

OFFICE OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL (OTEXA)

Worn (Used) Clothing and Textile Products

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

U.S. Trade Data on Worn Clothing and Textile Products:

Schedule B numbers are used by the U.S. Census Bureau to classify exports. The following are the official Schedule B numbers and definitions for U.S. exports of worn clothing and other worn textiles:

- 6309.00 - Worn/Used clothing and other worn articles
- 6310.00 - Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cables, and worn-out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cables, of textile materials

[Click here](#) for detailed, current export data, and look up by Schedule B code noted above.

Exporting Worn Clothing: Foreign Restrictions and Requirements

The following table summarizes the restrictions and requirements that may apply to worn clothing exported from the U.S. to various foreign markets. Information contained in this table is provided only as a guide. It is important to check with the appropriate authorities to confirm current restrictions and requirements.

| COUNTRY | TARIFFS | BAN | CERTIFICATE REQUIRED | NOTES |
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| Afghanistan | 6309 - 2.5% | - | - | - |
| | 6310 - 10% | - | - | - |
| Albania | 6309, 6310 - 15% | - | - | - |
| Algeria | 6309, 6310 - 30% | Yes | - | See Ministere des Finances Directeur Général des Douanes ; " Marchandises interdites ou suspendues à l'importation et à l'exportation " (Goods prohibited or suspended on import and export). |
| Angola | 6309 - 10% 6310 - 20% | - | Yes | - |
| Antigua & Barbuda | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Argentina | 6309, 6310 - 35% | Yes | Yes | Prohibited, except for donations to government or religious organizations. |
| Armenia | 6309, 6310 - 10% | - | - | - |
| Aruba | 6309, 6310 - 6% | - | - | - |
| Australia | 6309, 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Austria | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Azerbaijan | 6309, 6310 - 15% | - | - | - |
| Bahamas | 6309 - 25% 6310 - 45% | - | - | - |
| Bahrain | 6309, 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Bangladesh | 6309 - 5%-25% | - | - | - |

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| | 6310 - 25% | - | Yes | - |
| Barbados | 6309 - 20% | - | - | - |
| | 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Belarus | 6309 - 15%, but not less than 0.18 Euro/1 kg. 6310 - 15%-17.5% | - | - | - |
| Belgium | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Belize | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Benin | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Bermuda | 6309 - 6.5% 6310 - 22.25% | - | - | - |
| Bolivia | 6309, 6310 - 20% | Yes | Yes | A sanitary disinfection certificate (Certificado de desinfección sanitaria) is required, and is issued by the Ministerio de Salud (Ministry of Health Sport) or by the competent authority in the country of origin or source. |
| Bosnia & Herzegovina | 6309 - 5% 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Botswana | 6309 - 20%-60% or 2.500 cents/kg & other per-units 6310 - 20% | Yes | Yes | - Used clothing must be fumigated. - An import permit is required from the Department of Trade and Consumer Affairs . See " Prohibited and Restricted Goods ". |
| Brazil | 6309, 6310 - 35% | Yes | - | Only donations of used clothing may be imported and are subject to non-automatic licensing. Secretaria de Comercio Exterior - SECEX or approvals from other Brazilian government agencies. |
| Brunei | 6309 - 0% 6310 - 0%-5% | - | - | - |
| Bulgaria | See European Union | Yes | Yes | - |
| Burkina-Faso | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Burma | 6309 - 5% | - | - | - |
| | 6310 - 1.5% | - | - | - |
| Burundi | 6309 - (35% or USD 0.40/kg whichever is higher) 6310 - 10% | No | Yes | Shipments of used clothing must be fumigated. |
| Cabo Verde (Cape Verde) | 6309, 6310 - 10% | - | - | - |
| Cambodia | 6309, 6310 - 7% | - | - | - |
| Cameroon | 6309, 6310 - 30% | Yes | Yes | Importation of second-hand clothing requires a certificate of no infestation. |
| Canada | 6309 - 0%-18% 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |

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| Cayman Islands | 6309, 6310 – 22% | - | - | - |
| Central African Republic | 6309, 6310 - 30% | - | - | - |
| Chad | 6309, 6310 - 30% | - | - | - |
| Chile | 6309, 6310 - 6% U.S.-Chile FTA duty free | - | - | <p>Fumigation and a certificate of sanitation are required. See Resolution 1101 or contact the <i>Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero - SAG</i> (Agriculture and Livestock Service). .Resolucion 1101</p> <p>Used goods are valued by the customs service according to the current new value of similar merchandise, discounting 10% per year of use, up to a 70% discount. Under the FTA, Chile eliminated the 50% duty surcharge applied to used-goods originating from the United States.</p> |
| China | 6309, 6310 - 14% | Yes | - | <p>- The "Catalogue of Commodities Which are Restricted or Prohibited from Importing for Use in the Processing Trade" identifies "prohibited commodities" - China General Administration of Customs.</p> <p>- For additional information on import restrictions, see China's Laws, Standards, and Customs Regulations on the Export.gov website.</p> |
| Colombia | 6309, 6310 - 0% | Yes | Yes | <p>- Based on AC Decision 331, importers may apply for licenses to import used clothing under limited circumstances (Resolution 001 of 1995). In practice, approval is not granted.</p> <p>- A certificate of disinfection issued by a sanitary authority in the country of origin is required.</p> |
| Comoros | - | - | - | - |
| Congo, Democratic Republic | 6309 - 10% 6310 - 10%-20% | - | - | - |
| Congo, Republic | 6309, 6310 - 30% | - | - | - |
| Costa Rica | 6309 - 14% 6310 - 9% DR-CAFTA duty free | Yes | - | - |
| Cote D'Ivoire | 6309, 6310 - 20% | Yes | Yes | Worn clothing is subject to a minimum reference value of CFAF 500/kg. |
| Croatia | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Cuba | 6309 - 15% 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |

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| Cyprus | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Czech Republic | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Denmark | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Djibouti | 6309, 6310 - 26% | - | - | - |
| Dominica | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Dominican Republic | 6309, 6310 - 20% | Yes | - | Worn clothing is banned under DR-CAFTA and Law No. 458 (1/3/1973) for reasons of public health. |
| Ecuador | 6309, 6310 - \$5.5/kg + 10% | Yes | - | - |
| Egypt | 6309 - 35% 6310 - 5% | Yes | Yes | - A certificate indicating that goods have been sterilized is required. |
| El Salvador | 6309 - 15% 6310 - 10% DR-CAFTA duty free | - | Yes | - Used clothing imports require a health certificate issued by the exporting country, and must be fumigated and certified in El Salvador prior to customs clearance. |
| Equatorial Guinea | 6309, 6310 - 30% | - | - | - |
| Eritrea | - | Yes | - | - |
| Estonia | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Ethiopia | 6309, 6310 - 0% | Yes | - | - |
| European Union | 3609 - 5.3% 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Fiji | 6309 - 96 cents/kg or 32%, or whichever is greater 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Finland | See European Union | - | - | - |
| France | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Gabon | 6309, 6310 - 30% | - | - | - |
| Gambia | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Georgia | 6309, 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Germany | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Ghana | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | Yes | - |
| Greece | See European Union | - | Yes | - |
| Grenada | 6309 - 20% | - | - | - |
| | 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Guatemala | 6309 - 15% 6310 - 0%-10% DR-CAFTA duty- | - | - | - |

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| Guinea | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Guinea Bissau | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Guyana | 6309 - 20% | - | - | - |
| | 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Haiti | 6309 - 30% 6310 - 5% | Yes | Yes | - A fumigation certificate is required. See Ministere de L'Economie et des Finances L'Administration Générale des Douanes (AGD) (Ministry of Economy and Finance General Customs Administration) or go directly to " Marchandises Usagees ", |
| Honduras | 6309 - 15% 6310 - 10% DR-CAFTA duty-free | - | Yes | - |
| Hong Kong | 6309, 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Hungary | See European Union | - | - | An import license is required. |
| Iceland | 6309, 6310 - 0% | - | Yes | - Products subject to conditional import ban under Regulation 509/2004 include: - wool, used bags or other packaging or wrapping materials, - used riding gear, including gloves, soiled clothing and rags. - Riding boots and clothes must be washed and/or disinfected before being imported. - Used clothing is subject to import licensing. |
| India | 6309 - 10% 6310 - 5% | Yes | - | - Pre-shipment inspections are required in addition to Certificates of cleanliness - countersigned by a practicing physician in the country of origin. The letters "M.D." must appear after the signature. See Import Policy guidelines Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 ()). |
| Indonesia | 6309 - 35% 6310 - 25% | Yes | - | - |
| Iran | - | Yes | - | - |
| Iraq | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 10% | - | - | - |
| Ireland | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Israel | 6309, 6310 - 6% | Yes | - | '- |
| Italy | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Jamaica | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |

