

# **FLAT GOODS OF MANMADE FIBERS, LUGGAGE OF MANMADE FIBERS, AND HANDBAGS OF MANMADE FIBERS**

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Note.--The whole of the Commission's report may not be made public since it contains certain information that would result in the disclosure of the operations of individual concerns. This published report is the same as the report to the United States Trade Representative, except that the above-mentioned information has been omitted. Such omissions are indicated by asterisks.

## HIGHLIGHTS

On February 19, 1985, William E. Brock, former United States Trade Representative, requested the United States International Trade Commission to institute an investigation pursuant to section 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements with information on certain handbags, luggage and flat goods. On March 7, 1985, the Commission instituted an investigation under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)) concerning flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers.

In the course of reviewing the data compiled by the Commission in Investigation No. 332-208, Flat Goods of Manmade Fibers, Luggage of Manmade Fibers, and Handbags of Manmade Fibers, the following observations regarding the limitations of the data should be kept in mind. There is no definitive listing of firms that represents the universe for these industries. On the basis of information available, the Commission compiled a listing of 443 possible producers and importers of which 210 were sent both the producers and importers questionnaire and 233 were sent only the importers questionnaire. With regard to the first group, the Commission received responses from 54 percent. However, only 13 percent represented producers (some of which import) and 11 percent represented importers. The remainder either stated they did not produce or import these articles or provided unusable data. In the second group, responses were received from 50 percent. Of these, 43 percent provided usable data and the remainder either sent a sheet stating they did not import or sent unusable data. As a result, the Commission believes the data presented in the report significantly understate the size of the industries, especially for handbags and flat goods. Moreover, most of these firms are small and do not maintain detailed record systems. Even larger firms found difficulty providing data for these articles in the specificity requested, i.e., manmade fibers only and by type of flat good or luggage. Thus, much of the data provided are estimated, and, because of the nature of each firm's records, some could provide certain portions of the data requested in the questionnaire but not others and these portions often differed from firm to firm. However, the greatest difficulty was experienced in providing production, capacity, exports, inventories, unfilled orders, imports (as opposed to shipments of imports), and pricing data. Data on prices were especially sparse. Many firms reported that they had only computerized their records in 1983 or 1984 and that the requested data were not available or available only on an estimated basis. Thus, data for 1982 should be used with caution when looking at trends. Finally, it should be noted that some imported articles reported in official statistics that would seem to be in chief value of materials other than textiles may be classified as being in chief value of textile materials on the basis of the United States Court of International Trade Case Nikolic v. United States (5 CIT 137 (1983)). A summary of the economic data on flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers obtained during the Commission's investigation follows. The primary findings of the study are presented below.

### U.S. Production

U.S. production of flat goods of manmade fibers decreased annually during 1982-84, from \*\*\* units to \*\*\* units (table 1). During the same period, production of luggage of manmade fibers increased annually from 2.9 million

units to 3.0 million units and that of handbags of manmade fibers decreased from \*\*\* units to \*\*\* units.

#### Capacity

For all three products, capacity decreased each year between 1982 and 1984. It declined from \*\*\* units to \*\*\* units for flat goods of manmade fibers, while capacity utilization also decreased from \*\*\* percent to \*\*\* percent (table 2). Capacity to produce luggage of manmade fibers decreased from 4.8 million units to 4.4 million units, and capacity utilization dropped from 57 percent in 1982 to 52 percent in 1984 (table 3). Likewise, U.S. producers of handbags of manmade fibers decreased capacity from \*\*\* units in 1982 to \*\*\* units in 1984 (table 4). However, utilization increased from \*\*\* percent to \*\*\* percent.

#### U.S. Producers' Shipments

U.S. producers' domestic shipments of flat goods of manmade fibers decreased from \*\*\* units, valued at \*\*\*, in 1982 to \*\*\* units, valued at \*\*\*, in 1984 (table 5). In contrast, while the units of luggage of manmade fibers shipped during 1982-84 decreased from 2.7 million to 2.5 million, the value increased from \$63.1 million to \$74.7 million. However, producers' shipments of handbags, declined from \*\*\* units, valued at \*\*\*, in 1982 to \*\*\* units, valued at \*\*\*, in 1984.

#### Employment

The number of production and related workers declined annually from 1982 to 1984 for all three articles, from \*\*\* to \*\*\* for flat goods of manmade fibers, from 1,292 to 1,192 for luggage of manmade fibers, and from \*\*\* to \*\*\* for handbags of manmade fibers (table 9).

#### U.S. Imports

Estimated U.S. imports of flat goods of manmade fibers increased from 23.6 million units, valued at \$24.8 million, in 1982 to 49.3 million units, valued at \$32.2 million, in 1984 (table 17). Taiwan and Korea were the principal supplying countries (tables 21 and 22). Estimated U.S. imports of luggage of manmade fibers increased from 40.5 million units, valued at \$148.3 million, in 1982 to 121.0 million units, valued at \$328.3 million, in 1984 (table 18). Taiwan and Korea again led all other suppliers (tables 21 and 24). In contrast, estimated U.S. imports of handbags of manmade fibers decreased from 76.4 million units, valued at \$116.2, in 1982 to 58.7 million units, valued at \$91.3 million, in 1984 (table 19). Taiwan and China were the leading suppliers of such handbags (tables 21 and 23).

