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### ***FACT SHEET – TEXTILES AND TEXTILE ARTICLES***

Australian exports of textiles and textile articles to ASEAN are not large, but ASEAN is an important market for some specific textile products. Many textile tariffs in most ASEAN countries are high, with many in the 15%-40% range. With some minor exceptions, all countries are removing tariffs on all textiles within a reasonable time period, with much of this liberalisation taking place early in the tariff phasing period. Phased removal of tariffs on all but a limited number of items should provide some new market opportunities and greater market access certainty.

#### **Australia's Exports to ASEAN (Australian Produce)**

Product HS 50, 5108-5113, 5207-5212, 53-60, 63)	Exports to ASEAN  3 Year Average 2006-2008 (\$A million)	Exports to ASEAN as Percentage of Australia's Global Exports of Each Product 3 Year Average 2006- 2008 %
Woven fabrics of synthetic fibres (man made filaments) (HS 5407)	2.0	8.3
Woven fabrics of synthetic or artificial fibres (HS 5512-5516)	3.2	18.7
Non-woven textiles (5603)	3.5	18.3
Carpets, floor coverings (HS 5701-5705)	2.2	3.4
Rubberised textile fabrics (HS 5906)	8.9	85.7
Endless textile products used in paper machines (HS 5911.32)	14.6	34.9
Knitted or crocheted fabrics (man made filaments) (HS 6001-6004)	3.0	32.1
Other knitted or crocheted fabrics (HS 6005-6006)	1.8	9.6
Worn clothing/textiles and rags (HS 6309-6310)	5.0	13.9
Other	12.8	9.2
Total	57.0	15.0

## Summary of Outcomes:

### **Australia**

- 2005 base tariffs:
  - 0% on 114 tariff lines
  - 5% on 114 tariff lines
  - 7.5% on 86 tariff lines
  - 10% on 273 tariff lines
  - 17.5% on 18 tariff lines.
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all tariff lines by 2020:
  - Many tariffs will be bound at 0% on entry-into-force (EIF) or will be eliminated in 2010 (563 tariff lines).
  - Remaining tariffs phase to 0% by 2015 (2 tariff lines) or 2020 (40 tariff lines).
- Carpets: tariffs of 0% on some carpets (handmade, of coir, sisal, jute, cotton) will be bound at 0% on EIF while tariffs of 10% phase to 0% by 2020.

### **Cambodia**

- 2005 base tariffs:
  - 7% on 585 tariff lines
  - 15% on 53 tariff lines
  - 35% on 122 tariff lines.
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all tariff lines by 2020:
  - Phase-in of tariff reductions will commence in 2011 for the higher tariffs of 35% and in later years for the lower tariffs.
- Carpets: tariffs of 35% phase to 0% by 2021, with reductions commencing in 2011.

### **Indonesia**

- 2005 base tariffs:
  - 0-5% on 260 tariff lines
  - 10% on 319 tariff lines
  - 15% on 181 tariff lines.
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all but 12 tariff lines by 2020:
  - Many tariffs will be bound at 0% on EIF or will be eliminated in 2010 (260 tariff lines).
  - Most remaining tariffs phase to 0% by 2012 (314 tariff lines) or 2013 (169 tariff lines).
  - Some tariffs (on only 5 lines) will phase to 0% by 2020.
  - 12 tariff lines: tariffs of 15% will be reduced to 5% (cotton bed linen, curtains, bedspreads, knitted or crocheted sacks and bags, worn clothing and rags).
- Carpets: tariffs of 15% phase to 0% by 2013.

## **Malaysia**

- 2005 base tariffs:
  - 0-5% on 183 tariff lines
  - 7-10% on 292 tariff lines
  - 15-20% on 208 tariff lines
  - 25-30% on 28 tariff lines.
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all tariff lines by 2013:
  - Many tariffs will be bound at 0% on EIF or will be eliminated in 2010 (183 tariff lines).
  - Most remaining tariffs phase to 0% by 2011 or 2012 (525 tariff lines), with only 3 remaining lines phasing to 0% by 2013.
- Carpets: tariffs of 25% phase to 0% by 2012 or 2013.

## **New Zealand**

- 2005 base tariffs:
  - 0% on 428 tariff lines
  - 5-7.5% on 120 tariff lines
  - 12-12.5% on 122 tariff lines
  - 17-17.5% on 40 tariff lines
  - A specific tariff of \$NZ3.55/kg on 2 tariff lines.
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all tariff lines by 2020:
  - Many tariffs will be bound at 0% on EIF or will be eliminated in 2010 (457 tariff lines).
  - Remaining tariffs phase to 0% by 2012 (59 tariff lines), 2016 (2 tariff lines), 2017 (172 tariff lines), or 2020 (remaining 22 tariff lines).
- Carpets: tariffs of 17% on some carpets phase to 0% by 2017. Tariffs of 17.5% on carpets cut and shaped for use in motor vehicle assembly will be eliminated in 2010. Tariffs of 12.5% on felt carpets phase to 0% by 2017.

Note: Australia already benefits from bound 0% tariffs under ANZCERTA.

## **Philippines**

- 2005 base tariffs:
  - 0-5% on 136 tariff lines
  - 7-10% on 411 tariff lines
  - 15-20% on 185 tariff lines.
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all but 8 tariff lines by 2015:
  - Most tariffs will be eliminated in 2010 or phase to 0% by 2012 (547 tariff lines).
  - Tariffs on a further 177 lines phase to 0% by 2013 or 2015.
  - Tariffs will be reduced but not eliminated for 8 tariff lines (some twines, some floorcoverings) where tariffs phase to 12% or 5%.
- Carpets: tariffs of 15% on most carpets phase to 0% by 2013, phase to 0% by 2015 for some cotton carpets, or phase from 15% to 5% by 2016 (tufted wool carpet, jute floorcoverings).

### Singapore

- **All tariffs bound at 0% on EIF.**

Note: these tariff commitments are the same as in SAFTA.

### Thailand

- 2005 base tariffs:
  - 1-5% on 438 tariff lines
  - 9-10% on 39 tariff lines
  - 17.5-20% on 4 tariff lines
  - 30% on 78 tariff lines.
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all but 1 tariff line by 2020:
  - Many tariffs will be eliminated on EIF or in 2010, or phase to 0% by 2015-2017.
  - Some tariffs (on only 45 lines) will phase to 0% by 2020.
  - 1 tariff line is excluded from tariff commitments (raw silk).
- Carpets: tariffs of 30% on carpet phase to 0% by 2015, with one exception (tufted wool carpet) where tariffs phase to 0% by 2020.

Note: tariff commitments are better in TAFTA except for 1 tariff line (cotton face washers and some cotton towels).

### Vietnam

- 2005 base tariffs:
  - 0-5% on 91 tariff lines
  - 10-20% on 108 tariff lines
  - 30-40% on 448 tariff lines
  - 50-100% on 70 tariff lines).
- Tariffs will be eliminated on all but 5 tariff lines by 2018:
  - Many tariffs will be bound at 0% on EIF or phase to 0% by 2016 or 2017 (199 tariff lines).
  - Tariffs on remaining 513 lines phase to 0% by 2018.
  - 5 tariff lines are excluded from tariff commitments (worn clothing, textiles and rags).
- Carpets: tariffs of 40% phase to 0% by 2018, with reductions commencing in 2010.