

BACKGROUND ...

CURRENT SITUATION

Between 1985-1988, net retained imports for clothing and apparel rose by 12% from S\$353 million to S\$499 million. The approximate market size for the fashion industry in 1987 was S\$720 million, including local sales of domestic producers.

APPARENT DOMESTIC MARKET FOR CLOTHING AND APPAREL (S\$ Million)

	1985	1986	1987	1988
Total Imports	654	786	1,072	1,209
Less Re-Exports	302	397	608	710
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Net Retained Imports	353	388	463	499
Local Sales of Domestic Producers	NA	247	257	NA
Apparent Domestic Market	NA	635	720	NA

Source : Singapore Trade Statistics, Census on Industrial Production

A breakdown of net retained imports by product category indicates that outer garments for women is the largest category (26%). Clothing accessories of textile and outer garments knitted or crocheted were the smallest categories, amounting to 13% and 7% respectively.

The fastest growing categories, other clothing accessories and clothing accessories of textile grew by 31%, 25% respectively between 1985-1988.

NET RETAINED IMPORTS OF CLOTHING AND APPAREL BY PRODUCT CATEGORY - 1988

	Value S\$ Million	% of Total	% Growth (1985-1988)
Outer garments (men & boys)	66	13	12
Outer garments (women)	132	26	12
Outer garments (knitted or crocheted)	35	7	-2
Undergarments (textile)	49	10	2
Undergarments (knitted)	103	21	13
Clothing Accessories (textile)	64	13	25
Other Clothing Accessories	50	10	31
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Source : Singapore Trade Statistics