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Abstracts

This year's update contains analysis and insight into the USA's top ten foreign suppliers of textiles and clothing for 2011, 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 fell in volume in 2011 representing the third decline in four years, although imports were still at their second highest level. As many as five major supplying countries suffered declines in volume terms, namely Bangladesh, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico and Pakistan. Imports from Members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) appeared to have fared the best -- particularly Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia. Nevertheless, China continued to be by far the leading supplying country. The report also includes appendices containing information and data on exchange rates, the effect of quota liberalisation on imports, the impact of China's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and historical trends in US imports.

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