## Prices

Wholesale prices of imported articles were found to be lower, usually substantially lower, than those for competing domestic products for all of the selected articles upon which data were gathered. However, many articles registered very few or no responses.

### PRODUCT DEFINITIONS

1. The term "luggage" covers--

a. Travel goods, such as trunks, hand trunks, lockers, valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags, traveling bags, backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted), and like articles designed to contain clothing or other personal effects during travel.

b. Briefcases, portfolios, school bags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera cases, binocular cases, gun cases, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.), and like containers and cases designed to be carried with the person, except handbags as defined herein.

c. For purposes of this investigation, the U. S. Customs Service guidelines as to what constitutes luggage, which follow, apply:

(1) Diaper bags or bags constructed to contain wet articles, clean and soiled clothing, baby bottles and other accessories personal to a baby and mother.

(2) Roll bags, also known as barrel bags or duffelbags if they have a diameter over 6 inches.

(3) School bags and bags that have been obviously designed or intended for a student to carry books or gym- or other school-related items while traveling from place to place.

(4) Sport bags, equipment bags, knapsacks, backpacks, and all like travel bags intended for a specific sport activity or travel.

(5) Toilet, shaving, cosmetic, and utility bags designed to contain a man's or lady's toiletries while traveling. Usually these are lined with a waterproof liner and often have interior compartments to separate the various toilet items. Usually these are not smaller in size than 8 inches by 5 inches by 2 inches and are designed for use in travel.

(6) Insulated picnic bags and like items designed primarily to transport food and beverages and not primarily to preserve them.

(7) Garment bags that are substantially constructed and designed for travel.

(8) Substantially constructed open-top tote bags that are designed to contain various items including clothing and personal effects while traveling and have at least one side that exceeds 12 inches in length.

(9) All other tote bags that are designed to contain various items including clothing and personal effects while traveling and exceed 12 inches by 15 inches by 3 inches or a combination resulting in a comparable capacity.

(10) It is the position of Customs that a tote bag with a snap closure falls within paragraph (9) of the guidelines as "other tote bags" rather than under paragraph No. 8 as "open-top tote bags." It should be noted that tote bags with snap closures that do not exceed the cubic capacity set out in paragraph (9) of the guidelines are normally considered handbags for tariff purposes.

2. The term "handbags" covers pocketbooks, purses, shoulder bags, clutch bags, and all similar articles, by whatever name known, customarily carried by women or girls, but not including luggage as defined herein or shopping bags.

3. The term "flat goods" covers small flatwares designed to be carried on the person, such as banknote cases, bill cases, billfolds, bill purses, bill rolls, card cases, change purses, cigarette cases, coin purses, coin holders, compacts, currency cases, keycases, letter cases, license cases, money cases, pass cases, passport cases, powder cases, spectacle cases, stamp cases, vanity cases, tobacco pouches, and similar articles.

4. The following articles shall be disregarded in determining the component material of chief value in the articles covered by this investigation--

- a. Locks and other hardware fittings, frameworks, and linings.
- b. Bottle, dining, drinking, manicure, sewing, traveling, or similar sets fitted into luggage.

5. "Of" means that the article is wholly or in chief value of the named material.

6. "Wholly of" means that the article is, except for negligible or insignificant quantities of some other material or materials, composed completely of the named material.

7. An article is in chief value of a material if such material exceeds in value each other single component material of the article.



8. Imports of luggage of manmade fibers are entered into the United States under Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA) item numbers 706.3420, 706.4144, and 706.4152.

9. Imports of handbags of manmade fibers are entered into the United States under TSUSA item numbers 706.3410 and 706.4140.

10. Imports of flat goods of manmade fibers are entered into the United States under TSUSA item numbers 706.3430 and 706.3900.

11. Prior to January 1, 1984, TSUSA items 706.4144 and 706.4152 were one TSUSA item, 706.4150.

12. Prior to January 1, 1985, TSUSA items 706.3410, 706.3420, and 706.3430 were one TSUSA item, 706.3400.

Table 1.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. production, by types, 1982-84

(Quantity in thousands of units)

Product	1982	1983	1984
Manmade fiber (MMF) flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases	***	***	***
Keycases	***	***	***
French purses	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches	***	***	***
Other flat goods	***	***	***
Total	***	***	***
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	694	911	1,146
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	1,347	1,368	1,209
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)	526	311	255
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***
Other luggage	***	***	***
Total	2,895	2,917	3,021
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***

Table 1.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and hand-bags of manmade fibers: U.S. production, by types, 1982-84--Continued

(Quantity in thousands of pounds)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
MMF flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	***	***	***
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	***
Other flat goods-----	***	***	***
Total-----	***	***	***
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	5,055	9,360	14,121
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	3,251	3,128	2,609
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	233	143	114
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***
Other luggage-----	***	***	***
Total-----	9,450	13,662	18,158
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown. Production data in this table may differ from that reported in tables 3 and 4. See note to those tables for further explanation.

Table 2.--Flat goods of manmade fibers: U.S. production, practical capacity, 1/ and capacity utilization, by types, 1982-84

Item	1982	1983	1984
Production (1,000 units)			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	***	***	***
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	***
Other flat goods-----	***	***	***
Total-----	***	***	***
Capacity (1,000 units)			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	***	***	***
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	***
Other flat goods-----	***	***	***
Total-----	***	***	***
Capacity utilization (percent)			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	***	***	***
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	***
Other flat goods-----	***	***	***
Average-----	***	***	***

1/ Practical capacity was defined as the greatest level of output a plant can achieve within the framework of a realistic work pattern.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.

Table 3.--Luggage of manmade fibers: U.S. production, practical capacity, 1/ and capacity utilization, by types, 1982-84

Item	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
	Production (1,000 units)			Capacity (1,000 units)			Capacity utilization (percent)		
Manmade fiber (MMF) luggage:									
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	637	611	663	1,069	1,017	1,125	60	60	59
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	1,347	1,368	1,209	2,059	2,036	1,848	65	67	65
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	526	311	254	785	618	541	67	50	47
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	78	84	65	397	387	348	20	22	19
Other luggage-----	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Total or Average-----	2,734	2,468	2,262	4,826	4,562	4,368	57	54	52

1/ Practical capacity was defined as the greatest level of output a plant can achieve within the framework of a realistic work pattern.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown. Moreover, some firms did not report usable capacity data; thus, production data was not included for those firms in order not to distort capacity utilization data. This means production data recorded in this table will differ from that reported in table 1.

Table 4.--Handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. production, practical capacity, 1/ and capacity utilization, 1982-84

Item	1982	1983	1984
	Production (1,000 units)		
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***
	Capacity (1,000 units)		
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***
	Capacity utilization (percent)		
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***

1/ Practical capacity was defined as the greatest level of output a plant can achieve within the framework of a realistic work pattern.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown. Moreover, some firms did not report usable capacity data; thus, production data was not included in order not to distort capacity utilization data. This means production data recorded in this table will differ from that reported in table 1.

Table 5.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. producers' domestic shipments, 1/ by types, 1982-84

(Quantity in thousands of units)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
Manmade fiber (MMF) flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	***	***	***
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	***
Other flat goods-----	***	***	***
Total-----	***	***	***
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	639	744	874
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	1,363	1,346	1,269
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	512	310	255
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	76	70	60
Other luggage-----	***	***	***
Total-----	2,737	2,590	2,540
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***

See footnote at end of table.

Table 5.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. producers' domestic shipments, 1/ by types, 1982-84--Continued

(Value in thousands of dollars)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
MMF flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	***	***	***
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	***
Other flat goods-----	***	***	***
Total-----	***	***	***
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	41,115	46,562	52,935
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	15,415	16,151	15,582
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	1,945	1,426	1,502
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	1,348	1,550	1,703
Other luggage-----	***	***	***
Total-----	63,138	68,839	74,732
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***

1/ U.S. producers' domestic shipments do not include exports.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.



Table 6.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. exports, by types, 1982-84

(Quantity in thousands of units)

Product	1982	1983	1984
Manmade fiber (MMF) flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	0	0	0
Keycases-----	0	0	0
French purses-----	0	0	0
Checkbook clutches-----	0	0	0
Other flat goods-----	0	0	0
Total-----	0	0	0
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	***	***	***
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	0	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	***	***	***
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	***	***	***
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***
Other luggage-----	0	0	0
Total-----	***	***	***
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***

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Table 6.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. exports, by types, 1982-84--Continued

(Value in thousands of dollars)

Product	1982	1983	1984
MMF flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	0	0	0
Keycases-----	0	0	0
French purses-----	0	0	0
Checkbook clutches-----	0	0	0
Other flat goods-----	0	0	0
Total-----	0	0	0
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	***	***	***
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	0	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	***	***	***
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	***	***	***
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***
Other luggage-----	0	0	0
Total-----	***	***	***
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.

Table 7.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. producers' inventories, by types, held as of Dec. 31, 1982-84

(Quantity in thousands of units)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
Manmade fiber (MMF) flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	***	***	***
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	***
Other flat goods-----	***	***	***
Total-----	***	***	***
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	256	172	171
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	334	341	304
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	46	38	50
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	41	47	49
Other luggage-----	***	***	***
Total-----	724	641	607
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***

Table 7.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. producers' inventories, by types, held as of Dec. 31, 1982-84--Continued

(Value in thousands of dollars)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
MMF flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	***	***	***
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	***
Other flat goods-----	***	***	***
Total-----	***	***	***
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	6,965	4,535	4,725
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	3,859	3,736	3,595
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	134	98	129
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	579	889	1,530
Other luggage-----	***	***	***
Total-----	12,991	10,541	10,818
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	***	***	***

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.

Table 8.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. producers' unfilled orders, by types, as of Dec. 31, 1983, and Dec. 31, 1984

(Quantity in thousands of units)		
Item	Unfilled orders on hand as of Dec. 31--	
	1983	1984
Manmade fiber (MMF) flat goods:		
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	0	0
Keycases-----	0	0
French purses-----	0	0
Checkbook clutches-----	0	0
Other flat goods-----	0	0
Total-----	0	0
MMF luggage:		
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	***	***
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	0	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	311	366
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	***	***
Tote bags (identified in product definition lc(8) and (9)).	***	***
Other luggage-----	0	0
Total-----	995	867
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition lc(8) and (9)).	***	***

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.

