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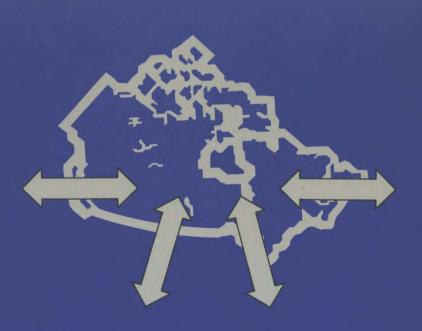
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TARIFFS

Enquiries concerning **Canadian** tariffs should be directed to the nearest Customs and Excise office or to:

Tariff Programs Revenue Canada Customs and Excise Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0L5 Tel.: (613) 954-6920 Fax.: (613) 954-2509

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Commodity Classification

Canadian Trade statistics are classified and published according to the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity and Description Coding System (H.S.), as defined by the Canadian Customs Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature.

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Valuation

Dollar values shown in this report are based on selling price F.O.B. plant, in Canadian dollars. This selling price represents the value paid by the importer, excluding all freight, packing and insurance costs when specified. All trade discounts, when applicable, are also deducted from the selling price.

Rounding

Figures may not add due to rounding.

Canada - U.S. Exchange Rate

The Bank of Canada exchange rates were used to convert U.S. imports reported in \$US to \$Cdn.

Enquiries concerning tariffs and other government trade regulations in **foreign** countries should be directed to:

Info Export External Affairs Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2 Tel.: (613) 993-6435 OR 1-800-267-8376 Fax.: (613) 996-9709

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I. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

This is one of a continuing series of market intelligence reports designed to increase business awareness of the potential existing for production in Canada and to assist businesses and other organizations in their market research of specific products. The detailed information provided in these reports supports studies by organizations seeking to expand existing production lines, change individual product characteristics or engage in new manufacturing investment in Canada. The coverage of a market intelligence report is developed in close consultation with the client, and is tailored to meet their specific requirements. It is important to emphasize that this report does not attempt any assessment as to the feasibility of competing in a particular market.

This report is based on data from several sources. The following is a list of Harmonized System (H.S.) import commodity codes dealing with nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated. This report deals only with nonwovens of polyester (H.S. 5603.00.90.91). Other related reports are also listed.

Description	H.S. Commodity Code Analyzed	Related Reports <u>Pub. Nos.</u>
Nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated (H.S. 5603.00)		
Of polyester	5603.00.90.91	
Of polyproplyene		91124-IP
Other		91129-IP

Total imports in 1991 for all of the above products were valued at \$38 million. Imports of nonwovens of polyester, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated, included in this report amounted to \$12.9 million or 34 per cent of the total.

In 1990 a new H.S. tariff code was created for nonwovens of polyester, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated.

Prior to 1990, nonwovens, polyester, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated were classified to H.S. code 5603.00.00.91. In 1988 and 1989 import totals amounted to \$11.3 million and \$12.6 million respectively.

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(H.S. 5603.00.90.91)

II. CANADIAN IMPORTS

SUMMARY

-		Total Im	ports			ountry of o Canada
Description and	199		. 1991		% of Tot	
Commodity Code	Quantity (000 kg)	<u>Value</u> (\$000)	<u>Quantity</u> (000 kg)	<u>Value</u> (\$000)	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
Nonwovens of polyester, whet or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated	her				U.S.A.	
H.S. 5603.00.90.91	1 530	11 235	2 060	12 890	0.5.A. 88	U.S.A. 91
	BY P	ROVINCE OF	CLEARANC	E		
					Average Annual Growth	
Province of Clearance		199	0 1	991	Rate 1990-91	
Ontario	-			~ ~ ~ ~	(%)	
Quantity (OOO KGM) Value (\$OOO)		1 12 7 88		628 304	45.2 18.0	
Québec Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000)		22 2 12		272 274	19.1 7.2	
Alberta						
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) Manitoba		12 83		108 895	-11.1 7.1	
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000)	, .	23 23	1 5	29 259	-29.9 10.1	
British Columbia Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000)		1	8	22 149	23.9 -5.1	
Saskatchewan		1.	*			
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) New Brunswick			1	1 2 7	2 479.6 402.1	
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000)			 -	* 2	0.0 0.0	
Total Quantity (000 KGM)					 24 7	
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000)		1 53 11 23		060 890	34.7 14.7	

Ranked in descending order by 1991 value. * Less than five hundred.

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II. CANADIAN IMPORTS (Cont'd)

MARKET SHARES BY PROVINCE OF CLEARANCE

Province of Clearance	1990 %	1991 %
Ontario	70	70
Quantity	73.3	79.0
Value	70.2	72.2
Québec	14.0	10.0
Quantity	14.9 18.9	13.2 17.6
Value Alberta	10.9	17.0
Quantity	8.0	5.3
Value	7.4	6.9
Manitoba		
Quantity	2.7	1.4
Value	2.1	2.0
British Columbia	1.0	
Quantity	1.2 1.4	1.1 1.2
Value Saskatchewan	` 1.4	1.2
Quantity	0.0	0.1
Value	0.0	0.1
New Brunswick		
Quantity	-	0.0
Value	-	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0
Quantity Value	100.0 100.0	100.0 100.0
Yaluc .	100.0	100.0

Ranked in descending order by 1991 value.

II. CANADIAN IMPORTS (Cont'd)

AVERAGE UNIT PRICES BY PROVINCE OF CLEARANCE (\$ per KGM)

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Province of Clearance	1990	1991
Ontario	7.03	5.72
Québec	9.30	8.37
Alberta	6.85	8.26
Manitoba	5.78	9.08
British Columbia	8.78	6.72
Saskatchewan	27.02	5.26
New Brunswick	-	8.04
All Provinces	7.34	6.26

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Ranked in descending order by 1991 value.

II. CANADIAN IMPORTS (Cont'd)

BY MAJOR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Country of Origin	1990	1991	Average Annual Growth Rate 1990-91
		an 60 au 60 au	(%)
United States Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) United Kingdom	1 420 9 852	1 926 11 694	35.6 18.7
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) Japan	29 371	17 335	-43.2 -9.7
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) Denmark	13 543	6 256	-48.6 -52.8
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) Fed. Rep. of Germany	8 45	32 145	326.1 224.6
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) Hong Kong	12 128	13 108	4.6 -15.2
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) Mexico	*	11 77	75 786.7 28 234.8
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) France	12 61	15 75	22.1 23.4
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) Taiwan	8 47	5 61	-38.0 29.2
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) Switzerland	·	20 59	0.0 0.0
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000) Other	* 3	3 27	1 614.1 829.1
Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000)	29 186	12 53	-56.3 -71.6
Total Quantity (000 KGM) Value (\$000)	1 530 11 235	2 060 12 890	34.7 14.7

Ranked in descending order by 1991 value. * Less than five hundred.

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II. CANADIAN IMPORTS (Cont'd)

MARKET SHARES BY MAJOR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Country of Origin	1990	1991
United States Quantity Value	92.8 87.7	93.5 90.7
United Kingdom Quantity Value	1.9 3.3	0.8
Japan Quantity Value	0.8 4.8	0.3 2.0
Denmark Quantity Value	0.5 0.4	1.6 1.1
Fed. Rep. of Germany Quantity Value	0.8 1.1	0.6 0.8
Hong Kong Quantity Value Mexico	0.0 0.0	0.6 0.6
Quantity Value France	0.8	0.7 0.6
Quantity Value Taiwan	0.5 0.4	0.2 0.5
Quantity Value Switzerland	-	1.0 0.5
Quantity Value Other	0.0 0.0	0.2
Quantity Value Total	1.9 1.7	0.6 0.4
Quantity Value	100.0 100.0	100.0 100.0

Ranked in descending order by 1991 value.

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II. CANADIAN IMPORTS (Cont'd)

AVERAGE UNIT PRICES BY MAJOR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (\$ per KGM)

Country of Origin	1990	1991
United States	6.94	6.07
United Kingdom	12.66	20.10
Japan	43.09	39.60
Denmark	5.90	4.50
Fed. Rep. of Germany	10.61	8.61
Hong Kong	18.00	6.72
Mexico	5.09	5.15
France	6.10	12.72
Taiwan	-	2.91
Switzerland	15.27	8.27
Other	6.53	4.23
All Countries	7.34	6.26

Ranked in descending order by 1991 value.

II. CANADIAN IMPORTS (Cont'd)

BY APPARENT END-USE/INDUSTRY

Apparent End-Use/Industry	Value of <u>1990 Imports</u> (\$000)	% of Total <u>Imports</u>
Textile mills	4 025	35
Plastic products	2 094	18
Wholesalers	823	7
Window shades	665	5
Medical supply	458	4
Electrical and electronics	397	4
Floor covering, carpeting	338	3
Apparel	313	3
Auto-trim	. 293	3
Household furnishing	264	2
Clothing	199	2
Mattresses	196	2
Upholstery	183	2
Filtration products	107	*
Footwear	87	*
Aircraft	42	*
Transportation equipment	31	*
Not known	720	6
Total	11 235	100

* Less than one per cent

(H.S. 5603.00.90.91)

III. CANADIAN PRODUCTION

There are no available data on Canadian production for nonwovens of polyester, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated.

Any enquiries and/or comments regarding Canadian production should be directed to:

Statistics Canada Industry Division Survey of Manufactures Section Ottawa, Ontario K1A OT6 Tel.: (613) 951-3523

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IV. CANADIAN IMPORTERS - 1990

There were 169 known importers of nonwovens of polyester, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated in 1990. The principal ten importers accounted for 63 per cent of the total import value.

Principal <u>Importers</u> (No.)	Cumulative <u>Value</u> (\$000)	Cumulative % <u>of Total Value</u>
3	4 989	44
6	6 153	55
10	7 098	63
15	7 898	70
25	8 890	79
27	9 020	80
All Importers (169)	11 235	100

The principal importers of nonwovens of polyester, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated, during 1990 are listed below in alphabetical order. Where the importer is not the same as the consignee (i.e. the recipient of the goods shipped), the name of the consignee rather than that of the importer is listed. The importer or consignee is not necessarily the end-user of the product.

NOTE: This list includes all principal importers except individuals.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	Name	Address
3M Canada Inc.	London, Ont.	Canada Pad Ltd.	Montréal, Qué.
Altrim Inc.	Montréal, Qué.	Canadian Aircraft Products Div	
Associated Industrial Brush		Of Avcorp Industries Inc.	Richmond, B.C.
Co Ltd.	Brampton, Ont.	Canadian General-Tower Ltd.	Cambridge, Ont.
B C Air Filter Ltd.	Vancouver, B.C.	Canadian Window Coverings	0
BASF Canada Inc.	Montréal, Qué.	Corp.	Etobicoke, Ont.
Bay Mills Limited	Oakville, Ont.	Canatex Enterprises Co. Ltd.	Toronto, Ont.
Bedford Bedding & Upholstery		Chori Canada Ltd.	Toronto, Ont.
Ltd.	Weston, Ont.	Circo Craft Co. Inc.	Pierrefonds, Qué.
Bell Helicopter Ltée.	St-Janvier, Qué.	D H J Canada Inc.	Montréal, Qué.
Block Bindings Ltd.	Montréal, Qué.	Dafco Filtration Products Co. Ltd.	Mississauga, Ont.
Boeing Canada Ltd.	Downsview, Ont.	Daisy Decorative Products Ltd.	Toronto, Ont.
Brown Shoe Company of		Distribution DNR Enr.	Granby, Qué.
Canada Ltd.	Perth, Ont.	Don Casselman & Son Ltd.	Toronto, Ont.
Buttoncraft Inc.	Montréal, Qué.	Doublure Veratex Ltée.	Montréal, Qué.
C Itoh & Co (Canada) Ltd.	Montréal, Qué.	Draco Ltée.	Repentigny, Qué.

IV. CANADIAN IMPORTERS - 1990 (Cont'd)

Name

Address

Name

MGRLtd.

E F Walter Ltd. EIFCOInc. Eastmanchem Inc. Elite Vertical Blinds Mfg. Co. Ltd. Exel Composites Ltd. Freudenberg Nonwovens Inc. Frontenac Fabrics Inc. Garland Canada Inc. Golden Brand Clothing Canada Ltd. Guarantee Fit-Trekk Inc. Hoechst Canada Inc. Holiday Fabrics O/b 116511 Canada Inc. Home Tex Fashions Inc. HTC Textile Ltée. Hunter Douglas Canada Ltd.

Interface Flooring Systems Inc. J E Thomas Specialties Ltd. J N Harper & Company Ltd. Jack Spratt Mfg. Inc. Jodhan Press Inc. Johnson Johnson Inc. Kao-Didak Ltd. Kaufman Footwear Div. of William Haufman Inc. Kendall Canada Div. of C.K.R. Inc. Peterborough, Ont. Lady Sandra of Canada Ltd. Landes Canada Ltd. Les Couvre-Lits Lawrence Ltée. Les Liures B M Ltée. Les Textiles H. Adler Ltée.

Montréal, Qué. Mississauga, Ont. Markham, Ont. Concord, Ont. Peterborough, Ont. Cornwall, Ont. Montréal, Qué. Scarborough, Ont.

Montréal. Qué. Montréal. Qué. Montréal, Qué.

Downsview, Ont. Winnipeg, Man. Montréal, Qué. Pointe-Claire-Dorval, Qué. Belleville, Ont. Lindsay, Ont. Montréal, Qué. Montréal, Qué. Montréal, Qué. Montréal, Qué. Arnprior, Ont.

Kitchener, Ont. St-Leonard, Qué. Granby, Qué. Montréal, Qué, Montréal, Qué. Montréal, Qué.

Marubeni Canada Ltd. Masland Carpets of Canada Ltd. Matelas Centurion Inc. Mid-West Quilting Company Ltd. Milliken Industries of Canada Ltd. Deseronto, Ont. Morbern Industries Ltd. Paisley Products of Canada Inc. Papiers Scott Ltée. Parapad Inc. Park Avenue Furniture Corp. Peg Canada Ltd. Perfect Fit Mfg. Ltd. Quality Knitting Ltd. Queen City Distributors Ltd. **R B Williams Industrial Supplies** Ltd. Rose E Dee International Ltd. Royaltex Canada Inc. Sealy Canada Ltd. Simmons Canada Inc. Smith & Nephew Inc. Solar Textile Mills Ltd. Suma Inc. Sun Ice Ltd. Tender Tootsies Ltd. Tom Roy Fibreglass Mfg. Ltd. Trench Mfg Co. Canada Ltd. Triple E Canada Ltd. Universal Package Corp. Van Dresser Ltd. Vêtements Peerless Inc. & Modes Pantco

Address

Montréal, Qué. Vancouver, B.C. Etobicoke, Ont. St-Narcisse, Qué. Winnipeg, Man. Cornwall, Ont. Scarborough, Ont. Crabtree Mills, Qué. Montréal, Qué. Calgary, Alta. La Prairie, Qué. Calgary, Alta. Toronto, Ont, Downsview, Ont.

Edmonton, Alta. Toronto, Ont. Montréal, Qué. Scarborough, Ont. Mississauga, Ont. Lachine, Qué. Richmond Hill, Ont. Milton, Ont. Calgary, Alta. London, Ont. Athens, Ont. Fort Erie, Ont. Winkler, Man. Montréal, Qué. Waterloo, Ont.

Montréal, Qué.

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V. FOREIGN EXPORTERS TO CANADA - 1990

Major exporters to Canada of nonwovens of polyester, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated, are listed by major country of origin in descending order of dollar value. These exporters accounted for 84 per cent of the total value of Canadian imports during 1990.

Country of Origin	Name of Foreign Exporter		Value of Exports to Canada 1990
			(\$000)
United States	Freudenberg Nonwoven Ltd. Foss Mfg. Co. Tietex Ticking Corp.))	5 172*
	Deistch Int'I. Sales Hunter Douglas Inc. Waterbury Non-Woven))	1 084*
	Precision Custom Coating Haartz Corp. Veratec)))	713*
	Handler Corp. Fiber Dynamics Inc. Hobbs Bonded Fibers)))	497*
	Dixie Vertical Div. Globe Ind. Inc. Baytex Corp.)))	376*
	W.S. Libbey Co. Reliance Products Div. Gloding Ind. Inc.)))	244*
	Covington Fabrics BASF Corp. Lane Fabric Corp.)))	186*
	Quick Service Textiles Hoechst Fibers Inc. Glassfloss)))	152*

* Aggregated to preserve confidentiality of Canadian importers.

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V. FOREIGN EXPORTERS TO CANADA - 1990 (Cont'd)

Country of Origin	Name of Foreign Exporter		Value of Exports to Canada <u>1990</u> (\$000)
Japan	Chori Co. C. Itoh & Co. Murotani Corp.)	475*
United Kingdom Fed. Rep. of Germany Netherlands Italy	Smith and Nephew Medical Ltd. Freudenberg Nonwoven Heugo Int'I. B.V. Tecnoconvert)))	585*
TOTAL			9 484
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* Aggregated to preserve confidentiality of Canadian importers.

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VI. CANADIAN SUPPLIERS

The following lists are taken from two sources: a) the Business Opportunities Sourcing System (BOSS), a computerized data bank established by the Federal Department of Industry, Science and Technology Canada; and, b) the Canadian Trade Index, published by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association (CMA). These lists may not include all suppliers of the products in question, as companies must themselves register in BOSS or the Canadian Trade Index. In both cases, information on Canadian products supplied is as given by the companies.

BOSS

Companies are arranged in alphabetical order.

Fabrics, Nonwoven

Name

Address

*Albarrie Canada Ltd. *Barrday Inc. Barrie, Ont. Cambridge, Ont.

* Company engaged in export trade.

Any enquiries and/or comments regarding the BOSS list should be directed to:

Business Opportunities Sourcing System Industry, Science and Technology Canada 235 Queen Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A OH5 Tel.: (613) 954-5031 Telex: 053-4123 Fax.: (613) 954-1894

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VI. CANADIAN SUPPLIERS (Cont'd)

CANADIAN TRADE INDEX

Companies are arranged in alphabetical order.

Fabrics, Geotextile

<u>Name</u>

*Albarrie Canada Ltd. *Barrday Inc. Coldstream Concrete Ltd. *Dominion Textile Inc.

Lincoln Fabrics Ltd. Mackay Specialties Canada Ltd. Matador Convertisseurs Cie Ltée. Polymer International Inc. Texel Inc.

Fabrics, Nonwoven

Name

*Albarrie Canada Ltd.
*Bay Mills Ltd.
Code Felt Ltd.
Collins & Aikman
Dominion Textile Inc.
Doubletex Inc.
Filterfab Inc.
Freudenberg Nonwovens Inc.
Johnson & Johnson Inc.
Mackay Specialties Canada Ltd.
Matador Convertisseurs Cie Ltée.
*Nolar Industries Ltd.
Porritts & Spencer Filtration Ltd.
Stearns Canada Inc.

<u>Address</u>

Barrie, Ont. Cambridge, Ont. Iderton, Ont. Montréal, Qué. Hawkesbury, Ont. St. Catharines, Ont. Toronto, Ont. Montréal, Qué. Truro, N.S. St-Elzéar, Qué.

<u>Address</u>

Barrie, Ont. St. Catharines, Ont. Perth, Ont. Farnham, Ont. Hawkesbury, Ont. Toronto, Ont. St. Catharines, Ont. Cornwall, Ont. Montréal, Qué. Toronto, Ont. Montréal, Qué. Concord, Ont. Vaudreuil, Qué. Mississauga, Ont.

* Company engaged in export trade

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VI. CANADIAN SUPPLIERS (Cont'd)

Any enquiries and/or comments regarding the Canadian Trade Index list should be directed to:

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association One Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M5E 1J9 Tel.: (416) 363-7261 Telex: 065-24693 Fax.: (416) 363-3779

VII. CANADIAN AND FOREIGN TARIFFS

Nonwovens of polyester, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated, included in this report are dutiable under the following Canadian tariff item:

		Tariff Treatment - 1991		
Tariff <u>Item</u>	Description of Goods	Most Favoured Nation <u>Tariff</u>	General Preferential Tariff	United States <u>Tariff</u>
	Nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated:			
5603.00.90	Of polyester	24.8%	Х	17.3%
	On and after January 1, 1992			14.8%

TARIFF ARRANGEMENTS AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF EXPORT

Exporting countries which qualify for the Most Favoured Nation tariff treatment: United States, Japan, United Kingdom, Fed. Rep. of Germany, Netherlands, Italy, France and Denmark.

Exporting country which qualifies for the Most Favoured Nation tariff treatment <u>or</u> General System of Preference tariff treatment*: Mexico.

When the symbol "X" appears in the column "General Preferential Tariff" the rate of customs duty that applies to those goods is the rate set out with respect to those goods in the column "Most-Favoured-Nation Tariff".

* In order to qualify for the General System of Preference, a special certificate of origin is required.

Enquiries concerning tariffs should be directed to the nearest Revenue Canada Customs and Excise office as listed on page two of this report.

VII. CANADIAN AND FOREIGN TARIFFS (Cont'd)

Nonwovens of polyester, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated, included in this report are dutiable under the following U.S. tariff item:

Tariff		Rates of Duty - 1992		
<u>Item</u>	Description of Goods	General	<u>Special[®]</u>	2
5603.00.90	Nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated: Other	12.5%	Free (B,IL)	74%
			7.5% (CA)**	

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Enquiries concerning tariffs and other government trade regulations in foreign countries should be directed to External Affairs as listed on page two of this report.

- * Duty on certain nonwovens temporarily suspended. See U.S. Note 11 of subchapter II, chapter 99, and subheading 9902.56.03.
- ** Duty on certain nonwovens modified. See subheadings 9905.56.10 and 9905.56.20.
- " Automotive Products Trade Act B United States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement CA United States-Israel Free Trade Area IL
- 2 <u>Rates of Duty Column 2</u>. Notwithstanding any other provisions, the rates of duty shown in column 2 shall apply to products, whether imported directly or indirectly, of the following countries and areas pursuant to section 401 of the Tariff Classification Act of 1962, to section 231 or 257(e)(2) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, to section 404(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 or to any other applicable section of law, or to action taken by the President thereunder:

Afghanistan	German Democratic	Mongolia
Albania	Republic	North Korea
Bulgaria	Kampuchea	Romania
Cuba	Laos	Union of Soviet Socialist
Czechoslovakia	Latvia	Republics
Estonia	Lithuania	Victorm
Estonia	Lithuania	Vietnam

VIII. UNITED STATES' IMPORTS

BY MAJOR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

NONWOVENS, WHETHER OR NOT IMPREGNATED, COATED, COVERED OR LAMINATED (H.S. 5603.00)

United States imports of nonwovens of polyester, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated are included in the commodity class H.S. 5603.00 and are not identified separately. Imports into the United States for nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated are as follows:

<u>Country of</u>	<u>Origin</u>	1	<u>989</u>	<u>]</u>	990	1	<u>.991</u>	Average Annual Growth Rate <u>1989-91</u> (%)
Luxembourg	1							
Value	´(\$000)	49	213	60	245	70	340	19.6
Japan								
Value	(\$000)	50	000	49	433	48	036	-2.0
Fed. Rep.							• • • • ·	1
Value	(\$000)	- 22	091	. 16	776	17	040	-12.2
Israel	(*****			0	0.07	1.4	417	102.0
Value	(\$000)	3	468	9	087	14	417	103.9
Canada	(*000)	11	007		000	. 14	010	10.0
Value	(\$000)	11	027	11	220	14	019	12.8
Belgium	(000)	2	291	11	503	0	826	63.8
Value Italy	(\$000)	3	291	11	005	0	020	03.0
Value	(\$000)	л	095	5	123	7	862	38.6
Netherland		-	055	J	125	1	002	50.0
Value	(\$000)	. 8	083	6	599	6	330	-11.5
United Kir		Ū	000	Ŭ	000	<i></i>	000	
Value	(\$000)	7	814	7	500	6	060	-11.9
France	(****)	•				-		
Value	(\$000)	2	815	4	647	4	596	27.8
Other								
Value	(\$000)	6	856	88	<u>497</u>	12	966	37.5
Total								
Value	(\$000)	168	752	190	63 0	210	491	11.7

NOTES: Ranked in descending order by 1991 value.

Canada **r**anked 5 overall.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce.

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IX. MARKET OVERVIEW

The Canadian nonwoven fabrics market rose 13.6 per cent in 1989 from the previous year, moving up from 66.4 million kilograms of fabrics in 1988 to 75.5 million kilograms in 1989. Higher domestic shipments and imports from a year ago accounted for the year-to-year market increase. Compared with 1983, the market was some 60.6 per cent higher with year-to-year increases recorded consistently during the six-year period.

Canadian-made nonwoven fabrics were distributed among its five markets as follows: industrial market, 40 per cent, export market, 34.6 per cent, consumer market, 14.8 per cent, household market, 9.3 per cent and medical market, 1.2 per cent.

Exports of nonwovens dropped 5.2 per cent to 27.7 million kilograms in 1989 from the previous year. Export markets in 1989 accounted for 34.6 per cent of Canadian shipments, down 3.1 percentage points from the previous year, exports were 49.2 per cent higher in 1989 than six years ago in 1983.

Domestic shipments to the industrial, consumer, household and medical markets in Canada, rising 8.2 per cent from the previous year, reached 52.2 million kilograms in 1989. Their overall market share slipped from 72.6 per cent in 1988 to 69.2 per cent in 1989. Some 88.5 per cent of Canadian-made nonwovens shipped to Canadian converters was consumed in durable end-uses such as automotive parts and geotextiles, and the remaining 11.5 per cent was used up in disposable enduses such as baby diapers, personal hygiene products, and wipes of all types. Domestic shipments of nonwovens for durable end-uses were up 11.1 per cent from the previous year. Those for disposable end-uses were down just under 1 per cent from the previous year. In the six-year period of 1983-1989, domestic shipments, rising consistently year after year, was up 27 per cent.

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