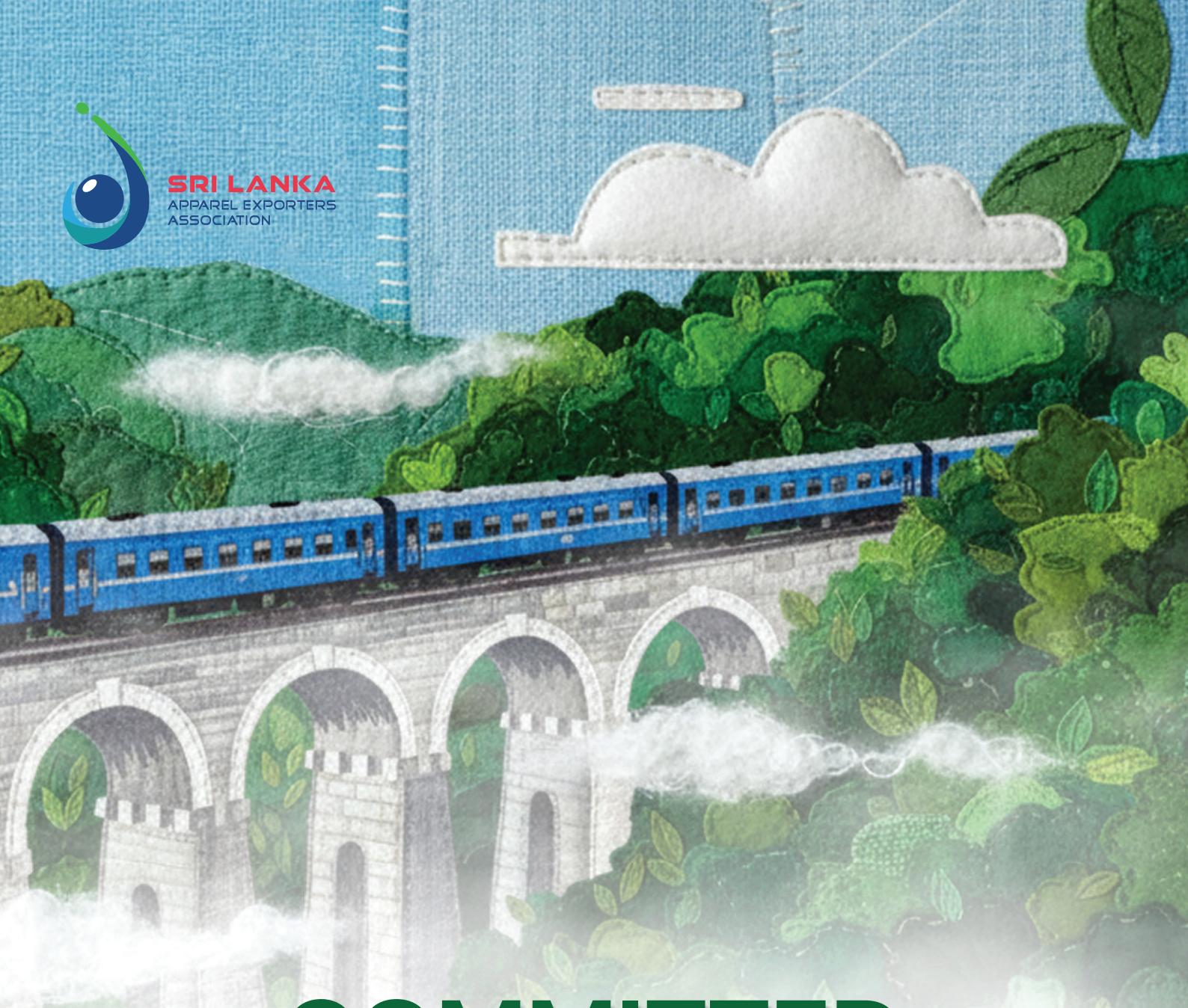




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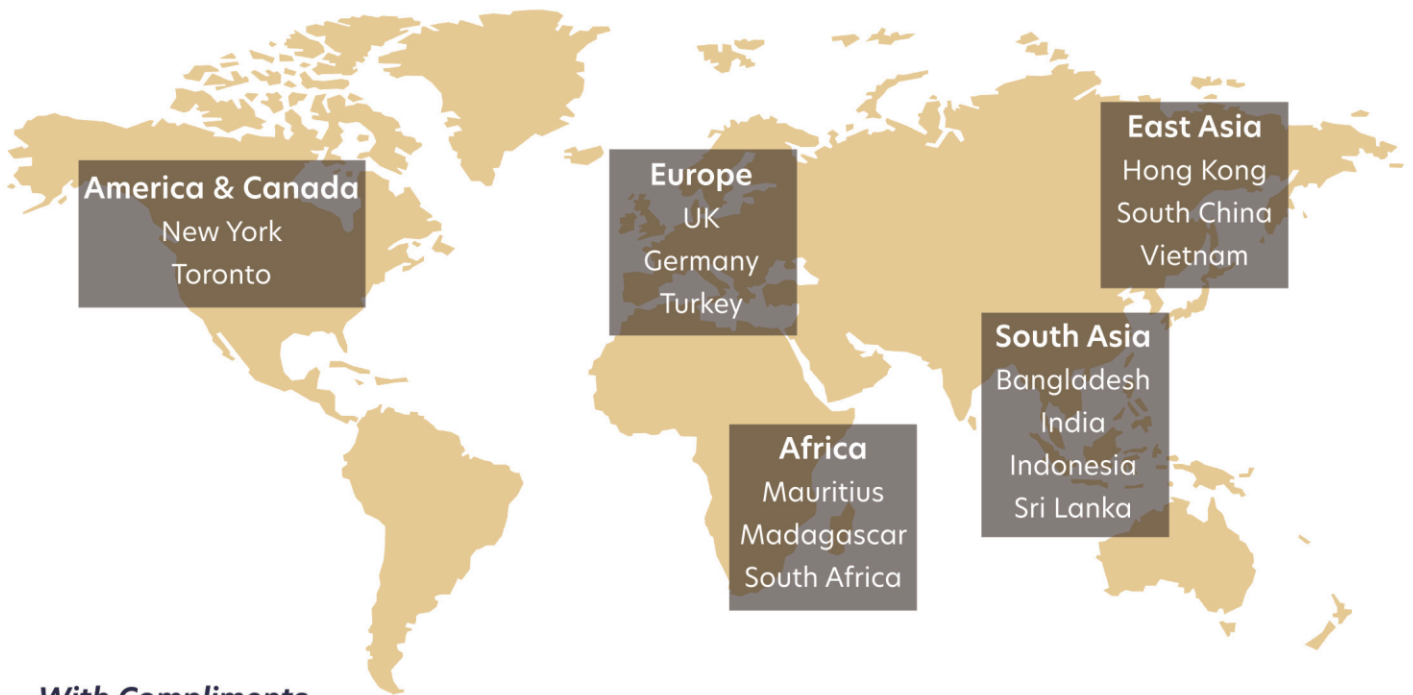


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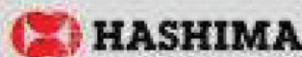
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON SRI LANKA APPAREL EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION (SLAEA)



It has been a privilege to assume the role of Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Apparel Exporters Association in January 2025, at an AGM that was graced by Her Excellency the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka and Her Excellency the Ambassador of the United States.