Table 9.--Average number of employees, total and production and related workers, hours worked by production and related workers in U.S. establishments in which flats goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers were produced, by types of products, 1982-84

(Number of employees)			
Item	1982	1983	1984
Average number of employees			
All persons-----	6,814	6,449	6,070
Production and related workers engaged in the production of--			
All products-----	4,680	4,501	4,176
Flat goods of manmade fibers-----	***	***	***
Luggage of manmade fibers-----	1,292	1,228	1,192
Handbags of manmade fibers-----	***	***	***
Hours worked by production and related workers (1,000 hours)			
All products-----	14,196	15,016	12,825
Flat goods of manmade fibers-----	***	***	***
Luggage of manmade fibers-----	4,528	4,178	3,962
Handbags of manmade fibers-----	***	***	***

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.

Table 10.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: Index of labor productivity, 1/ 1982-84

(1982=100)			
Period	: Flat goods of	: Luggage of	: Handbags of
	: manmade fibers	: manmade fibers	: manmade fibers
1982-----	***	100.0	***
1983-----	***	109.0	***
1984-----	***	118.0	***

1/ Output in units per employee hour.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.

Table 11.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. producers' imports, by types, 1982-84

(Quantity in thousands of units)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
<b>Manmade fiber (MMF) flat goods:</b>			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	0	0	***
Keycases-----	0	0	***
French purses-----	0	0	0
Checkbook clutches-----	0	0	0
Other flat goods-----	***	***	***
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>MMF luggage:</b>			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	2,132	2,372	2,688
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	524	1,010	1,832
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	***	***	***
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	914	827	965
Other luggage-----	0	0	***
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>5,994</b>
<b>MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>



Table 11.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. producers' imports, by types, 1982-84--Continued

(Value in thousands of dollars)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
<b>MMF flat goods:</b>			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	0	0	***
Keycases-----	0	0	***
French purses-----	0	0	0
Checkbook clutches-----	0	0	0
Other flat goods-----	***	***	***
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>MMF luggage:</b>			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	36,781	41,281	51,608
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	***	4,104	6,542
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	***	***	***
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	6,656	8,792	10,955
Other luggage-----	0	0	***
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>46,647</b>	<b>54,958</b>	<b>70,575</b>
<b>MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.

Table 12.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. importers' (as opposed to producers') imports, by types, 1982-84

(Quantity in thousands of units)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
<b>Manmade fiber (MMF) flat goods:</b>			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	5,453	10,430	8,857
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	590	893	1,055
Other flat goods-----	1,477	1,961	3,784
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>7,929</b>	<b>14,101</b>	<b>14,410</b>
<b>MMF luggage:</b>			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	3,599	4,642	6,147
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	103	318	380
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	9,729	12,472	17,312
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	549	1,531	2,075
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	5,138	7,366	9,513
Other luggage-----	748	1,179	2,435
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>19,772</b>	<b>27,304</b>	<b>37,599</b>
<b>MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).</b>	<b>14,001</b>	<b>19,448</b>	<b>24,823</b>

Table 12.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. importers' (as opposed to producers') imports, by types, 1982-84--Continued

(Value in thousands of dollars)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
MMF flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	5,969	11,306	10,222
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	1,198	1,791	2,134
Other flat goods-----	2,055	2,471	3,033
Total-----	9,647	16,455	16,267
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	20,838	39,736	49,303
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	319	2,487	3,127
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	23,328	34,129	49,305
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	1,206	1,696	2,242
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	10,697	14,075	15,238
Other luggage-----	1,085	1,277	3,647
Total-----	57,389	93,197	122,758
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	42,595	58,934	83,777

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.

Table 13.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. importers' sales, by types, 1982-84

(Quantity in thousands of units)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
Manmade fiber (MMF) flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	5,860	10,363	8,707
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	560	855	1,005
Other flat goods-----	2,596	2,867	4,905
Total-----	9,468	14,893	15,328
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	3,719	4,407	5,593
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	153	193	280
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	14,774	10,895	16,560
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	644	1,153	2,009
Tote bags (identified in product definition lc(8) and (9)).	4,935	7,720	8,884
Other luggage-----	669	966	2,193
Total-----	24,984	25,333	35,548
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition lc(8) and (9)).	13,570	19,484	22,991

Table 13.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. importers' sales, by types, 1982-84--Continued

(Value in thousands of dollars)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
<b>MMF flat goods:</b>			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	10,316	16,989	16,615
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	2,241	3,263	3,969
Other flat goods-----	5,283	5,982	8,946
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>18,684</b>	<b>27,617</b>	<b>30,877</b>
<b>MMF luggage:</b>			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	57,325	75,962	96,291
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	4,137	2,988	6,229
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, dufflebags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	56,196	47,648	67,687
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	2,682	3,189	4,021
Tote bags (identified in product definition lc(8) and (9)).	24,457	27,672	28,204
Other luggage-----	1,655	2,215	7,889
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>146,342</b>	<b>159,548</b>	<b>208,783</b>
<b>MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition lc(8) and (9)).</b>	<b>61,306</b>	<b>90,687</b>	<b>115,081</b>

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.

Table 14.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. importers' inventories, by types, held as of Dec. 31, 1982-84

(Quantity in thousands of units)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
Manmade fiber (MMF) flat goods:			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	1,007	1,290	1,453
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	***
Other flat goods-----	340	413	824
Total-----	1,498	2,030	2,474
MMF luggage:			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	851	1,094	1,391
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	2,733	4,029	5,562
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	175	350	427
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	1,332	1,333	1,927
Other luggage-----	***	***	***
Total-----	5,702	7,844	10,079
MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	6,120	7,050	9,060

Table 14.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. importers' inventories, by types, held as of Dec. 31, 1982-84--Continued

(Value in thousands of dollars)			
Product	1982	1983	1984
<b>MMF flat goods:</b>			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	1,342	1,850	2,476
Keycases-----	***	***	***
French purses-----	***	***	***
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	***
Other flat goods-----	327	1,556	1,821
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>3,786</b>	<b>4,876</b>
<b>MMF luggage:</b>			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	9,297	15,599	19,881
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	***
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, dufflebags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	7,314	11,742	20,793
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	602	842	949
Tote bags (identified in product definition 1c(8) and (9)).	3,600	4,643	5,829
Other luggage-----	***	***	***
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>21,244</b>	<b>33,601</b>	<b>48,848</b>
<b>MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap   closures not identified in product definition   1c(8) and (9)).</b>	<b>17,843</b>	<b>21,818</b>	<b>25,136</b>

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.

Table 15.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. importers' unfilled orders, by types, as of Dec. 31, 1983, and Dec. 31, 1984

(Quantity in thousands of units)			
Item	Unfilled orders on hand as of Dec. 31--		
	1983	1984	
<b>Manmade fiber (MMF) flat goods:</b>			
Wallets, bill folds, bill cases-----	***	***	
Keycases-----	***	***	
French purses-----	***	***	
Checkbook clutches-----	***	***	
Other flat goods-----	***	***	
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	
<b>MMF luggage:</b>			
Travel goods, such as valises, satchels, suitcases, wardrobe cases, overnight bags, pullman bags, gladstone bags.	418	579	
Business cases, such as briefcases, attache cases, portfolios, occupational luggage cases (physicians' cases, sample cases, etc.).	***	***	
Sports and hobby bags and cases, such as backpacks, knapsacks, kitbags, haversacks, duffelbags, photographic equipment bags, golf bags, camera bags, gun cases.	1,320	1,374	
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted)-----	***	***	
Tote bags (identified in product definition lc(8) and (9)).	1,420	796	
Other luggage-----	***	***	
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>4,519</b>	<b>3,154</b>	
<b>MMF handbags (including tote bags with snap closures not identified in product definition lc(8) and (9)).</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>1,388</b>	

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. In addition, some firms did not report data by type of article; where that occurs, the figures will not add to the totals shown.



Table 16.--Flat goods of manmade fibers, luggage of manmade fibers, and hand-bags of manmade fibers: Weighted-average wholesale selling prices of selected domestic and imported products 1/ and average margins of underselling or overselling, 2/ by types, 1982-84

Item	1982	1983	1984
Flat goods of manmade fibers:			
Wallets, bill folds, or bill cases:			
Domestic price <u>3/</u> -----	***	***	***
Import price <u>4/</u> -----	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.85
Average margin----- (percent)---	***	***	***
French purses:			
Domestic price-----	-	-	-
Import price <u>5/</u> -----	***	\$1.49	\$1.55
Average margin----- (percent)---	-	-	-
Checkbook clutches:			
Domestic price-----	-	-	-
Import price <u>6/</u> -----	***	***	***
Average margin----- (percent)---	-	-	-
Luggage of manmade fibers:			
Carryon hand luggage:			
Domestic price <u>7/</u> -----	\$81.68	\$82.17	\$81.62
Import price <u>8/</u> -----	\$7.90	\$5.14	\$7.13
Average margin----- (percent)---	90	94	91
Garment bags:			
Domestic price <u>9/</u> -----	\$79.00	\$83.50	\$86.30
Import price <u>10/</u> -----	\$6.50	\$4.65	\$5.69
Average margin----- (percent)---	92	94	93
Backpacks:			
Domestic price <u>11/</u> -----	***	***	***
Import price <u>12/</u> -----	\$3.67	\$3.27	\$3.42
Average margin----- (percent)---	***	***	***
Toilet or travel kits (fitted or unfitted):			
Domestic price <u>13/</u> -----	\$8.09	\$7.25	\$8.38
Import price <u>14/</u> -----	\$6.44	\$6.31	\$4.61
Average margin----- (percent)---	20	13	45
Handbags of manmade fibers:			
Domestic price <u>15/</u> -----	***	***	***
Import price <u>16/</u> -----	\$36.30	\$35.50	\$37.35
Average margin----- (percent)---	***	***	***

1/ Imports include both those entered by U.S. producers and those entered by other firms.

2/ Calculated as the percentage difference in the import price from the domestic price.

3/ Domestic prices based on a total quantity of \*\*\* in 1982, \*\*\* in 1983, and \*\*\* in 1984.

4/ Import prices based on a total quantity of 1,060,288 in 1982, 1,383,392 in 1983, and 1,860,984 in 1984.

5/ Import prices based on a total quantity of \*\*\* in 1982, 69,776 in 1983, and 112,924 in 1984.

6/ Import prices based on a total quantity of \*\*\* in 1982, \*\*\* in 1983, and \*\*\* in 1984.

7/ Domestic prices based on a total quantity of 169,641 in 1982, 204,505 in 1983, and 243,868 in 1984.

8/ Import prices based on a total quantity of 591,389 in 1982, 787,037 in 1983, and 1,214,676 in 1984.

9/ Domestic prices based on a total quantity of 120,742 in 1982, 117,222 in 1983, and 118,600 in 1984.

10/ Import prices based on a total quantity of 383,315 in 1982, 615,449 in 1983, and 571,021 in 1984.

11/ Domestic prices based on a total quantity of \*\*\* in 1982, \*\*\* in 1983, and \*\*\* in 1984.

12/ Import prices based on a total quantity of 3,250,667 in 1982, 1,225,666 in 1983, and 1,896,174 in 1984.

13/ Domestic prices based on a total quantity of 105,393 in 1982, 155,024 in 1983, and 154,402 in 1984.

14/ Import prices based on a total quantity of 296,506 in 1982, 297,875 in 1983, and 557,232 in 1984.

15/ Domestic prices based on a total quantity of \*\*\* in 1982, \*\*\* in 1983, and \*\*\* in 1984.

16/ Import prices based on a total quantity of 320,330 in 1982, 353,861 in 1983, and 514,285 in 1984.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 17.--Flat goods of manmade fibers: U.S. producers' domestic shipments, 1/ imports for consumption, and apparent consumption, 1982-84

Year	Producers' domestic shipments <u>1/</u>	Imports <u>2/</u>	Apparent consumption <u>3/</u>	Ratio (percent) of imports to consumption <u>4/</u>
Quantity (1,000 units)				
1982----	***	<u>5/</u> 23,584	***	***
1983----	***	39,501	***	***
1984----	***	49,327	***	***
Value (1,000 dollars)				
1982----	***	24,800	***	***
1983----	***	26,004	***	***
1984----	***	32,168	***	***

1/ Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission and represent domestic shipments; the shipments exclude exports.

2/ Partially estimated, based on official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The export data are not available from official statistics and are not needed in the computations to determine apparent consumption because exports are already excluded from the data on producers' domestic shipments.

3/ Represent producers' domestic shipments plus imports.

4/ The import penetration ratio is overstated because U.S. producers' shipments data are based on questionnaire responses and not all producers responded to the questionnaire. Import data, however, represent partially estimated total imports as reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

5/ Units not reported between Jan. 1, 1982, and Mar. 31, 1982, for articles valued at an estimated \$7.0 million.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

Table 18.--Luggage of manmade fibers: U.S. producers' domestic shipments, 1/ imports for consumption, and apparent consumption, 1982-84

Year	Producers' domestic shipments <u>1/</u>	Imports <u>2/</u>	Apparent consumption <u>3/</u>	Ratio (percent) of imports to consumption <u>4/</u>
Quantity (1,000 units)				
1982----	2,737	<u>5/</u> 40,507	43,244	94
1983----	2,590	77,747	80,337	97
1984----	2,540	121,016	123,556	98
Value (1,000 dollars)				
1982----	63,138	148,322	211,460	70
1983----	68,839	211,460	280,299	75
1984----	74,732	328,320	403,052	81

1/ Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission and represent domestic shipments; the shipments exclude exports.

2/ Partially estimated, based on official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The export data are not available from official statistics and are not needed in the computations to determine apparent consumption because exports are already excluded from the data on producers' domestic shipments.

3/ Represent producers' domestic shipments plus imports.

4/ The import penetration ratio is overstated because U.S. producers' shipments data are based on questionnaire responses and not all producers responded to the questionnaire. Import data, however, represent partially estimated total imports as reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

5/ Units not reported between Jan. 1, 1982, and Mar. 31, 1982, for articles valued at an estimated \$32.1 million.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

Table 19.--Handbags of manmade fibers: U.S. producers' domestic shipments, 1/ imports for consumption, and apparent consumption, 1982-84

Year	Producers' domestic shipments <u>1/</u>	Imports <u>2/</u>	Apparent consumption <u>3/</u>	Ratio (percent) of imports to consumption <u>4/</u>
Quantity (1,000 units)				
1982----	***	<u>5/</u> 76,412	***	***
1983----	***	64,496	***	***
1984----	***	58,683	***	***
Value (1,000 dollars)				
1982----	***	116,218	***	***
1983----	***	97,859	***	***
1984----	***	91,271	***	***

1/ Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission and represent domestic shipments; the shipments exclude exports.

2/ Partially estimated, based on official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The export data are not available from official statistics and are not needed in the computations to determine apparent consumption because exports are already excluded from the data on producers' domestic shipments.

3/ Represent producers' domestic shipments plus imports.

4/ The import penetration ratio is overstated because U.S. producers' shipments data are based on questionnaire responses and not all producers responded to the questionnaire. Import data, however, represent partially estimated total imports as reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

5/ Units not reported between Jan. 1, 1982, and Mar. 31, 1982, for articles valued at an estimated \$93,000.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

Table 20.--Handbags, luggage, and flat goods of manmade fibers: 1/  
U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1982-84

Source	1982	1983	1984
Quantity (1,000 units)			
Taiwan-----	2/ 104,377	125,403	146,626
Republic of Korea-----	2/ 15,571	28,612	36,029
China-----	2/ 5,298	8,271	20,615
Hong Kong-----	2/ 11,681	13,007	17,146
Mexico-----	2/ 259	466	789
Italy-----	2/ 172	252	640
Haiti-----	2/ 1,926	2,247	2,783
Macao-----	2/ 160	2,092	2,655
All other-----	2/ 1,058	1,394	1,743
Total-----	2/ 140,503	181,743	229,025
Quantity (1,000 pounds)			
Taiwan-----	3/ 68,340	106,661	121,649
Republic of Korea-----	3/ 11,403	23,389	37,379
China-----	3/ 2,302	4,378	11,783
Hong Kong-----	3/ 3,635	5,340	7,728
Mexico-----	3/ 718	1,786	2,759
Italy-----	3/ 90	190	321
Haiti-----	3/ 389	414	594
Macao-----	3/ 61	391	496
All other-----	3/ 527	808	1,173
Total-----	3/ 87,464	143,358	183,881
Value (1,000 dollars)			
Taiwan-----	205,667	228,243	276,754
Republic of Korea-----	48,356	67,004	101,712
China-----	7,243	9,796	30,636
Hong Kong-----	14,996	13,460	18,673
Mexico-----	3,288	5,913	9,152
Italy-----	2,484	2,760	3,736
Haiti-----	2,900	2,175	3,333
Macao-----	342	1,751	2,203
All other-----	4,065	4,221	5,561
Total-----	289,341	335,322	451,760

1/ Covers current TSUS and TSUSA numbers 706.34, 706.39, 706.4140, 706.4144, and 706.4152.

2/ Units were not reported between Jan. 1, 1982, and Mar. 31, 1982, for articles valued at \$39.2 million.

3/ Pounds were not reported between Jan. 1, 1982 and Mar. 31, 1982, for articles valued at \$73.8 million.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 21.--Certain handbags, luggage, and flat goods of manmade fibers: 1/  
U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1982-84

Source	1982	1983	1984
	Quantity (1,000 units)		
Taiwan-----	<u>2/</u> 1,382	2,344	3,783
Republic of Korea-----	<u>2/</u> 571	400	1,598
China-----	<u>2/</u> 89	217	486
Hong Kong-----	<u>2/</u> 128	184	184
Macao-----	<u>2/</u> 15	45	79
Japan-----	<u>2/</u> 4	9	70
Italy-----	<u>2/</u> 1	11	10
Haiti-----	<u>2/</u> 0	<u>3/</u>	43
All other-----	<u>2/</u> 4	62	65
Total-----	<u>2/</u> 2,193	3,274	6,319
	Value (1,000 dollars)		
Taiwan-----	2,773	3,630	9,726
Republic of Korea-----	1,393	820	5,288
China-----	128	325	1,263
Hong Kong-----	221	260	511
Macao-----	47	123	250
Japan-----	10	38	161
Italy-----	46	74	147
Haiti-----	5	6	86
All other-----	100	127	92
Total-----	4,724	5,404	17,523
	Unit value (per unit)		
Taiwan-----	<u>4/</u> \$1.53	\$1.55	\$2.57
Republic of Korea-----	<u>4/</u> 1.72	2.05	3.31
China-----	<u>4/</u> .90	1.50	2.60
Hong Kong-----	<u>4/</u> 1.52	1.41	2.77
Macao-----	<u>4/</u> 3.14	2.71	3.17
Japan-----	<u>4/</u> 1.52	4.02	2.29
Italy-----	<u>4/</u> 12.97	6.84	14.52
Haiti-----	<u>4/</u> -	15.63	2.01
All other-----	<u>4/</u> 4.83	2.03	1.42
Average-----	<u>4/</u> 1.58	1.65	2.77

1/ Covers current TSUS item 706.34.

2/ Units were not reported between Jan. 1, 1982, and Mar. 31, 1982, on articles valued at \$1.3 million.

3/ Less than 500 units.

4/ Based on data covering Mar. 31, 1982-Dec. 31, 1982.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 22.--Certain flat goods of manmade fibers: 1/ U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1982-84

