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Abstracts

This 2013 update contains analysis and insight into the USA's top ten foreign suppliers of textiles and clothing in 2012, along with more specific information on cotton coats, wool coats, cotton dresses, cotton knitted shirts, cotton woven shirts, cotton skirts, man-made fibre skirts, cotton trousers, blue denim trousers, cotton and man-made fibre baby garments, cotton pile towels, and other cotton apparel. US textile and clothing imports rose marginally in volume terms in 2012, after declining in the previous year, although they fell in value. China remained by far the USA's biggest textile and clothing supplier in 2012. Moreover, US imports from the country rose in volume terms although -- as in the case of US imports from all sources -- they fell in value. Among the other nine supplying countries which ranked among the top ten, there were declines in the volumes of US imports from five countries -- namely El Salvador, Honduras, Indonesia, Mexico and Pakistan -- and declines in the value of US imports from eight countries. Indeed, only El Salvador and Vietnam posted increases in value terms. The report also includes appendices containing information and data on exchange rates, the effect of quota liberalisation on US imports, the impact of China's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and historical trends in US imports, as well as an outlook for 2013 and beyond.

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