

U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement

Market Access Results

Industrial Goods

Trade and Tariffs

The category of industrial products includes all products subject to neither the WTO Agreement on Agriculture nor the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing. U.S. exports to Bahrain totaled \$370 million in 2002¹, less than 1 percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial exports to the world. U.S. industrial exports to Bahrain are greatest in the automotives and electronics and instrumentation goods.

Bahrain applies tariffs of five percent on non-textile industrial products, with certain exceptions. Certain seafoods, aircraft, medicines and printed material are duty free. Products including mattresses, aluminum foil and some paper products have tariffs at 20 percent.

Bahrain's non-textile industrial goods exports to the United States were about \$107 million² in 2002. This amount comprises about 35 percent of the country's total exports to the United States. The United States applies tariffs that range from zero to 109 percent on industrial products.

Tariff Elimination

One hundred percent of bilateral trade will be duty free immediately upon implementation of the agreement. Certain items that are not currently traded will be phased out in equal cuts over ten years.

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

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