These past months have unfolded against a backdrop of unprecedented geo-political shifts and volatility in global trade. Amid these challenges, our Association has remained steadfast in its mission: to safeguard the competitiveness of Sri Lanka's apparel industry, to create new avenues for growth, and to ensure that our nation's voice resonates clearly on the global stage.

We have been engaged with the Government on two fronts of critical importance to our members. First, on the transition to the E-invoicing system following the repeal of SVAT, which has far-reaching implications for exporters. Second, on addressing tariff concerns with the United States, where our continuous advocacy has already secured a 20% reciprocal tariff a significant reduction from what was initially imposed. These discussions are ongoing, and we remain committed to securing the best outcomes for our industry.

One of the highlights of the year was hosting the CSDDD Awareness Session, in partnership with TrusTrace. The strong participation and overwhelming feedback underscored the sector's readiness to embrace evolving sustainability and compliance requirements. This responsiveness is not just about meeting standards it is about positioning Sri Lanka apparel as a leader in ethical, sustainable sourcing for the future.

Looking ahead, I am confident that with the unity, resilience, and commitment of our members, we will continue to rise above challenges and seize new opportunities. Together, we will reinforce Sri Lanka's reputation as a trusted, responsible, and forward-looking apparel sourcing destination.

Rajitha Jayasuriya





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MAS Holdings breaks ground in Bhuinpur, exploring new market opportunities in India

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MAS Holdings to gain greater access to growing Indian market with expansions in Odisha, India

MAS Holdings, South Asia's largest apparel manufacturer, marked a significant milestone in its global expansion by breaking ground for its first facility in the state of Odisha, India. This strategic initiative builds on MAS' long-standing presence in India while strengthening its regional production capabilities and giving it a strong foothold to access the fast-growing Indian retail market.



The ceremony was attended by Suren Fernando (GCEO of MAS Holdings), Malik Ahamadeen (CEO, MAS India), Shakthi Ranatunga (COO, MAS Holdings), Murad Rajudin (CEO MAS Fabric Park) while the Odisha Government was represented by Shri Subhendra Kumar Nayak, OAS, Special Secretary.

MAS Holdings plans to begin apparel production at this facility in 2026. The plant will focus on creating value-added apparel products tailored for both the Indian and international markets. This move not only leverages the potential of India's manufacturing landscape but also builds on MAS' proven operational excellence long established in Sri Lanka. Once established, these operations are set to benefit the wider MAS group, whose majority workforce is within Sri Lanka, by offering the company access to new markets and stronger regional partnerships driving growth and new business opportunities.

Speaking about the investment, Chief Executive Officer of MAS India, Malik Ahamadeen, said "MAS is excited to take this important step in creating a strong apparel ecosystem in the region. This is enabled by our extensive experience in managing holistic

apparel industrial zones in Sri Lanka, bringing together key partners along the apparel supply chain."

Speaking at the ceremony Group Chief Executive Officer of MAS Holdings, Suren Fernando, stated that "This investment marks a significant milestone in MAS' journey, and we are excited to leverage the vast business opportunities the venture presents. India has long been an integral part of our operations, and with 25 years of experience operating in India, we recognize the immense

potential of the country's manufacturing landscape, both for the global supply chain and the rapidly growing domestic retail sector."

Over the next ten years, MAS Holdings plans to develop the 60-acre site working together with its partners to build a fully-fledged apparel hub in Odisha.

In the image left to right: Koyama Akiko - Deputy Divisional Manager of THK, Ranjan Madugalle - Country Head for Central Manufacturing MCI, Tenisan Arachchilage - Director Engineering & Projects, Shakthi Ranatunga - COO MAS Holdings, Gank Toshikazu - Deputy Managing Director of THK, Shri Subhendra Kumar Nayak, OAS, Special Secretary of the Odisha Government, Suren Fernando - Group CEO MAS Holdings, Malik Ahamadeen - CEO MAS India, Dhanushki Perera - DGM MAS India Strategy, Murad Rajudin - CEO MAS Fabric Park, Sri Lanka, and Palanivelu Kulanthaisamy - Director Operations MAS India





Stitching a New Pattern:

The Untapped Potential of Repairing Pre-Consumer Waste The names of the individuals in this story have been changed to protect their privacy.

By Ramesh De Silva

The air in Ranmuthu Apparel's manufacturing facility pulsed with a familiar rhythm—the steady hum of machines, the crisp scent of fresh fabric, and the quiet chatter of workers keeping production on track. Yet, behind this well-oiled operation lurked a costly, silent challenge: pre-consumer waste.

This waste—unlike the discarded clothes from consumers—occurs before garments ever leave the factory. It includes rejected finished pieces, defective fabric rolls, partially completed garments, and brand-new items discarded for minor flaws, sometimes visible only to a trained eye.

One morning, Mr. Rohana, Ranmuthu's veteran factory manager, stood before a fresh mountain of rejected denim panels. A European client had just cancelled a 10,000-piece order due to subtle weaving inconsistencies and shade variations. Perfectly wearable and structurally sound, these panels were set for discount liquidation—or worse, incineration.

“We lose money every time this happens,” he muttered. “All because a colour is half a tone off.”

At a recent industry webinar, a statistic had stuck with him: 37–47% of all fibre entering the fashion value chain becomes waste before reaching consumers. It wasn't just fabric being thrown away—it was water, energy, labour, and value.

A Turning Point in Quality Control

The solution came in the form of Compréli, a global leader in large-scale garment repair. For over a decade, Compréli has perfected the craft of restoring defective garments to export-grade quality, using advanced mending techniques and a network of highly skilled technicians stationed in major manufacturing hubs. “We don't just patch garments,” explained Priya, Compréli's regional project manager. “We restore them to a condition indistinguishable from first-quality stock.”

But Ranmuthu Apparel's leadership went further than just bringing in Compréli. They made a decisive policy change: every rejected garment would be checked by Compréli before being classified as a reject and discarded. The factory's QC team was no longer allowed to reject garments without repair assessment—a decision management later called “the best decision we've ever made” after it saved the company millions of dollars.

