

WTO BOUND RATES / APPLIED RATES COUNTRY FICHE

CANADA

1. General remarks

Final bound rates for chapters 41, 42 and 43 will be implemented until 1.1.1999, those for chapters 50-63 until 1.1.2004, while those for chapter 64 will be effective from either 1.1.1999 or 1.1.2004.

The number of HS8 lines bound is 1098 covered by 898 HS6 lines. All these tariffs are ad valorem duties.

For the products in question Canada levies customs duties for 1387 HS12 falling under 891 HS6 lines. With respect to chapter 41 duties are levied for 67 HS8 lines falling under 34 HS6.

2. Preliminary conclusions

Canada together with other industrialized countries applies the lowest tariff rates, i.e. 11% on average. Imports of silk are free; the duty levied for leather is 1%. However, 23% of the HS6 lines bear duties of 18 up to 25%. Generally, Canada's applied rates are lower than the bound rates. However, for clothing and made-ups (chapter 61-63) applied rates are slightly higher than the bound rates.

3. Comparison applied/bound tariffs

Averages per chapter

	Average chapters 50-63 (textiles & clothing)	Average chapters 50-60 (textiles)	Average chapters 61-63 (clothing & made-ups)	Average chapter 41 (raw hides, skins, leather)	Average chapter 42 (leather articles)	Average chapter 43 (furs)	Average chapter 64 (foot-wear)
Applied rates	11%	9%	19%	1%	8%	4%	15%
Bound rates	12%	10%	17%	5,3%	9%	4%	15%

Averages in groups (Textiles and Clothing)

	Applied rates	Bound rates
Raw materials	5%	7%
Yarns	7%	7%
Fibres	1%	1%
Fabrics	11%	12%
Apparel	19%	17%

4. Applied/bound tariff bands (Number of lines within or outside harmonisation bands)

Applied rates

0%	>0<3%	3-5%	>5<10%	10-12%	>12<18%	18-20%	>20<25%	25-30%	>30%
382	12	65	98	176	386	109	226	0	0

Bound rates

0%	>0<3%	3-5%	>5<10%	10-12%	>12<18%	18-20%	>20<25%	25-30%	>30%
102	0	33	223	106	403	232	0	0	0

5. Comparative table of applied base rates, bound rates and applied rates for HS chapters groups (not trade-weighted)

Chapter	Product description	Pre-Uruguay base rate ad valorem (%)	Bound rate ¹ ad valorem (%)	Applied rate ad valorem (%)
41 Average	Raw hide and skins and leather	8	5,3	1
42 Average	Leather articles	14,3	9,2	7,7
43 average	Furskins	6,7	4,3	3,9
50 average	Silk	0,0	0,0	0,0
51 average	Wool	13,1	7,8	8,4
52 average	Cotton	16,1	10,3	8,3
53 average	Other vegetable fibres	5,4	3,7	3,2
54 average	Filaments	17,9	11,1	7,2
55 average	Fibres	18,5	10,6	9,6
56 average	Wadding, etc.	14,5	9,2	8,9
57 average	Carpets	18,2	11,7	13,8
58 average	Special woven fabrics	19,0	11,7	11,6
59 average	Impregnated, coated fabrics	19,5	12,0	8,9
60 average	Knitted/crocheted fabrics	25,0	14,0	10,9
61 average	Apparel and clothing access.	24,6	17,9	19,6
62 average	Apparel and clothing access., not knitted/ crocheted	23,2	17,1	18,3
63 average	Other made-up textiles	21,3	15,9	17,5
64 average	Footwear	19,2	15,0	14,8
Grand average		18,3	12	11

¹ Bound rates for chapters 42 and 43 are applied from 1.1.1999. Bound rates for chapters 50-63 will be applied from 1.1.2004, while those for chapter 64 will be effective from either 1.1.1999 or 1.1.2004.