

## WTO BOUND RATES / APPLIED RATES COUNTRY FICHE

### EU

#### **1. General remarks**

Final bound rates for chapters 50-63 (textiles and clothing) will become effective on 1.1.2004. Those for chapters 41 (raw hides, skins), 42 (leather), 43 (furs) and 64 (footwear) are applicable since 1.1.1999.

For the products in question the EU levies customs duties for 1496 HS8 lines falling under 891 HS6 lines. These rates will be applicable as of 1.7.1999.

The number of HS8 lines bound is 1536 covered by 912 HS6 lines. All these tariffs are ad valorem duties of which 3 specific duties in combination with ad valorem duties (see annex).

#### **2. Preliminary conclusions**

Of the countries under analysis the EU in general applies the lowest tariff rates, i.e. 8,5% on average. The highest duty (17%) is levied on footwear. 79% of the HS 6 lines bear duties of 5 up to 17%. Since the EU will reach the level of its bound rates on 1.1.2004 the applied rates are still slightly higher.

#### **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)	Average chapter 43 (furs)	Average chapter 64 (footwear)
Applied rates <sup>1</sup>	9%	7,4%	11,9%	2,2%	5%	1,3%	10%
Bound rates	7,9%	6,2%	11,3%	2,2%	4,8%	1,3%	10,1%

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<sup>1</sup> As of 1.7.1999

**Averages in groups (Textiles and Clothing)**

	<b>Applied rates</b>	<b>Bound rates</b>
<b>Raw Materials</b>	6,3%	4,0%
<b>Yarns</b>	5,3%	4,3%
<b>Fibres</b>	0,7%	0,8%
<b>Fabrics</b>	9,1%	7,7%
<b>Apparel</b>	11,9%	11,3%

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

Applied rates

0%	>0<3%	<b>3-5%</b>	>5<10%	<b>10-12%</b>	>12<18%	<b>&gt;=18%</b>
69	43	<b>166</b>	610	<b>241</b>	337	<b>0</b>

Bound rates

0%	>0<3%	<b>3-5%</b>	>5<10%	<b>10-12%</b>	>12<18%	<b>18-20%</b>	>20<25%	<b>25-30%</b>	>30%
95	57	<b>300</b>	662	<b>394</b>	28	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0

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

Chapter	Product description	Pre-Uruguay base rate ad valorem (%)	Pre-Uruguay base rate specific	Bound rate <sup>2</sup> ad valorem (%)	Bound rate specific	Applied rate <sup>3</sup> ad valorem (%)
<b>41 Average</b>	Raw hide and skins and leather	2,7	none	2,2	none	2,2
<b>42 Average</b>	Leather articles	7,0	none	4,8	none	5,0
<b>43 Average</b>	Furskins	2,7	none	1,3	none	1,3
<b>50 Average</b>	Silk	5,2	none	4,9	none	5,0
<b>51 Average</b>	Wool	7,7	none	4,6	none	6,1
<b>52 Average</b>	Cotton	8,4	none	6,5	none	7,4
<b>53 Average</b>	Other vegetable fibres	5,1	none	3,2	none	3,5
<b>54 Average</b>	Filaments	9,7	none	5,8	none	7,8
<b>55 Average</b>	Fibres	9,9	none	6,4	none	8,1
<b>56 Average</b>	Wadding, etc.	9,2	none	6,8	none	6,8
<b>57 Average</b>	Carpets	10,3	Max 2.8 Ecu/m <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>	7,7	Max 2.8 Ecu/m <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>	8,6
<b>58 Average</b>	Special woven fabrics	10,1	none	7,3	none	8,8
<b>59 Average</b>	Impregnated, coated fabrics	7,6	none	6,3	none	6,8
<b>60 Average</b>	Knitted/crocheted fabrics	11,8	none	7,9	none	9,9
<b>61 Average</b>	Apparel and clothing access.	13,2	none	11,7	none	12,3
<b>62 Average</b>	Apparel and clothing access., not knitted/crocheted	13,2	none	11,6	none	12,4
<b>63 Average</b>	Other made-up textiles	10,9	none	10,1	none	10,1
<b>64 Average</b>	Footwear	11,7	none	10,1	none	10,0
<b>Grand Average</b>		10,0	n/a	7,6	n/a	8,7

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<sup>3</sup> These rates will be applicable as of 1.7.1999.

<sup>4</sup> Only for certain products. See annex.

<sup>5</sup> Only for certain products. See annex.

**Annex**  
**Specific bound rates**

<b>Bound rates</b>			
<b>HS8</b>	<b>Ad valorem duty (%)</b>	<b>Specific duty</b>	<b>Product description</b>
5701.10.91	8,0	Max. 2.8 Ecu/m <sup>2</sup>	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, knotted, whether or not made up:
5701.10.93	8,0	Max. 2.8 Ecu/m <sup>2</sup>	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, knotted, whether or not made up:
5701.10.99	8,0	Max. 2.8 Ecu/m <sup>2</sup>	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, knotted, whether or not made up: