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LEADING IMPORTERS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, 2005

(Billion US\$ and percentage)

IMPORTERS	VALUE	SHARE IN WORLD IMPORTS				ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE			
	2005	1980	1990	2000	2005	2000-05	2003	2004	2005
TEXTILES									
European Union (25)	65.83	-	-	33.2	30.8	4	14	11	-4
extra-EU (25) imports	21.36	-	-	9.8	10.0	6	15	14	2
United States	22.54	4.5	6.2	9.6	10.5	7	8	13	9
China a, b	15.50	1.9	4.9	7.7	7.2	4	9	8	1
Hong Kong, China	13.79	-	-	-	-	0	7	9	-2
retained imports	0.57	3.7	3.8	0.9	0.3	-17	-4	-17	14
Mexico a, e	6.02	0.2	0.9	3.5	2.8	1	-2	5	5
Japan	5.81	2.9	3.8	3.0	2.7	3	11	11	4
Turkey	4.43	0.1	0.5	1.3	2.1	16	21	21	6
Canada e	4.32	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.0	1	1	7	5
Korea, Republic of	3.54	0.7	1.8	2.0	1.7	1	-3	8	5
Viet Nam c	3.33	...	...	0.8	1.6	19	18	21	13
Romania	3.31	...	0.1	1.0	1.5	14	21	16	-1
United Arab Emirates c,d	3.22	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.6		11	36	
Russian Federation c	2.68	-	-	0.8	1.3	17	31	18	19
India	2.63	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.0	16	20	7	29
Thailand	1.99	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.9	4	3	13	8
Above 15	145.72	...	...	68.8	67.9	-	-	-	-
CLOTHING									
European Union (25)	128.70	-	-	39.8	44.8	9	19	16	4
extra-EU (25) imports	70.97	-	-	20.8	24.7	10	20	15	8
United States	80.07	16.4	24.0	32.3	27.9	4	7	6	6
Japan	22.54	3.6	7.8	9.5	7.8	3	11	11	4
Hong Kong, China	18.44	-	-	-	-	3	2	7	8
retained imports	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Russian Federation c	7.84	-	-	1.1	2.7	29	49	38	30
Canada e	5.98	1.7	2.1	1.8	2.1	10	12	16	14
Switzerland	4.72	3.4	3.1	1.5	1.6	8	15	9	2
Australia e	3.12	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.1	11	20	22	17
Korea, Republic of	2.91	0.0	0.1	0.6	1.0	17	13	8	6
Mexico a, e	2.52	0.3	0.5	1.7	0.9	-7	-9	-15	-2
Singapore	2.13	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.7	3	16	7	-5
retained imports	0.67	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	4	2	14	7
Norway	1.86	1.7	1.1	0.6	0.6	8	13	8	11
United Arab Emirates c,d	1.67	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	...	20	40	...
China a	1.63	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.6	6	5	8	6
Saudi Arabia c	1.57	1.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	14	13	10	39
Above 15 e	267.26	...	...	92.1	93.1	-	-	-	-

Note : 1. a = Includes significant shipments through processing zones.

2. b = In 2005, China reported imports of textiles from China amounting to \$2.7 billion.

3. c = Includes Secretariat estimates.

4. d = 2004 instead of 2005.

5. e = Imports are valued f.o.b.

Source : WTO