Source	1982	1983	1984
Quantity (1,000 units)			
Taiwan-----	<u>2/</u> 10,981	20,809	25,842
Republic of Korea-----	<u>2/</u> 4,405	6,087	6,505
Hong Kong-----	<u>2/</u> 4,675	5,868	6,506
Macao-----	<u>2/</u> 69	1,887	2,439
Haiti-----	<u>2/</u> 1,189	1,678	2,138
China-----	<u>2/</u> 1,305	1,678	3,016
Italy-----	<u>2/</u> 42	91	365
France-----	<u>2/</u> 46	85	153
All other-----	<u>2/</u> 318	492	770
Total-----	<u>2/</u> 23,031	38,676	47,735
Value (1,000 dollars)			
Taiwan-----	13,180	15,009	17,722
Republic of Korea-----	4,076	3,651	3,717
Hong Kong-----	4,214	3,036	3,170
Macao-----	70	1,315	1,708
Haiti-----	1,157	976	1,654
China-----	884	905	1,505
Italy-----	427	282	565
France-----	72	133	262
All other-----	388	319	638
Total-----	24,469	25,626	30,941
Unit value (per unit)			
Taiwan-----	<u>3/</u> \$0.84	\$0.72	\$0.69
Republic of Korea-----	<u>3/</u> .72	.60	.57
Hong Kong-----	<u>3/</u> .62	.52	.49
Macao-----	<u>3/</u> 1.02	.70	.70
Haiti-----	<u>3/</u> .76	.58	.77
China-----	<u>3/</u> .56	.54	.50
Italy-----	<u>3/</u> 5.63	3.08	1.55
France-----	<u>3/</u> 1.38	1.56	1.71
All other-----	<u>3/</u> .88	.65	.83
Average-----	<u>3/</u> .76	.66	.65

1/ Covers current TSUS item 706.39.

2/ Units were not reported between Jan. 1, 1982, and Mar. 31, 1982, on articles valued at \$6.9 million.

3/ Based on data covering Mar. 31, 1982-Dec. 31, 1982.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 23.--Certain handbags of manmade fibers: 1/ U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1982-84

Source	1982	1983	1984
Quantity (1,000 units)			
Taiwan-----	63,192	51,638	40,525
China-----	3,037	4,508	9,128
Hong Kong-----	5,680	3,972	5,225
Republic of Korea-----	2,953	2,924	2,107
Italy-----	112	115	205
Japan-----	112	197	130
France-----	14	15	25
Haiti-----	499	409	126
All other-----	499	251	307
Total-----	76,098	64,028	57,779
Value (1,000 dollars)			
Taiwan-----	94,676	78,252	62,689
China-----	4,633	6,211	14,197
Hong Kong-----	6,418	4,402	5,541
Republic of Korea-----	5,200	5,041	3,469
Italy-----	1,595	1,510	2,298
Japan-----	509	423	433
France-----	265	362	317
Haiti-----	1,164	680	272
All other-----	1,414	585	776
Total-----	115,873	97,465	89,992
Unit value (per unit)			
Taiwan-----	\$1.50	\$1.52	\$1.55
China-----	1.53	1.38	1.56
Hong Kong-----	1.13	1.11	1.06
Republic of Korea-----	1.76	1.72	1.65
Italy-----	14.22	13.12	11.22
Japan-----	4.53	2.15	3.33
France-----	18.77	24.88	12.57
Haiti-----	2.33	1.66	2.16
All other-----	2.83	2.33	2.53
Average-----	1.52	1.52	1.56

1/ Covers current TSUSA item 706.4140.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.



Table 24.--Certain luggage of manmade fibers: 1/ U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1982-84

Source	1982	1983	1984
	Quantity (1,000 units)		
Taiwan-----	<u>2/</u> 28,821	50,611	76,475
Republic of Korea-----	<u>2/</u> 7,643	19,201	25,820
China-----	<u>2/</u> 868	1,868	7,985
Hong Kong-----	<u>2/</u> 1,197	2,982	5,230
Mexico-----	<u>2/</u> 155	415	622
Japan-----	<u>2/</u> 123	257	254
Haiti-----	<u>2/</u> 239	160	476
Republic of the Philippines-----	<u>2/</u> 33	93	118
All other-----	<u>2/</u> 102	179	214
Total-----	<u>2/</u> 39,181	75,766	117,193
	Value (1,000 dollars)		
Taiwan-----	95,039	131,351	186,617
Republic of Korea-----	37,688	57,493	89,238
China-----	1,597	2,355	13,672
Hong Kong-----	4,142	5,761	9,452
Mexico-----	3,141	5,846	8,828
Japan-----	596	866	1,371
Haiti-----	574	513	1,320
Republic of the Philippines-----	287	938	1,022
All other-----	1,211	1,706	1,783
Total-----	144,274	206,828	313,303
	Unit value (per unit)		
Taiwan-----	<u>3/</u> \$2.64	\$2.60	\$2.44
Republic of Korea-----	<u>3/</u> 3.69	2.99	3.46
China-----	<u>3/</u> 1.46	1.26	1.71
Hong Kong-----	<u>3/</u> 2.74	1.93	1.81
Mexico-----	<u>3/</u> 15.12	14.10	14.20
Japan-----	<u>3/</u> 4.27	3.37	5.39
Haiti-----	<u>3/</u> 1.85	3.21	2.77
Republic of the Philippines-----	<u>3/</u> 8.08	10.09	8.70
All other-----	<u>3/</u> 9.53	9.51	8.34
Average-----	<u>3/</u> 2.89	2.73	2.67

1/ Covers current TSUSA items 706.4140 and 706.4152.

2/ Units were not reported between Jan. 1, 1982, and Mar. 31, 1982, for luggage valued at \$31.0 million.

3/ Based on data covering Mar. 31, 1982-Dec. 31, 1982.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.





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