

BACKGROUND ...

CURRENT SITUATION ...

Demand for Outergarments

Total imports of the three outer garment categories amount to 46% of total imports.

The major under each category are :

	Total Imports of Category (%)	Growth ('85-'88)	Major Country Supplier
Outergarments (Men, Boys)			
Trousers - cotton	44	14	Malaysia - 30%
Sarongs - cotton	10	1	India - 93%
Outergarments (Women)			
Other outergarments - cotton	23	23	Malaysia - 50%
Blouses - cotton	16	22	Malaysia - 29%
Outergarments (Knitted or Crocheted)			
Other outergarments - synthetic	23	23	Malaysia - 50%
Other outergarments - cotton	23	23	Malaysia - 50%

Knitted outergarments had a high re-export figure of 90% while re-export figures for outergarments for women, men and boys ranged from 54-57%.

High growth areas in these categories include :

- men's jackets of wool - 82%
- men's shirts of cotton - 54%
- men's shirts of other fiber - 50%
- women's suits, coats and jackets of wool - 60%
- parts of knitted garments and crochet jerseys grew by more than - 100%

Demand for Undergarments

Imports of undergarments made of textile and knitted undergarments accounted for 31% of total imports of clothing and apparel. The major items in these categories are :

	Total Imports of Category	Growth (%)	Major Country Supplier
Undergarments (Textile)			
Shirts - cotton (men)	64	29	Malaysia - 26%
Shirts - synthetic (men)	15	-7	Malaysia - 47%
Undergarments (knitted)			
Other undergarments - cotton (men)	29	22	Malaysia - 44%
Sport shirts - cotton (men)	17	24	Hongkong - 40%

The majority (53-72%) of imports for both textile and knitted undergarments were re-exported. A major growth area was pants and undergarments for infants not knitted or crocheted but made of other material which grew by more than 100%.