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# TEXTILE AND CLOTHING SUPPLIES



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## HARMONIZED SYSTEM CODES:

- 5204- Cotton sewing thread, whether or not put up for retail sale
- 5401- Sewing thread of manmade filaments, whether or not put up for retail sale
- 5508- Sewing thread of manmade staple fibers, whether or not put up for retail sale
- 5601- Wadding of textile materials and articles
- 5602- Felt, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated
- 5603- Nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated
- 5604- Rubber thread, cord, strip, etc
- 5806- Narrow woven fabrics, incl. narrow fabrics consisting of warp without weft
- 5807- Labels, badges and similar articles, of textile materials
- 5808- Braid of textile materials
- 5810- Embroidery on a textile fabric ground, in the piece, in strips or as motifs
- 5811- Quilted textile products in the piece
- 8308- Clasp, buckle, eye, etc. for apparel, handbag, etc; rivet, bead of base metal
- 9606- Buttons, pressfasteners, snapfasteners and pressstuds
- 9607- Slide fasteners and parts

## PRODUCTION

The establishment of modern textile and clothing industry in Turkey depended on industrialization efforts in the Sixties and Seventies. Heavy investments on modern machinery parks and human resources reached the highest level in the Nineties. Today, the textiles and clothing industry is the most outward-oriented industry that can compete with other countries in international markets in terms of high quality and wide range of products.

Turkey exported US\$ 26,3 billion of textile and clothing products in 2011. With this amount, it had a share of 19% in total exports of Turkey. Since the Turkish textile and clothing industry is one of the major players in the world market both in terms of production and exports, the sector needs textile and clothing supplies in large quantities and a wide variety. Therefore, the textile and clothing supply industry, which was established to meet the needs of the domestic textile and clothing industry, has shown significant development, and now serves the world textile and clothing industry as well. The industry produces all kinds of textile and clothing supplies such as zippers, buttons, hooks and eyes, labels, lace, trimmings, lining, interlining, tapes, elastic, ribbons, etc. in large quantities and with the best quality.

Since Istanbul is the clothing production and fashion center, the majority of textile and clothing supply manufacturers are located in Istanbul. The rest are in Izmir, Bursa, Denizli, Gaziantep and Kayseri. The companies in the sector were organized in 1995 under Clothing Findings and Trimmings Association. The association has over one hundred members, organizes seminars on quality standards, analyses the sector and finds collective solutions for sector problems, trains qualified personnel for the sector and introduces the sector to both the national and international markets by organizing events. The association makes a considerable contribution to increase exports of the sector.

Today, consumers are showing increasing concern for health and environmental issues and demanding products that do not cause health and environmental risks. Since many

textile and clothing supply products such as lace, elastic, labels, tapes, ribbons are in direct contact with the skin, the reliability of these products in terms of human health is as important as other items of clothing or textile products. Being aware of these trends, Turkish textile and clothing supply producers are now becoming much more sensitive to health and the environment, and are adapting themselves to developments in the international markets towards healthier and more environment friendly products by adopting environment management systems and obtaining eco-labels. Today many companies in this sector use private eco-labels such as OekoTex Standard 100, etc.

## EXPORTS

Though the Turkish textile and clothing supplies industry is a very young industry compared to the main textile and clothing industry, it is growing very rapidly not only in terms of production but also in terms of exports. Exports of textile and clothing supplies increased 28% from US\$ 477 million in 2010 to US\$ 608 million in 2011.

The main export products in 2011 were interlining, embroideries, buttons, clasps, buckles, zippers, narrow fabrics, labels, sewing yarns, braids, trimmings, tassels, etc. Major export markets in 2011 were the Russian Federation, Germany, Poland, the UK, Romania, Iran, Italy, the USA, Egypt, Bulgaria and Ukraine.

