new rules for conformity assessment came into effect. Manufactures can obtain unified certificates/declarations of conformity for all three countries. The full set of the documents, including the unified list of accredited bodies and laboratories that governs this process, is published on the [Eurasian Economic Commission website](#). A "Unified list of products" indicates which products need to have certificates of conformity/declarations of conformity. If a product is not included, then conformity must follow the national standards of Russia, Kazakhstan, or Belarus, depending on the final destination of the product applies.

To obtain the Certificate of Conformity, contact the Apparel Scientific Testing Center - Central Scientific and Research Institute of the Apparel Industry in Moscow.

Local standards organization and other resources:

- The Federal Agency for Technical Regulations and Metrology (Rosstandart)
- [Russian Standard](#) (general representative of Rostest for North America)

Labeling

Labeling requirements are set up in the Law for the Protection of the Consumer. For the textile products and light industry, the labeling requirements are explained in the Regulation of Gosstandart n°51121-97.

In general, all the information must be in Russian, except the name of the producer or the importer with the condition to mention in Russian that it is the importer or the producer. Labels are to include information as follows:

- name of the product (e.g., "skirt", "dress", etc.)
- model of the product
- name and address of the producer or of the distributor
- country of origin
- fiber content (fibers presented by order of importance and with the percentage)
- size according to the Russian size system
- care instructions
- the Gosstandard logo of conformity
- code of recommended age (for children's clothing)

Labels are to be affixed to the product. Information for imported products can be provided on stickers on the original label, or on the package of the product. Regulations can be obtained from Russia's State Committee on Standardization and Metrology (Gosstandart).

Market Information

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