

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

Footwear, Leather, and Leather Goods

Trade and Tariffs

The footwear, leather, and leather goods sector includes footwear, its components, leather goods, and travel goods. Footwear, leather, and leather goods accounted for less than 1 percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial exports to Bahrain in 2002.¹ Top U.S. exports in the sector were outer soles of footwear and handbags. Bahrain applies a uniform tariff of five percent on footwear products.

Bahrain's exports to the United States in this sector accounted for less than 1 percent of the country's total non-textile industrial exports to the United States in 2002.² The United States applies tariffs of 0 to 61.1 percent on products in this sector, with an average of 10 percent. The highest effective tariff is on footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastic.

Tariff Elimination

Bahrain will eliminate all duties on footwear, leather and leather goods imports from the United States immediately upon implementation of the agreement. The United States will eliminate all duties on imports from Bahrain within this sector immediately upon implementation of the agreement, with the exception of 17 rubber footwear products, whose duties will be phased-out over 10 years.

¹ Based on Bahraini Imports for Consumption from the United States (Average 2002)

² Based on U.S. Imports for Consumption from Bahrain (Average 2002)