The absurdity of the old process wasn't lost on anyone. As one executive pointed out:

“We have a highly qualified CFO who needs to sign off on an expense as small as Rs 500, but an O/L-qualified QC can define rejects worth tens of thousands of dollars in a single batch. That imbalance was costing us dearly.”

The Pilot That Paid Off

Within days, Compréli set up a dedicated repair unit inside Ranmuthu Apparel, complete with specialist technicians and precision equipment designed to address more than 60 common manufacturing defects. The pilot started with 2,000 rejected denim panels. Using low-impact, high-precision correction techniques, Compréli's team eliminated weaving distortions and colour mismatches. Within days, the repaired jeans cleared both factory and third-party inspections—earning full export value.

Instead of being sold at a loss or dumped entirely, Ranmuthu recouped its revenue, avoided costly re-production, and eliminated the risk of missing delivery deadlines or paying for expedited airfreight.

It was the first time waste started generating profit, Mr. Rohana reflected.

Repair: Profit Meets Sustainability

The environmental wins were just as compelling. Compréli's data shows that repairing a single garment can save:

- * 10 - 20 kg of CO₂ emissions
- * 2,000 litres of water
- * 30 kWh of electricity

Multiplied across thousands of pieces, the impact is staggering. Compréli's global operations have already conserved 100,000 tonnes of CO₂, saved 5 billion gallons of water, and prevented 100,000 tonnes of textile waste from entering landfills or incinerators.

An unexpected bonus?

As Ranmuthu's management gained confidence in Compréli's ability to repair most defects in the apparel manufacturing process—improving key KPIs such as cut-to-ship (CTS) and receive-to-ship (RTS) - pattern makers became more willing to use fabric with minor flaws, knowing defects could be repaired rather than wasted. This, in turn, boosted cutting efficiency and reduced unnecessary fabric waste.



With the upcoming Digital Product Passport (DPP) set to require detailed reporting of waste generated at the factory level, Ranmuthu now had verified data and a clear competitive advantage.

Why Repair is Now a Strategic Business Move

Compreli's model offers manufacturers and brands a pathway to:

- * Recover full value from previously unsellable stock
- * Eliminate re-production costs and related emissions
- * Improve operational efficiency and fabric yield
- * Meet rising regulatory demands for waste transparency
- * Enhance brand image in an increasingly circular marketplace

The Bigger Picture: Circularity as a Core Business Strategy

Globally, the fashion industry discards a garbage truck's worth of textiles every second. With 61% of textile waste bound for landfill or incineration - and over 70% of fashion's emissions generated before garments reach consumers - addressing pre-consumer waste is no longer optional.

Circular business models such as repair, resale, rental, and remanufacturing are moving from niche initiatives to boardroom priorities. Among them, repair stands out for its:

- * Rapid deployment potential
- * High value retention
- * Minimal resource requirements compared to recycling or re-production
- * Strong job creation opportunities

Since 2020, over \$2.1 billion has flowed into circular fashion ventures, and regulations like the CSRD, CSDDD, DPP, and EU Taxonomy are raising the stakes for compliance and accountability.

Compreli estimates that repairing just 2–3% of defective garments in a mid-sized factory could unlock over USD 1 million in annual savings - before factoring in environmental and reputational gains.

Today, Ranmuthu Apparel stands as a case study in future-ready manufacturing - efficient, conscious, and firmly embedded in the principles of circularity.

As Priya from Compreli put it: "Waste isn't waste until it's wasted. Repair doesn't slow fashion down - it makes it smarter."



CSDDD: PREPARING TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S TRADE

SLAEA'S AWARENESS PROGRAM BROUGHT INDUSTRY LEADERS TOGETHER TO UNPACK THE EU'S CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY DUE DILIGENCE DIRECTIVE, HIGHLIGHTING WHY EARLY ACTION IS VITAL FOR SRI LANKA'S APPAREL EXPORTERS TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN GLOBAL MARKETS.

The Sri Lanka Apparel Exporters Association (SLAEA) marked a key milestone in July by hosting a high-level awareness program on the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) a landmark law that will require companies to prove their supply chains are sustainable and free from human rights or environmental violations.

Held on 9th July 2025 at Jetwing Colombo Seven, the event brought together leading voices from Sri Lanka's apparel and export industries, all eager to understand how the directive's reshape and impact global trade and it means for Sri Lanka.

Setting the Stage We were privileged to welcome Lars Bredal, Deputy Ambassador of the European Union to Sri Lanka, whose presence underscored the importance of early action.. While the implementation deadline has been extended to 2028, he urged Sri Lankan exporters to begin preparations now stressing that compliance will be a business critical passport remain competitive in EU markets.

Keynote - From CSR to Mandatory Due Diligence Delivering the keynote address, Shyamali Ranaraja, a leading expert in governance and sustainability expert, described the shift as a “paradigm change.” No longer will voluntary CSR initiatives be enough-companies must demonstrate proof through traceability systems, strong governance, and transparent accountability.

Panel Insights - Turning Talk into Action. A dynamic panel discussion, moderated by Navindu Munidasa - Manager - Supply Chain Strategy & Dev (MAS Holdings), brought together: -

Shyamali Ranaraja - Legal & HR Consultant - Labour, Gender, Migration
Lars Bredal - Deputy Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union - Sri Lanka
Vajira Ellepola - Director General, Employers' Federation of Ceylon,
Eranthi Premaratne - Sustainability Consultant,
Mahesh Yellai - Chief Product Officer, TrusTrace

The conversation spotlighted four urgent priorities for exporters:

1. Early adoption of traceability and transparency tools
2. Strengthened corporate governance frameworks
3. Integration of digital compliance solutions
4. Better communication and shared responsibility with buyers.

Voices from the Room Participants echoed the urgency and praised SLAEA's leadership

“There's a clear knowledge gap in the industry regarding emerging directives. SLAEA's initiative was timely and impactful.”

Eranthi Premaratne - Sustainability Consultant

“The session emphasized cost implications and the need for shared responsibility between manufacturers and buyers.”

Birendra Padmaperuma - MAS Holdings

“Strong turnout and cross-sector engagement showed a shared commitment to global standards.”

Nitesh Ratnagopal - Avery Dennison

“Moderating the panel provided a broad perspective on the legal, environmental, and technological implications of CSDDD. Proactive engagement is essential for continued market access.”

Navindu Munidasa - Moderator

“This was a well-rounded and successful session. The keynote added great value, and the mix of speakers kept the discussion balanced.”

Yohan Lawrence, JAAF



“The event was well-organized and informative. The high level of participant engagement reflected the sector's growing interest in compliance.”

Mahesh Yellai – TrusTrace

Looking Ahead the message was clear: compliance is no longer optional - it is the gateway to market access. The apparel industry cannot afford to wait until 2028. By investing in governance, building traceability systems, and adopting digital tools, Sri Lanka can stay competitive in an era where sustainability is demanded, not requested.

