

# U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Market Access Results

## Building Products

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### Trade and Tariffs

The building products sector is composed of various products including valves, steel structures and plasterboards used for construction. In 2002 building products and other materials accounted for three percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial exports to Bahrain, totaling \$4.2 million<sup>1</sup>. Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles of cast iron lead U.S. exports in this sector.

Bahrain's tariffs on building products range from 5 to 20 percent, averaging 5.1 percent. The highest tariffs in this sector generally apply to U.S. exports of cloth, grill, netting and fencing of aluminum wire.

Bahrain's exports to the United States in this sector were approximately \$121 thousand<sup>2</sup> in 2002, or less than 1 percent of the country's total non-textile industrial exports to the United States. The United States applies tariffs ranging from 0 to 13.5 percent on these products, with an average of 3 percent. The highest U.S. duties apply to ceramic roofing tiles.

### Tariff Elimination

Both sides will eliminate duties on imports of building products from the other Party immediately upon implementation of the Agreement.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on Bahraini Imports for Consumption from the United States (Average 2002)

<sup>2</sup> Based on U.S. Imports for Consumption from the Bahrain (Average 2002)