

U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement Market Access Results

Environmental Goods

Trade and Tariffs

The environmental sector includes a variety of products geared toward improving the environment and human safety.

Environmental goods accounted for nearly 5 percent of total U.S. non-textile industrial good exports to Oman in 2003, totaling approximately \$17 million. Centrifugal pumps for liquids were a leading export and comprised 21 percent of exports in this sector.

U.S. exports of environmental goods to Oman either enter duty-free or are subject to a 5 percent duty. The average applied duty is 4.9 percent.

Oman exports of environmental goods to the United States in 2003 were insignificant at approximately \$15,000. The United States tariff on environmental goods ranges from 0 to 8 percent with an average duty of 1.5 percent.

Tariff Elimination

The U.S.-Oman FTA will eliminate all industrial tariffs in the United States and Oman within 10 years of implementation. Tariffs will be phased out according to three tariff elimination categories: 1) immediate elimination, 2) equal cuts over 5 years, and 3) equal cuts over 10 years.

The United States currently allows 17 percent of environmental products to enter the country duty-free. Upon implementation of the agreement, the remaining 83 percent will receive immediate duty-free treatment upon implementation of the agreement.

While Oman currently allows only 2 percent of environmental products to enter duty-free, 100 percent of environmental products imported from the United States will be duty-free immediately upon implementation.