### *Turkey's Textile and Clothing Supplies Exports (US \$)*

H.S.	Products	2009	2010	2011	11-10 Change (%)
5204	Cotton sewing thread	7.272.988	8.058.813	7.826.112	-3
5401	Sewing thread of man-made filaments	18.171.331	21.421.746	25.162.339	17
5508	Sewing thread of man-made staple fibers	7.684.720	9.228.904	12.967.442	41
5601	Wadding of tex mat&art thereof;tex fib<=/=5mm le(flock)	22.802.608	37.291.317	42.723.774	15
5602	Felt, w/n impregnated, coated, covered or laminated	18.469.322	25.173.730	31.286.517	24
5603	Nonwovens, w/n impregnated, coated, covered or laminated	104.336.546	145.833.387	226.722.523	55
5604	Rubber thread, cord, strip, etc	4.150.530	5.606.180	6.614.798	18
5806	Nar woven fabrics, o/t those of hd 5807	23.647.499	27.088.642	31.570.428	17
5807	Label,badge&sim art of tex	16.102.007	18.431.333	18.926.945	3
5808	Braid in the piece;orn trim,in pce,o/t knit/crochtd	14.100.633	15.045.513	16.990.572	13
5810	Embroidery in the piece, in strips or in motifs	83.788.432	78.462.190	91.182.847	16
5811	Quiltd textile product in the piece other than embroidery of hd no5810	5.182.458	7.744.598	11.235.545	45
8308	Clasp/buckle/eye,etc for appl,handbag,etc; of base metal	24.602.191	17.143.216	18.809.053	10
9606	Buttons, press&snap fasteners, button moulds	29.831.691	28.138.565	26.475.443	-6
9607	Slide fasteners and parts thereof	26.356.428	32.114.333	39.738.332	24
<b>Toplam</b>		<b>406.499.384</b>	<b>476.782.467</b>	<b>608.036.390</b>	<b>28</b>

Source: Ministry of Economy

### *Turkey's Textile and Clothing Supplies Exports by Countries (US \$)*

Country	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
The Russian Federation	75.213.611	67.487.977	41.929.390	54.075.865	74.204.914
Germany	29.734.137	32.043.601	30.140.322	32.953.184	38.548.215
Poland	46.320.871	42.168.489	23.290.334	25.292.810	37.086.676
The UK	21.806.701	20.069.401	21.520.441	24.539.782	32.111.726
Romania	19.823.032	22.905.184	19.830.801	23.597.251	30.443.465
Iran	31.834.030	23.391.216	18.797.531	14.846.457	28.673.217
Italy	20.649.039	17.815.874	16.508.454	20.739.385	25.854.124
USA	15.561.624	15.260.136	14.767.121	17.910.820	22.948.711
Egypt	9.003.655	14.895.581	16.414.945	18.401.538	22.605.575
Bulgaria	18.713.966	20.967.652	12.689.675	15.299.787	21.222.162
Ukraine	8.867.987	10.225.139	7.694.363	12.105.139	18.283.728
France	12.820.515	12.375.172	13.712.460	18.523.201	17.826.975
Syria	3.676.215	5.928.538	7.845.890	7.818.250	11.700.952
Spain	12.055.874	9.809.142	7.373.655	9.180.159	11.690.528
Algeria	6.449.179	5.537.051	12.617.782	8.918.034	10.925.014
Israel	6.402.248	8.884.950	4.431.419	8.356.760	10.039.672
Saudi Arabia	3.313.188	4.879.262	4.941.346	8.307.858	8.577.174
Morocco	5.224.604	5.398.498	5.209.471	6.099.832	8.320.972
The Netherlands	4.289.733	4.142.226	3.147.879	4.496.124	7.648.666
Tunisia	3.627.437	4.462.282	4.208.296	6.783.900	7.465.250
<b>List Total</b>	<b>355.387.646</b>	<b>348.647.371</b>	<b>287.071.575</b>	<b>338.246.136</b>	<b>445.978.783</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>496.309.251</b>	<b>483.982.187</b>	<b>406.499.384</b>	<b>476.782.467</b>	<b>608.036.390</b>

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## USEFUL LINKS

- Istanbul Textile and Apparel Exporter Associations  
[www.itkib.org.tr](http://www.itkib.org.tr)
- Aegean Exporters' Associations  
[www.egebirlik.org.tr](http://www.egebirlik.org.tr)
- Uludağ Exporters' Association  
[www.uib.org.tr](http://www.uib.org.tr)
- Denizli Textile and Apparel Exporters Associations  
[www.detkib.org.tr](http://www.detkib.org.tr)
- Mediterranean Exporter Associations  
[www.akib.org.tr](http://www.akib.org.tr)
- South East Anatolia Exporters' Associations  
[www.gaib.org.tr](http://www.gaib.org.tr)
- Turkish Clothing Manufacturers Association  
[www.tgsd.org](http://www.tgsd.org)
- Aegean Clothing Manufacturers' Association  
[www.egsd.org.tr](http://www.egsd.org.tr)
- Turkish Textile Employers' Association  
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