What This Means for You - SLAEA Members The CSDDD will reshape how we do business. SLAEA urges members to:

1. Invest in traceability systems now to prove ethical and sustainable practices.
2. Strengthen governance and accountability across your organizations.
3. Adopt digital compliance tools to meet buyer requirements efficiently.
4. Engage with SLAEA programs to stay informed and aligned with industry readiness.

Bottom line: Acting early is the best way to protect and grow access to EU and global markets.





Composition of Exports from Sri Lanka

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Category	Dec 2023 (USD mn)	Dec 2024 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2023 (USD mn)	2024 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	790.9	841.5	6.4	9277.7	9946.9	7.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	44.3	57.6	29.9	539.3	651.5	20.8
Animal fodder	9.5	12.1	27.3	145.6	133.4	-8.3
Textiles and garments	439.9	447.6	1.7	4878.9	5061	3.7
o/w Garments	407.7	415.8	2	4440.6	4660.1	4.9
Textiles		23.8	23	-3.6	338.1	294.5
Other made-up textile articles		8.4	8.8	4.6	100.2	106.4
Rubber products	78.1	78.3	0.3	902.2	975.6	8.1
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	24.5	16.4	-33.2	500	381.9	-23.6
Machinery and mechanical appliances	43.1	39.5	-8.2	598.2	485.5	-18.8
Transport equipment	5.7	8	39.6	149.3	107	-28.3
Petroleum products	61.1	87.9	43.9	539.4	1063.5	97.2
Chemical products	16.7	21.5	28.2	193.5	234.1	21
Wood and paper products	10.2	9.8	-4.3	114	123.6	8.4
Printing industry products	3.4	2.9	-14.5	55.1	47.5	-13.9
Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.8	4.8	0.3	71.2	62.2	-12.7
Plastics and articles thereof	4.6	4.5	-3.8	56.3	53.8	-4.4
Base metals and articles	14.6	15.5	5.9	178.3	186.8	4.8
Ceramic products	3	2	-33.0	34	32.1	-5.6
Other industrial exports	27.2	33.2	22	322.5	347.3	7.7
2. Agricultural exports	206.6	256.5	24.2	2566.5	2774.5	8.1
Tea	111.1	131.6	18.4	1309.9	1435.9	9.6
Rubber	1.5	2.4	60.6	28	26	-7.4
Coconut	23.2	36	55.2	336.8	416.5	23.7
Spices	31.3	46.7	49.5	392.9	454.7	15.7
Vegetables	2.4	2.9	22	27.7	28.5	3.1
Unmanufactured tobacco	4	3.3	-16.2	28.1	25.7	-8.4
Minor agricultural products	9.4	13.4	43.3	180.9	154.2	-14.8
Seafood	23.8	20.1	-15.4	262.2	233	-11.2
3. Mineral exports	2	1.6	-20.5	38.5	24.5	-36.2
4. Unclassified exports	2.3	2.2	-6.0	28	26.1	-6.6
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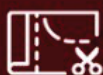
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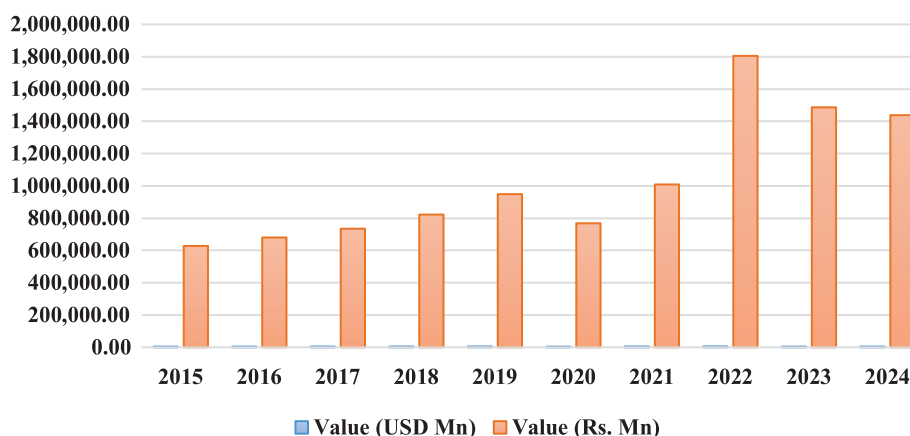


Import & Export Statistics

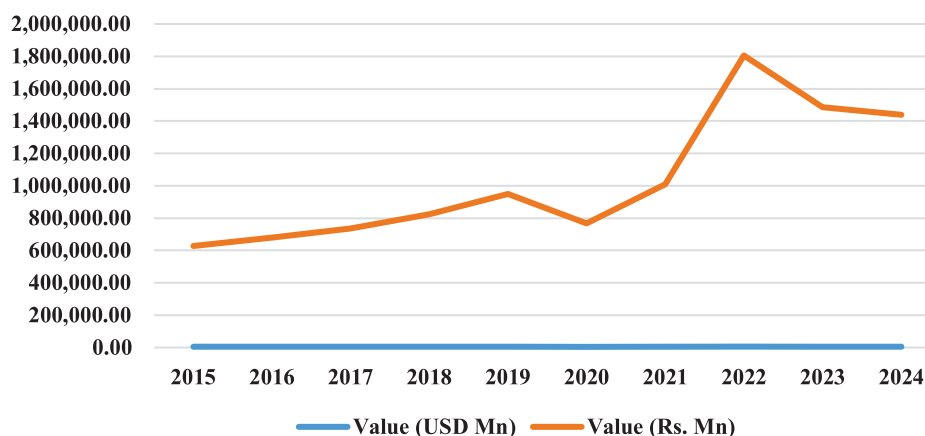
Global Exports of Apparels 2015- 2024			
Source : Export Development Board			
Year	Quantity (No)	Value (USD Mn)	Value (Rs. Mn)
2015	966,793,646	4,621.02	627,708.12
2016	877,819,242	4,675.21	680,345.89
2017	890,491,266	4,818.61	734,726.73
2018	908,979,271	5,049.94	822,320.77
2019	1,031,320,489	5,305.43	948,665.05
2020	761,008,079	4,156.34	768,276.29
2021	1,020,903,814	5,071.33	1,008,726.57
2022	1,115,455,918	5,591.68	1,805,187.94
2023	832,513,079	4,535.49	1,486,411.60
2024	1,105,094,529	4,761.00	1,437,851.16

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Apparel Exports from Sri Lanka (Quantity)

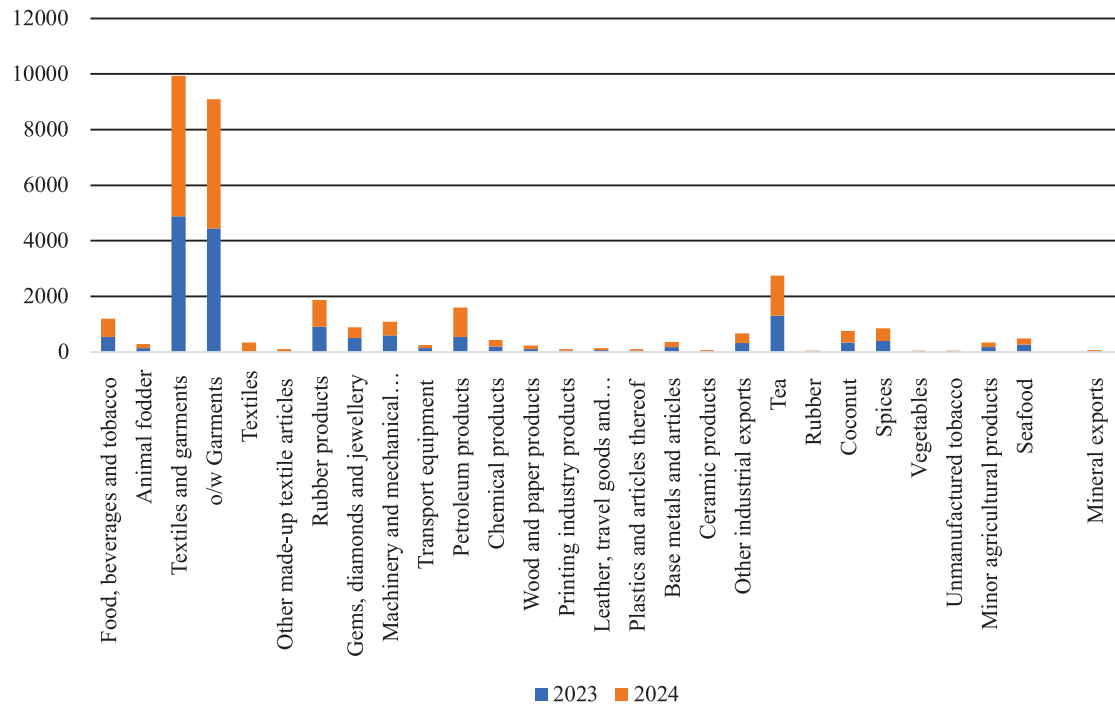


Exports by value





Composition of Exports from Sri Lanka



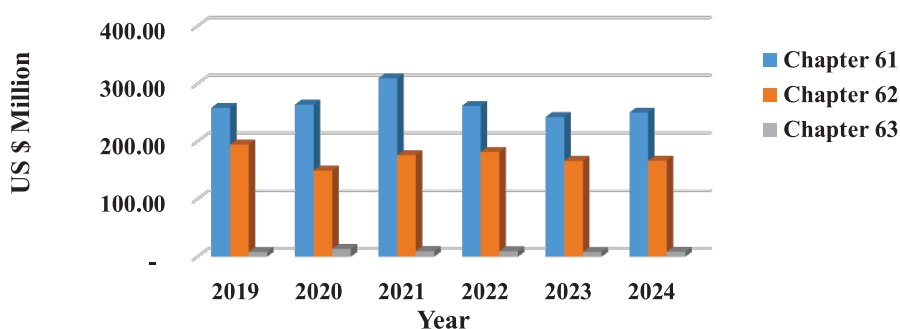


Export of Apparel January - December 2019 - 2024 (Cumulative)

Chapter Basis

Chapter	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn
Chapter 61	258.00	263.53	309.30	261.25	241.90	249.60
Chapter 62	194.00	148.87	175.51	181.31	165.78	166.23
Chapter 63	8.00	13.20	9.09	8.86	7.96	8.35
Total	460.00	425.60	493.90	451.42	415.64	424.18

Export of Apparel January - December



Export of Apparel January - December 2019-2024 (Cumulative)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2023/2024 Change %
	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	
Total Exports	460.00	425.59	493.90	451.42	415.65	424.18	2.05
US	216.00	177.43	212.67	184.08	174.94	167.43	-4.29
EU	119.97	134.79	149.53	139.32	121.43	132.07	8.76
UK	55.93	51.30	60.31	53.52	54.45	48.80	-10.38
Other	68.10	62.07	71.39	74.50	64.83	75.88	17.04

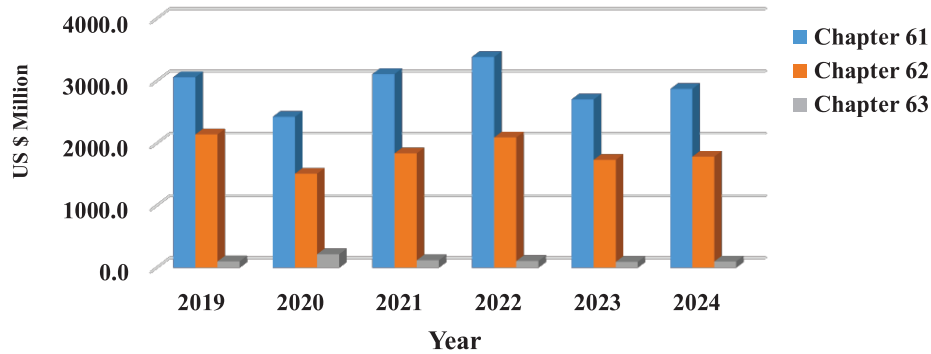


Export of Apparel to All Countries January - December 2019 - 2024 (Cumulative)

Chapter Basis

Chapter	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn
Chapter 61	3,060.01	2,4261.40	3,110.91	3,387.07	2,705.40	2,872.98
Chapter 62	2,144.24	1,512.30	1,840.37	2,095.73	1,735.02	1,787.07
Chapter 63	102.44	217.58	120.04	108.86	95.06	100.96
Total	5,306.69	4,156.28	5,071.32	5,591.66	4,535.48	4,761.01

Export of Apparel to All Countries January - December 2019 - 2024 (Cumulative)



Export of Apparel January - December 2019-2024 (Cumulative)

Chapter	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2023/2024 Change %
	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	
Total Exports	5,306.69	4,156.27	5,071.31	5,591.69	4,535.49	4,761.02	4.97
US	2,365.01	1,792.97	2,114.01	2,332.18	1,811.59	1,906.39	5.23
EU	1,423.21	1,205.78	1,529.13	1,683.14	1,390.30	1,401.50	0.81
UK	784.59	591.33	681.33	6717.30	626.74	674.70	7.65
Other	733.88	566.19	746.84	859.07	706.86	778.43	10.13

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SPOTLIGHT ON INDUSTRY TRAILBLAZERS AT GRAND AWARDS NITE

Pioneering advanced automated solutions in Sri Lanka's apparel industry, Apparel Technologies, successfully concluded its eagerly-anticipated 'Lectra Stellar Awards' last October at Shangri-La Colombo, amidst a gathering of the who's who of the industry. Striving to inspire and sustain an eco-system of healthy competition and excellence, the awards recognised and rewarded outstanding performance in Lectra cutting rooms across Sri Lanka's apparel and technical textile industries.

The awards showcase the transformative impact of advanced technologies on productivity and efficiency, positioning the Lectra Stellar Awards as the ultimate race for operational excellence and sparking anticipation to fever pitch for being recognised amidst peers.

MAS Intimates Slimline won the primary Best Cutting Room Award, with an impressive 87.89 percent overall achievement, underscoring their excellence in leveraging Lectra Auto Cutters. Their cutting room is equipped with two Lectra Auto Cutters and five Gerber Spreaders.

In addition, MAS Kreeda Shadeline was bestowed with the Most Improved Cutting Room Award. Since implementing its end-to-end automated cutting room solution in May 2022, they have recorded performance and productivity gains that exceed industry expectations. Their cutting room consists of three Lectra auto cutter solutions and eight Gerber spreaders.

Other notable award category winners include Benji; Emjay International, Karandagolla; Ansell Textiles Lanka; Unichela, Panadura; MAS Intimates - Linea Clothing; GP Garments and Aqua Dynamics. The winners list also includes Crystal Martin Ceylon, Dambulla; Unichela - Slimtex Division; Alpha Apparels; and Omega Line, Vavuniya and Sandalankawa.

The rigorous judging for the Lectra Stellar Awards consists of a data-driven evaluation process, which emphasises key performance metrics such as efficiency, uptime and cutting room performance, ensuring that most deserving cutting rooms are recognised for their operational excellence.



Apparel Technologies is a subsidiary of The Bobbin Group, dedicated to providing high-end automated solutions and consulting services for the apparel industry in Sri Lanka. With over three decades of experience, the company partners with global leaders such as Lectra, France to enhance operational excellence, drive productivity and promote sustainable practices, while providing advanced CAD and CAM solutions that significantly improve cutting-room performance, resource savings and overall productivity.

The Lectra Stellar Awards have created a much-needed recognition platform for the cutting room segment of the industry, reflecting Apparel Technologies' mission to spearhead innovation and progress in the apparel and technical textiles fields.

Chairman of Apparel Technologies Rohan de Silva said: "At Apparel Technologies, we believe that these awards symbolise more than just recognition – they herald a transformative era for the Sri Lankan apparel industry. By enhancing cutting room efficiency and optimising automated solutions, we are paving the way for remarkable savings in fabric, time and energy."

He adds: "By embracing Industry 4.0 and cutting-edge technologies, we are not only boosting productivity and profitability but also championing sustainability. For over 34 years, we have proudly represented Lectra in Sri Lanka, ensuring that our clients achieve the highest standards in quality, precision and operational efficiency. Together, we're not just elevating our industry; we're uplifting the entire Sri Lankan economy."

By showcasing the success of top-performing cutting rooms, Apparel Technologies is encouraging other factories to reflect on how they too, can improve their processes. Ultimately, the awards inspire a broader push for innovation and efficiency, driving significant advancements across the industry so that Sri Lankan apparel players remain ahead of a globally competitive landscape.

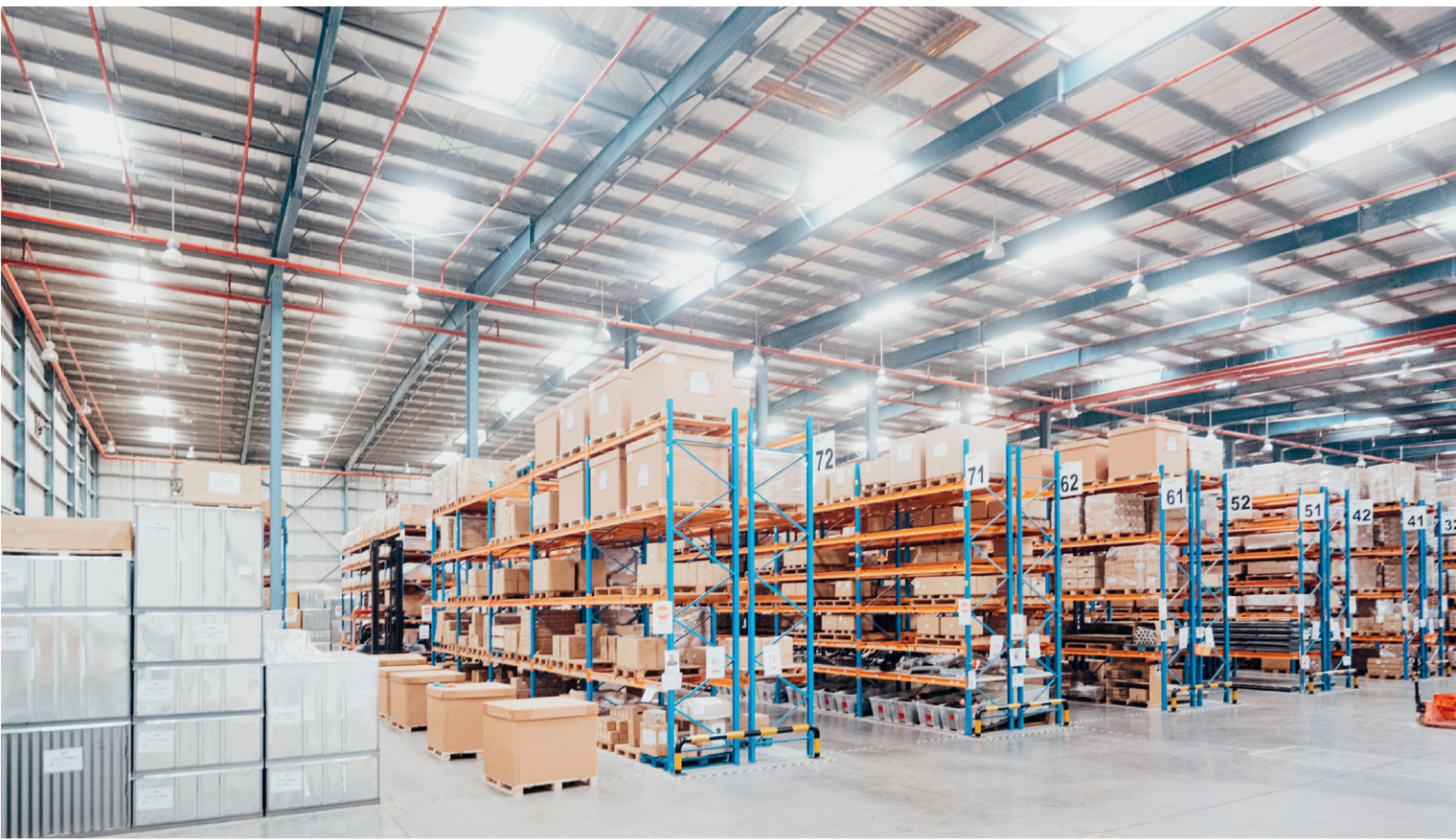
Managing Director Nadisha De Silva states: "At Apparel Technologies, our passion for driving operational excellence fuels our unwavering commitment to empowering clients to stay ahead of the curve. We envision a future where innovation and collaboration redefine the apparel industry—unlocking new possibilities across every stage of the value chain."

