

# 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
Afghanistan	6309 - 2.5%	-	-	-
	6310 - 10%	-	-	-
Albania	6309, 6310 - 15%	-	-	-
Algeria	6309, 6310 - 30%	Yes	-	See " <a href="#">Les marchandises interdites ou suspendues à l'importation et à l'exportation</a> " (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, <b>except for donations to government or religious organizations.</b> Can't find info
Armenia	6309 - [16.7% but not less than 0.353 euro per kg] /6310 - 16.7 - 17.5	-	-	-
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%	-	-	-

	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 - 25%	-	-	-
Bolivia	6309, 6310 - 20%	Yes	Yes	A sanitary disinfection certificate (Certificado de desinfección sanitaria) is required, and is issued by the <a href="#">Ministerio de Salud</a> (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 <a href="#">Department of Trade and Consumer Affairs</a> . See " <a href="#">Prohibited and Restricted Goods</a> ".
Brazil	6309, 6310 - 35%	Yes	-	Only donations of used clothing may be imported and are subject to non-automatic licensing. <a href="#">Secretaria de Comercio Exterior - SECEX</a> 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%	-	-	-
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	-	-	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). <a href="#">.Resolucion 1101</a>  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.
China	6309 - 14% 6310 – 6%	Yes	-	- The "Catalogue of Commodities Which are Restricted or Prohibited from Importing for Use in the Processing Trade" identifies "prohibited commodities" - <a href="#">China General Administration of Customs</a> . - For additional information on import restrictions, see <a href="#">China's Laws, Standards, and Customs Regulations on the Export.gov</a> website.  ----- The following fiber and textile waste materials were added to the "Catalogue of Solid Wastes Forbidden to Import into China", and the importation of these products are banned as of January 1, 2018.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fine or coarse animals hair-including waste yarn, excluding recycled fibers (5103109090, 5103209090, 5103300090)</li> <li>• Garnetted stock of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair (5104009090)</li> <li>• Cotton waste-including yarn waste and garnetted stock (5202100000, 5202910000, 5202990000)</li> <li>• Manmade fiber waste-including noils, yarn waste and garnetted stock (5505100000, 5505200000)</li> <li>• Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cables and worn out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cables, of textile materials (6310100010, 6310900010)</li> </ul>
Colombia	6309, 6310 - 0%	Yes	Yes	- 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. - A certificate of disinfection issued by a sanitary authority in the country of origin is required.
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	-	- decree N° 42468-S This decree therefore requires that points of sale for used and new clothing must post signs (details of size, color, lettering etc. are given) indicating that clothing should be washed by consumers prior to wearing.  CR - decree N° 42468-S - 07-20-20 (:
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%	-	-	-
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. - Used or new rags must meet certain criteria (Decree No. 77/2005).
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 EI

				Salvador prior to customs clearance.
Equatorial Guinea	6309, 6310 - 30%	-	-	-
Eritrea	-	Yes	-	-
Estonia	See European Union	-	-	-
Eswatini (Formerly Swaziland)	6309 – 20 - [35c/u] [50c/u] [60% or 2 500c/kg] [60% or 2 500c/kg] 6310 – 20%	Yes,	Yes	Import permits are required through the Import Permit Committee within the <a href="#">Ministry of Finance</a> .
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-free	-	-	-
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 <a href="#">Ministere de L'Economie et des Finances L'Administration Générale des Douanes (AGD)</a> (Ministry of Economy and Finance General Customs Administration) or go directly to " <a href="#">Marchandises Usagees</a> ",

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. <a href="#">See Import Policy guidelines Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 (.)</a> .
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%	-	-	-
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%	YES	YES	All used textiles and used shoes shall be subjected to <b>physical examination and certification</b> under the Pre-export Verification of Conformity to Standards (PVoC) requirements. They must be cleaned and fumigated before baling and shall be accompanied by a

				<p>fumigation or treatment certificate issued by a competent authority in the country of supply.</p> <p></p> <p>PROTOCOLS_ON_IMPORTATION_OF_SECTION</p> <p></p> <p>Kenya Bureau Standards ban on imp</p>
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 practice, is rarely issued.

Moldova	6309 - 12.5% 6310 - 15%	-	-	-
Mongolia	6309, 6310 - 5%	-	-	-
Montenegro	-	-	-	An Import License, issued by the Ministry of Economy and good for one year, is required.
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 <a href="#">Nicaragua's tariff schedule for 2017</a> – pgs. 281 & 284, (“Articulos de Prenderia” in Spanish).
Niger	6309, 6310 - 20%	-	-	-
Nigeria	6309, 6310 – 20%	Yes	-	See the " <a href="#">Absolutely Prohibited</a> " List on the <a href="#">Nigerian Customs Service</a> 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 <a href="#">Ministry of Commerce</a> or go directly to <a href="#">Text of Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2015-18</a>

Panama	6309- 10% 6310 - 5%	-	-	Used clothing imports are subject to mandatory consultation with the <a href="#">Departamento de Valoración</a> (Valuation Department) of the <a href="#">Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas</a> (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 - 35%	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 <a href="#">Agencia Peruana de Cooperación Internacional – APCI</a> (Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation). - Donations to the public sector require an authorization from the <a href="#">Consejo de Ministros del Perú</a> (Peruvian Council of Ministers). - See <a href="#">SUNAT Mercancías Restringidas y Prohibidas</a> . (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 <a href="#">Bureau of Customs – BOC</a> or the <a href="#">Department of Trade Industry - DTI</a> . - An import license is required from the <a href="#">Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)</a> .
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%	-	-	-
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 – <a href="#">MAFFS</a>
Singapore	6309, 6310 - 0%	-	-	-
Slovak Republic	See European Union	-	-	-
Slovenia	See European Union	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	6309, 6310 - 10%	Yes (Restr)	-	See <a href="#">Ministry of Finance Customs and Excise</a>
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 <a href="#">International Trade Administration Commission - ITAC</a> prior to importation. ( <a href="#">Schedule 4</a> (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 (Now Eswatini)	See Eswatini entry above			
Sweden	See European Union	-	-	-

Switzerland-Liechtenstein	6309 - 132.00 Fr/100 kg 6310.1000 - 0.00 Fr/100 kg	-	-	-
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	- <a href="#">Turkey Exporter Registry</a>
Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-
Uganda	6309 - 35% or USD 0.40/kg whichever is higher 6310 – 10%	-	Yes	A fumigation certificate is required by the <a href="#">Uganda Revenue Authority</a> at entry.  Compulsory standards: <a href="#">US EAS 356:2004</a> , Code of practice for inspection and acceptance criteria for used textile products and <a href="#">US EAS 386:2005</a> , 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% 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 <a href="#">Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZMRA)</a> , or go directly to <a href="#">Restricted and Prohibited Goods</a> .

**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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