



## The Facts on Textile and Apparel Imports from Vietnam *Vietnam is Not the “Next China”*

Attempts to portray textile and apparel imports from Vietnam as “the next China” are incorrect and based upon a serious manipulation of the data. Specifically, suggestions that Vietnam is the second largest supplier of “non-quota” products to the U.S. market, behind China, are particularly misleading. Following is a category-by-category review of the most recently available official U.S. Census Bureau data, focusing on those products not subject to quotas under the U.S.-Vietnam Bilateral Textile Agreement.

- China is the largest source for U.S. textile and apparel imports overall, supplying 33 percent of total imports. Vietnam ranks twelfth and supplies only 2 percent of such U.S. imports.
- Even in the few categories where Vietnam is the second largest source of imports, its share is miniscule compared to China.

Importantly, the categories where Vietnam is not subject to quota represent products for which there is no U.S. production and therefore there are no quotas because the U.S. industry never sought quantitative restrictions against Vietnam.

### Non-Quota Textile and Apparel Trade

CATEGORY	PRODUCT	CHINA RANK	CHINA'S US IMPORT SHARE	VIETNAM RANK	VIETNAM'S US IMPORT SHARE
237	Playsuits	#1	60.80%	#8	2.18%
239	Baby Wear	#1	64.23%	#5	3.17%
300	Carded Cotton Yarn	#7	2.22%	#23	0.00%
330	Cotton Handkerchiefs	#1	96.23%	No rank	No share available
331	Cotton Gloves	#1	57.85%	#15	0.34%
336	Cotton Dresses	#1	36.34%	#3	9.62%
<b>350</b>	<b>Cotton Dressing Gowns</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>37.27%</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>9.22%</b>
369	Other Cotton Mfrs	#1	44.46%	#13	0.46%
431	Wool Gloves	#1	72.15%	No rank	No share available
436	Wool Dresses	#1	30.49%	#11	0.80%
438	Wool Knit Shirts	#1	48.26%	#5	1.71%
445/446	Wool Sweaters	#1	60.99%	#5	1.89%
633	MMF Suit Coats	#1	49.78%	#5	3.29%
<b>634</b>	<b>MMF M/B Coats</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>41.60%</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>17.12%</b>
<b>635</b>	<b>MMF W/G Coats</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>44.10%</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>15.61%</b>
<b>636</b>	<b>MMF Dresses</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>38.31%</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>9.56%</b>
650	MMF Dressing Gowns	#1	46.14%	#3	6.54%
<b>653</b>	<b>MMF MB Down Coats</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>88.38%</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>4.14%</b>
654	MMF WG Down Coats	#1	86.82%	#3	4.60%
<b>670</b>	<b>Flat goods, luggage</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>92.92%</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>2.44%</b>

Source data: OTEXA Major Shippers Report, Through July 2006, quantity units. (www.otexa.ita.doc.gov.)