

BRICK, CERAMIC, TILE, AND CERAMIC CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

The report on this sector concentrates on seven U.S. commodity groups which include all ceramic construction articles. 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	4.4	1.3
Western Europe	200.2	59.0
Japan	61.8	18.2
Others	72.8	21.5
Total	\$339.2	100%

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

U.S. tariffs on ceramic construction materials range from 4.9% to 20%. Some tariffs are removed by January 1, 1993 and the remainder by January 1, 1998, in five or ten equal stages respectively.

BUSINESS MACHINES

The report on this sector concentrates on six U.S. commodity groups which include automatic data processing machines and other office machines. 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	727.7	6.2
Western Europe	1,605.9	13.7
Japan	5,042.9	43.2
Others	4,306.9	36.9
Total	\$11,683.4	100%

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

Current U.S. tariffs on automatic data processing machines range from 3.7% to 4.9%. Duties on other office machines range from 2.2% to 5.3%. Under the terms of the Free Agreement these items would become duty free by January 1, 1989 or by January 1, 1993.