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Abstracts

This 2015 update contains analysis and insight into the USA's top ten foreign suppliers of textiles and clothing in 2014, 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. 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 2015 and beyond. In 2014 US textile and clothing imports rose in volume terms to a record high. Clothing continued to account for the largest share of total textile and clothing imports and man-made fibre clothing accounted for the largest share of clothing imports for the first time in several years. There was a fall in the average price of US textile and clothing imports but there were increases in the average prices of textile and clothing imports from five of the USA's ten largest supplying countries. In clothing alone, there were increases in the average prices of imports from seven of the ten largest supplying countries. China remained by far the USA's biggest textile and clothing supplier. Furthermore, China's share of imports from all sources was up in volume terms, although it was down in terms of value. Among the other nine supplying countries which ranked among the leading ten, India and Vietnam gained share in value and volume terms, while Honduras and Mexico gained share in value terms but lost share in terms of volume. The remaining five countries lost share in value and volume terms.

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