She adds: "In today's global landscape, where manufacturers face mounting pressure to protect margins amidst rising costs, the focus has decisively shifted toward efficiency and optimisation even more. The Lectra Stellar Awards aims to benchmark cutting room performance and spotlight best practices—enabling our clients to boost profitability while sustaining a strong competitive edge. This initiative reinforces our belief in fostering a culture of continuous improvement throughout the production process."

"The road ahead is full of promise—but not without challenges. By embracing cutting-edge technologies and driving innovation at every turn, we can unlock new levels of efficiency, sustainability, and resilience. We are proud to lead this transformation through pioneering initiatives like the Lectra Stellar Awards," she continues.

As the leading provider of cutting-edge Industry 4.0 solutions, Apparel Technologies has built confidence amongst apparel manufacturers to partner with them for advanced cutting and automation solutions that drive operational excellence. With a keen focus on pre-sewing process optimisation, the company highlights the critical role of these processes in enhancing overall production efficiency and resource savings.

By positioning itself as an innovative tech leader, Apparel Technologies is not only transforming the industry but also empowering businesses to achieve greater productivity and sustainability in an increasingly competitive landscape.






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Top 15 Exports from Sri Lanka 2023-2024

Value in US\$ Mn.

Source : Export Development Board

	Code	Top 15 exports from Sri Lanka	2023		2024	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	H.621210	-Brassieres, girdles, corsets, braces, suspenders, garters and similar articles and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted -Brassieres	9,467,807 Kg	547.27	9,664,940 Kg	549.46
2	H.611610	-Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted -Impregnated, coated or covered with plastics or rubber	10,960,389 Kg	345.03	12,765,685 Kg	378.77
3	H.610990	-T shirts, singlets and other vests, knitted or crocheted -Of other textile materials	43,099,455 No	300.53	45,429,735 No	299.93
4	H.611120	-Babies' garments and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted -Of cotton	10,196,798 Kg	196.26	12,261,110 Kg	218.8
5	H.610821	-Women's or girls' slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, pyjama s, negligees, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted -Brief and panties : Of cotton	210,431,009 No	240.61	183,700,196 No	203.52
6	H.610711	-Men's or boy's underpants, briefs, nightshirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted -Underpants and briefs: Of cotton	68,626,877 No	142.53	98,442,440 No	188.38
7	H.620342	-Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear) -[Trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts :] Of cotton	15,119,526 No	179.02	100,013,020 No	186.74
8	H.610910	-T shirts, singlets and other vests, knitted or crocheted -Of cotton	62,851,872 No	200.36	158,412,399 No	178.14
9	H.610822	-Women's or girls' slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, pyjamas, negligees, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted --Brief and panties : Of man made fibres	107,817,468 No	140.42	97,765,866 No	176.28
10	H.620462	-Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear) --[Trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts :] Of cotton	12,612,512 No	117.08	16,422,949 No	149.02
11	H.610463	-Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted --Trousers,bib and brace overalls,breeches and shorts : Of synthetic fibres	14,916,139 No	102.68	20,824,877 No	147.51
12	H.611020	-Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles, knitted or crocheted -Of cotton	21,502,294 No	98.74	15,039,542 No	114.06
13	H.611241	-Track suits, ski suits and swimwear, knitted or crocheted -Women's or girls'swimwear : Of synthetic fibres	27,701,615 No	120.39	26,261,728 No	109.49
14	H.620520	-Men's or boys' shirts -Of cotton	12,433,756 No	115.34	11,750,741 No	106.53
15	H.610712	-Men's or boy's underpants, briefs, nightshirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted -Underpants and briefs: Of man made fibres	18,217,924 No	58.84	34,640,001 No	84.89
		Other Products	32,020,365 Kg	299.49	34,573,845 Kg	309.31
			217,182,632 No	1,330.90	296,391,035 No	1,360.17
		Total :		4,535.49		4,761.00

Sri Lanka Export Statistics



Source : Export Development Board
Value in US\$ - US Dollars Millions

Chapter 61

Code	Description	2023		2024	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
H.6101	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted --Men's or boys' overcoats, car coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski jackets), wind cheaters, wind jackets and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, other than those of heading 6103 --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	101,398 No	0.64	73,695 No	0.45
H.6102	--Women's or girls' overcoats, car coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski jackets), wind cheaters, wind jackets and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, other than those of heading 6104 --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	485,954 No	4.23	440,871 No	3.98
H.6103	--Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	14,529,488 No	118.64	15,752,008 No	123.74
H.6104	--Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	57,492,516 No	324.21	61,599,790 No	343.15
H.6105	--Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted --Men's or boys' shirts, knitted or crocheted	1,940,666 No	15.51	2,379,875 No	18.31
H.6106	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted --Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt blouses, knitted or crocheted --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	3,375,129 No	16.34	55,470,864 No	23.07
H.6107	--Men's or boys' underpants, briefs, nightshirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	94,118,604 No	233.63	144,920,785 No	310.25
H.6108	--Women's or girls' slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, pyjamas, negligees, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	367,107,082 No	537.64	344,045,693 No	550.53
H.6109	--T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knitted or crocheted --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	105,951,327 No	500.89	203,842,134 No	478.07
H.6110	--Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles, knitted or crocheted --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	29,020,682 No	158.66	23,966,252 No	177.74
H.6111	--Babies' garments and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	10,678,503 Kg	206.92	13,156,800 Kg	233.35
H.6112	--Track suits, ski suits and swimwear, knitted or crocheted --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	32,126,609 No	136.96	31,455,244 No	129.14
H.6113	--Garments, made up of knitted or crocheted fabrics of heading 5903, 5906 or 5907 --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	848,346 Kg	14.64	288,494 Kg	4.35
H.6114	--Other garments, knitted or crocheted --Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted	1,007,570 Kg	29.53	1,057,396 Kg	27.61
H.6115	--Panty hose, tights, stockings, socks and other hosiery, including graduated compression hosiery (for example, stockings for varicose veins) and footwear without applied soles, knitted or crocheted --Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted	2,596,689 Kg	51.64	3,275,711 Kg	62.06
H.6116	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted --Other made up clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted; knitted or crocheted parts of garments or of clothing accessories	11,024,180 Kg	348.35	12,842,139 Kg	381.71
H.6117	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted --Other made up clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted; knitted or crocheted parts of garments or of clothing accessories	214,898 Kg	6.97	175,189 Kg	5.49
	Total :		2,705.40		2,872.98



