

X-RAY APPARATUS AND RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

The report on this sector concentrates on six U.S. commodity groups which include all measuring and controlling equipment based on the use of radioactive materials. More detailed U.S. market and tariff information and export-related leads for this product group are contained in the individual report for this sector. Highlights of the sector report are:

The U.S. Import Market

The table below shows the value of total U.S. imports for this sector in 1986 and the share of that market held by four exporting regions:

Region	U.S. Import Market	
	U.S.\$ millions	%
Canada	13.2	2.2
Western Europe	468.0	77.3
Japan	100.8	16.6
Others	23.8	3.9
Total	\$605.8	100%

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

Current U.S. tariffs on X-ray equipment range from 2.1% to 4%. Some items become duty free by January 1, 1989, some by January 1, 1993 and the remainder on January 1, 1998.

YARN AND THREAD, OF WOOL AND MANMADE FIBRES

The report on this sector concentrates on at least thirteen U.S. commodity groups which include items such as nylon filaments, plied continuous yarns and wool yarn. More detailed U.S. market and tariff information and export-related leads for this product group are contained in the individual report for this sector. Highlights of the sector report are:

The U.S. Import Market

The table below shows the value of total U.S. imports for this sector in 1986 and the share of that market held by four exporting regions:

Region	U.S. Import Market	
	U.S.\$ millions	%
Canada	55.2	11.4
Western Europe	238.0	49.0
Japan	60.1	12.3
Others	132.8	27.3
Total	\$486.1	100%

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

Current U.S. tariffs on yarn and thread range from 5% to 15%. Under the Free Trade Agreement, these duties will be removed on January 1, 1998.