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| Japan | 6309 - 5.8% 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Jordan | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Kazakhstan | 6309 - [15%, but not less than 0.18 euro per 1 kg] 6310 - 15-17.5% | - | - | - |
| Kenya | 6309 - 35% or USD 0.40/kg, whichever is higher 6310 - 10% | - | - | - |
| Korea (South) | 6309, 6310 - 8% | - | - | - |
| Kosovo | 6309, 6310 - 10% | - | - | - |
| Kuwait | 6309, 6310 - 5% | - | Yes | A certificate of disinfection or sterilization is required. |
| Kyrgyzstan Republic | 6309, 6310 - 12% | - | - | - |
| Laos | 6309, 6310 - 10% | - | - | - |
| Latvia | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Lebanon | 6309 - 5% 6310 - 0% | - | Yes | - |
| Lesotho | 6309 - 20% or 60% or 2.500cents/kg & 35cents/unit - 50cents/unit) 6310 - 20% | Yes | - | Non-automatic licenses apply. |
| Liberia | 6309, 6310 – 20% | Yes | - | Only Liberians may import or sell used clothing or own enterprises conducting such activities. |
| Libya | - | - | - | - |
| Lithuania | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Luxemburg | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Macau-China | 6309, 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Macedonia | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 13% | - | - | - |
| Madagascar | 6309, 6310 -20% | - | - | - |
| Malawi | 6309, 6310 - 25% | - | Yes | Import licenses are required. |
| Malaysia | 6309 - 0% 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Maldives | 6309, 6310 - 15% | - | - | - |
| Mali | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Malta | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Mauritania | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Mauritius | 6309, 6310 - 0% | Yes | - | - |
| Mexico | 6309, 6310 - 20% | Yes | Yes | - An import permit is required, but in |

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| | | | | practice, is rarely issued. |
| Moldova | 6309 - 12.5% 6310 - 15% | - | - | - |
| Mongolia | 6309, 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Montenegro | - | - | - | - |
| Montserrat | 6309 - 30% | - | - | - |
| | 6310 - 25% | - | - | - |
| Morocco | 6309 - 25% 6310 - 2.5% | Yes | Yes | Import licensing applies in accordance with Article 1 of Law No. 13-89 on trade, but licenses are not granted for public health and safety reasons. |
| Mozambique | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 7.5% | - | Yes | - |
| Namibia | 6309- 20%-60% or 2.500 cents/kg 6310 - 20% | Yes | Yes | Non-automatic licenses apply to imported second-hand clothing and leather products, which can only be imported by registered welfare agencies. |
| Nepal | 6309 - Rates of duty as for the corresponding new articles 6310 - 10% | - | - | - |
| Netherlands | See European Union | - | - | - |
| New Caledonia – France | 6309 -10% 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| New Zealand | 6309 - 0% or \$1.87/kg 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Nicaragua | 6309 - 15% 6310 – 5%-10% DR-CAFTA duty free | Yes | - | Health certificates are required. HS 6310, textile items (i.e. rags) are restricted to imports used solely for recovery of fibers. See Nicaragua's tariff schedule for 2017 – pgs. 281 & 284, (“Articulos de Prenderia” in Spanish). |
| Niger | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Nigeria | 6309, 6310 – 20% | Yes | - | See the " Absolutely Prohibited " List on the Nigerian Customs Service website:. |
| Norway | 6309 - Rate of duty for similar new goods 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Oman | 6309, 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Pakistan | 6309 - 3% 6310 - 20% | - | Yes | A certificate of cleanliness signed by a physician, with the letters M.D. following the signature is required. See Ministry of Commerce or go directly to Import Policy Order 2016 |
| Panama | 6309- 10% | - | - | Used clothing imports are subject to |

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| | 6310 - 5% | | | mandatory consultation with the Departamento de Valoración (Valuation Department) of the Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas (National Customs Authority) prior to clearance. Such goods must have a "Sworn Declaration of Value" form signed by the importer (or a legal representative) declaring the existence and terms of a commercial transaction. |
| Papua New Guinea | 6309, 6310 - 0% | - | Yes | - |
| Paraguay | 6309, 6310 - 20% | Yes | - | Used clothing imports are prohibited under Decree No. 7084/00 of January 11, 2000; and used footwear imports are prohibited under Decree No. 6.432/05 of 26 September 2005. |
| Peru | 6309 – 11% 6310 - 0% | Yes | Yes | -Imports are restricted (except as charitable donations) under Law No. 28514 of May 25, 2005. - Donations to the private sector require an authorization from the Agencia Peruana de Cooperación Internacional – APCI (Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation). - Donations to the public sector require an authorization from the Consejo de Ministros del Perú (Peruvian Council of Ministers). - See SUNAT Mercancías Restringidas y Prohibidas . (Restricted and Prohibited Goods). |
| Philippines | 6309, 6310 - 20% | Yes | Yes | - The Government of Philippines restricts the importation of used clothing and rags (R.A. 4653). See Bureau of Customs – BOC or the Department of Trade Industry - DTI . - An import license is required from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) . |
| Poland | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Portugal | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Qatar | 6309, 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Romania | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Russia | 6309 – 15%, but not less than 0.18 Euro/1 kg. 6310 – 15%-17.5% | - | - | - |
| Rwanda | 6309 - [5.0 USD/Kg] [2.5 USD/Kg] 6310 - 10% | - | - | - |

