

OFFICE OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL (OTEXA)

Market Reports Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

Uganda

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

Uganda is a member of the [East African Community \(EAC\)](#) customs union along with Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania. Customs tariffs, rules of origin, import prohibitions, and trade remedy regulations have been harmonized through the EAC. Uganda applies the EAC common external tariff (CET) on the c.i.f. (cost, insurance and freight) value of imports.

Uganda (EAC): Tariffs (percent ad valorem) on Textile, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

	HS Chapter/Subheading	Tariff Rate Range (%)
Yarn		
-silk	5003-5006	0 - 10
-wool	5105-5110	0 - 10
-cotton	5204-5207	10 - 25
-other vegetable fiber	5306-5308	10
-man-made fiber	5401-5406/5501-5511	0 - 25
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Woven Fabric		
-silk	5007	25
-wool	5111-5113	25
-cotton	5208-5212	25 - 50*
-other vegetable fiber	5309-5311	25
-man-made fiber	5407-5408/5512-5516	25 - 50*
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Knit Fabric	60	25
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Non Woven Fabric	5603	10
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Industrial Fabric	59	0 - 25
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Apparel	61-62	25 - 50*
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Home Furnishings	63**	0 - 50*
including: bed, bath, kitchen linens, etc.		
Carpet	57	25
Footwear	64	10 - 25
Travel Goods	4202	25

*In the EAC CET, some goods are listed on Sensitive Items (SI) list and are subject to rates of 50%.

**Some items are subject to per unit tariffs.

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For information on local customs requirements and documentation, see:

- [Uganda Revenue Authority](#)

Standards

Uganda has compulsory standards that apply to yarns, thread and fabric; household textiles (bedding, pillows, towels, curtains, and floor covering), sanitary napkins and baby diapers; footwear; medical textile products, personal protective equipment; and industrial hoses and tubing.

See the [Import Inspection and Clearance Regulations on the UNBS website](#).

Local standards organization and other resources:

- [Uganda National Bureau of Standards - UNBS](#)
- [EAC Standards Technical Management Committee – STMC](#)

Labeling

A label indicating the fiber content is required for textiles and textile products.

Uganda Standards (US) relevant for labeling:

- US 426:2002, Code of practice for fibre content labelling of textiles and textile products - This standard specifies alternative methods for designating the fiber content of textiles and textile products and for applying this information to made-up products, piece goods and yarns. It also specifies the methods to be used for determining the fiber content of textiles and textile products. (COMPULSORY)
- US ISO 6938:1984, Textiles — Natural fibres — Generic names and definitions - This standard gives the generic names and the definitions of the most important natural fibers according to their specific constitution or origin. (VOLUNTARY)
- US ISO 3758:2012, Textiles — Care labelling code using symbols - This standard establishes a system of graphic symbols, intended for use in the marking of textile articles, and for providing information on the most severe treatment that does not cause irreversible damage to the article during the textile care process, and specifies the use of these symbols in care labelling. (VOLUNTARY)
- US 356:2002, Size designation of clothes - Men's and boy outerwear garments - This standard establishes system of designating the sizes of men's and boy's outerwear garments: covering the upper or the whole body, or covering the lower body only and applies to civilian and uniform garments. (COMPULSORY)
- US 357:2002 Size designation of clothes -Women's and girl's outerwear garments - This standard establishes a system of designating the sizes of women's and girl's outerwear garments (including knitwear and swimwear) that are classified as: covering the upper or the whole body, or covering the lower body only and applies to civilian and uniform garments. (COMPULSORY)
- US 358:2002 Size designation of clothes -Infants garments - This standard establishes a system of designating the sizes of infant's garments. Both the control dimension on which the size designation is based and the method of indicating the size designation on a garment label are laid down. (COMPULSORY)

US ISO 6347:2004, Textile floor coverings — Consumer information, specifies the technical subjects that form the basis for the provision of information, at the point of sale, for the guidance of the consumer prior to and after the purchase of a textile floor covering. It is applicable to textile floor coverings of all types and is voluntary.

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

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