

On the basis of the above process, the following product group was selected to be the subject of this report:

- Varnishes, lacquers, distempers, water pigments, stamping foils and dyes (Schedule A 5334000).

U.S. IMPORTS 1982-88

A breakdown of 1988 imports of selected colour, dye, paint and varnish products by country is presented in Appendix 3. Europe and Japan captured 82.7% of the U.S. import market of these products in 1988. Japan, alone, supplied 42.8% of imports of these products. Among the European countries, the major suppliers to the United States in 1988 were West Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom with 39%, 20% and 13% respectively of the European share of exports to the United States.

Chart 1, below, illustrates U.S. imports of the selected product group between 1982 and 1988.