

PESTICIDES

The report on this sector concentrates on one U.S. commodity group which includes all pesticides. 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	14.4	3.8
Western Europe	270.9	71.1
Japan	17.8	4.7
Others	77.8	20.4
Total	\$380.9	100%

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

Current U.S. tariffs on pesticides range from 3.7% to 13.5%. Under the Free Trade Agreement these tariffs will be removed by January 1, 1993 with duties reduced in five equal stages.

PLASTIC FILM, STRIPS AND SHEETS

The report on this sector concentrates on seven U.S. commodity groups which include items such as cellulosic plastic film, strips and sheets. 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	71.0	12.3
Western Europe	165.7	28.8
Japan	156.7	27.2
Others	182.3	31.7
Total	\$575.7	100%

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

Current U.S. tariffs on plastic products are calculated either by value or by a combination of weight and value. Tariffs by value range from 2.1% to 12.5%. Under the Free Trade Agreement, primary forms of plastic will become duty free by January 1, 1993 and manufactured plastic products will become duty free on January 1, 1998.