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| St Kitts, Nevis | 6309 - 10% 6310 - 0% | - | Yes | - |
| St Lucia | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 5% | Yes | - | - |
| St. Vincent & the Grenadines | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Saudi Arabia | 6309 – banned 6310 - 5% | Yes | Yes | - |
| Senegal | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Serbia | 6309 - 30% 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| Seychelles | 6309 - 25% 6310 - 10% | - | - | - |
| Sierra Leone | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | Yes | Used clothing imports require fumigation. A pest-risk analysis is carried out prior to the issuance of the phytosanitary certificate by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security – MAFFS |
| Singapore | 6309, 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Slovak Republic | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Slovenia | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Solomon Islands | 6309, 6310 - 10% | - | - | See Ministry of Finance Customs and Excise . |
| Somalia | - | - | Yes | - |
| South Africa | 6309.00.13, 6309.00.17 - 60% or 2.500c/kg; 6309.00.25 - 50 cents/unit; 6309.00.45 - 35 cents/unit; 6309.00.90 - 20%; 6310 - 20% | Yes | - | - An import permit must be obtained from the International Trade Administration Commission - ITAC prior to importation. (Schedule 4 (referenced in above link)) |
| Spain | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Sri Lanka | 6309 - 15%-25% 6310 - 15% | - | Yes | - |
| Sudan | N/A | - | - | - |
| Suriname | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 5% | - | - | Permits are required. |
| Swaziland | 6309 – 20%-60% or 2.500 cents/kg 6310 – 20% | Yes, | Yes | Import permits are required through the Import Permit Committee within the Ministry of Finance . |
| Sweden | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Switzerland-Liechtenstein | 6309 - 132.00 Fr/100 kg 6310.1000 - 0.00 Fr/100 kg | - | - | - |

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| Syria | 6309, 6310 – 30% | Yes | - | - |
| Taiwan | 6309 - 10% 6310 - 1%-10% | - | - | - |
| Tajikistan | 6309,6310 - 15% | - | - | Most textile, apparel and footwear products are subject to Mandatory Certification (pursuant to Resolution No. 450 of September 2, 2010). |
| Tanzania | 6309 - 35% or USD 0.40/kg, whichever is higher | - | - | - |
| | 6310 - 10% | - | Yes | - |
| Thailand | 6309 - 30% 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Togo | 6309, 6310 - 20% | - | - | - |
| Tonga | 6309, 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Trinidad & Tobago | 6309 - 20% 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| Tunisia | 6309 - 20% 6310 – 0%-20% | - | - | - |
| Turkey | 6309 - 5.3% 6310 - 0% | - | Yes | - Turkey Exporter Registry |
| Turkmenistan | - | - | - | - |
| Uganda | 6309 - 35% or USD 0.40/kg whichever is higher 6310 – 10% | - | Yes | A fumigation certificate is required by the Uganda Revenue Authority at entry. Compulsory standards: US EAS 356:2004 , Code of practice for inspection and acceptance criteria for used textile products and US EAS 386:2005 , Used footwear - Inspection and acceptance criteria - Code of practice. |
| Ukraine | 6309 - 5.3% 6310 - 0% | - | - | - |
| United Arab Emirates | 6309, 6310 - 5% | - | - | - |
| United Kingdom | See European Union | - | - | - |
| Uruguay | 6309 – 20% 6310 - 0-20% | - | Yes | A certificate of disinfection is required that includes a notarized statement from a commercial firm that the articles have been disinfected or dry cleaned. |
| Uzbekistan | - | - | - | - |
| Vanuatu | 6309, 6310 - 15% | - | - | - |
| Venezuela | 6309, 6310 - 20% | Yes | - | - |
| Vietnam | 6309 - 100% | - | - | - |
| | 6310 - 50% | Yes | - | - |
| Yemen | 6309, 6310 - 25% | - | - | - |
| Zambia | 6309, 6310 - 25% | - | - | - |

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| | or K2.500/kg, whichever is greater | | | |
| Zimbabwe | 6309 - USD 5/Kg 6310- 5%-15% | Yes | - | Zimbabwe maintains a negative list of prohibited items that require special permission from the government to import. See Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZMRA) , or go directly to Restricted and Prohibited Goods . |

Tariff Abbreviations:

K-kwacha (Zambian currency)

Fr - Franc (Swiss currency)

U.S. Worn Clothing and Textile Products Industry Associations and Contacts:

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Council for Textile Recycling (CTR)
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