

CEMENT AND CONCRETE MIXTURES

The report on this sector concentrates on three U.S. commodity groups which include cement, cement clinker and hydraulic cement and concrete mixtures. 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	124.6	26.3
Western Europe	118.7	25.1
Japan	20.3	4.3
Others	209.7	44.3
Total	\$473.3	100%

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

The U.S. tariff on Portland cement is 22¢/t including the weight of the container. All other cements are duty free. Under the Free Trade Agreement Portland Cement would become duty free on January 1, 1989.

CHEMICAL PRODUCTS AND PREPARATIONS

The report on this sector concentrates on one U.S. commodity group which includes items such as automotive fluids and chemicals, catalysts and intermediate chemical compounds for the manufacture of pharmaceutical, cosmetic or food products. 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	58.4	12.3
Western Europe	213.5	44.8
Japan	85.0	17.8
Others	119.7	25.1
Total	\$476.6	100%

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

U.S. tariffs for the products in this sector are widely varied as they serve many different industries. Chemical intermediates for perfumes, cosmetics or toilet preparations carry tariffs of 6% or 6.3% or if by weight, 11¢/kg plus 4.9% or 4.7%. Preparations for use in the textile industry are levied 6% while those for the paper industry are levied 12%. The maximum tariff in this sector is 18%. All duties are to be removed by January 1, 1993 under the Free Trade Agreement.