Sri Lanka Export Statistics

Source : Export Development Board
Value in US\$ - US Dollars Millions

Chapter 62

Code	Description	2023		2024	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
H.6201	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Men's or boys' overcoats, car coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski jackets), wind cheaters, wind jackets and similar articles, other than those of heading 6203	192,458 No	1.97	283,593 No	2.83
H.6202	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Women's or girls' overcoats, car coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski jackets), wind cheaters, wind jackets and similar articles, other than those of heading 6204	323,265 No	4.6	1,097,003 No	16.12
H.6203	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear)	32,254,723 No	339.57	120,032,194 No	363.04
H.6204	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear)	49,535,458 No	414.93	56,183,995 No	448.39
H.6205	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Men's or boys' shirts	16,049,958 No	152.17	15,347,160 No	139.54
H.6206	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt blouses	15,093,735 No	107.29	16,510,546 No	114.16
H.6207	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Men's or boys' singlets and other vests, underpants, briefs, nightshirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles	25,630 Kg	0.92	24,635 Kg	0.82
H.6208	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Women's or girls' singlets and other vests, slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, pyjamas, negligees, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles	3,773,211 No	13.81	4,038,707 No	11.93
H.6209	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Babies' garments and clothing accessories	301,315 Kg	24.55	242,074 Kg	17.68
H.6210	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Garments, made up of fabrics of heading 5602, 5603, 5906 or 5907	6,474,891 No	48.44	5,259,145 No	35.1
H.6211	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Track suits, ski suits and swimwear; other garments	555,100 Kg	17.75	669,990 Kg	19.83
H.6212	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Bassieres, girdles, corsets, braces, suspenders, garters and similar articles and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted	872,904 Kg	11.41	1,699,580 Kg	21.02
H.6213	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Handkerchiefs	11,314 No	0.22	26,793 No	0.31
H.6214	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like	561,644 Kg	14.53	633,848 Kg	15.79
H.6215	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Ties, bow ties and cravats	2,454,350 No	16.82	2,337,958 No	14.65
H.6216	--Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted --Gloves, mittens and mitts	9,582,333 Kg	553.93	9,793,861 Kg	556.67
H.6217	--Other made up clothing accessories; parts of garments or of clothing accessories, other than those of heading 6212	566 Kg	0.01		
	Total :	100,261 No	0.27	30,224 No	0.17
		4,067 Kg	0.11	2,279 Kg	0.08
		42,522 Kg	3.06	34,295 Kg	1.89
		338,940 Kg	8.67	304,203 Kg	7.05
			1,735.04		1,787.06

Sri Lanka Export Statistics



Source : Export Development Board
Value in US\$ - US Dollars Millions

Chapter 63

Code	Description	2023		2024	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
H.6301	-Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags --Blankets and travelling rugs	37,648 Kg	0.48	64,880 Kg	0.68
H.6302	-Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags --Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen	526,954 Kg	4.92	1,102,135 Kg	8.98
H.6303	-Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags --Curtains (including drapes) and interior blinds; curtain or bed valances	123,718 Kg	1.1	81,352 Kg	0.72
H.6304	-Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags --Other furnishing articles, excluding those of heading 9404	92,376 Kg	0.86	69,217 Kg	0.73
H.6305	-Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags --Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods	2,156,736 Kg	8.78	2,708,814 Kg	9.64
H.6306	-Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags --Tarpaulins, awnings and sunblinds; tents; sails for boats, sailboards or landcraft; camping goods	445,315 Kg	47.8	456,209 Kg	49.9
H.6307	-Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags --Other made up articles, including dress patterns	2,611,698 Kg	26.41	2,729,676 Kg	25.62
H.6308	-Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags --Sets consisting of woven fabric and yarn, whether or not with accessories, for making up into rugs, tapestries, embroidered table cloths or serviettes, or similar textile articles, put up in packings for retail sale	5 Kg	...	4 Kg	...
H.6309	-Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags --Worn clothing and other worn articles;	86,759 Kg	0.15	76,740 Kg	0.11
H.6310	-Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags --Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cables and worn out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cables, of textile materials	17,908,943 Kg	4.57	17,776,059 Kg	4.58
	Total :		95.05		100.96



Global Export of Apparel

Chapters 61, 62, 63

Value in US\$ Mn
Source: Export Development Board

Exports from Sri Lanka	2022	2023	2024
United States	2,332.18	1,811.61	1,906.39
United Kingdom	717.31	626.73	674.7
Italy	509.91	563.54	472.72
Germany	361.59	242.99	269.51
Netherlands	255.28	181.77	222.8
Canada	243.34	177.58	198.53
France	108.52	120.06	120.45
Belgium	184.95	101.75	112.87
Australia	109.65	92.8	109.26
India	64.26	59.25	72.3
China	69.22	64.42	69.43
Sweden	71.67	52.25	55.37
United Arab Emirates	43.8	44.13	46.91
Ireland	51.79	34.56	44.63
Hong Kong	37.74	41.28	42.55
Mexico	42.04	35.57	42.26
Spain	43.25	25.77	28.19
Brazil	30.12	26.06	28.13
Japan	36.13	25.71	24.87
Korea South (Korea, Republic of)	30.18	23.23	24.12
Czech Republic (Czechia)	16.11	13.63	17.02
Slovakia	34.37	16.1	16.25
Poland	17.97	15.89	15.5
Malaysia	13.46	14.53	13.49
Turkey	9.51	8.63	10.54
Panama	12.01	8.18	7.93
Portugal	7.99	3.41	7.37
New Zealand	8.75	6.75	6.61
Switzerland	6.51	5.46	6.45
Austria	8.68	5.74	6.17
Chile	7.2	5.57	5.51
Singapore	6.02	6.42	5.42
Indonesia	6.12	5.5	5.08
South Africa	5.45	5.05	5.02
Saudi Arabia	5.16	5.43	4.95
Croatia (Hrvatska)	1.14	2.85	4.7
Norway	3.09	2.75	3.87
Taiwan, Province of China	5.66	4.96	3.12
Thailand	2.85	3.12	3.09
Estonia	1.42	2.58	3.04
Peru	3.71	2.51	2.82
Philippines	2.62	2.45	2.8



Exports from Sri Lanka	2022	2023	2024
Colombia	5.3	2.95	2.76
Finland	4.05	3.24	2.75
Russian Federation	3.49	1.99	2.51
Maldives	2.38	2.24	2.4
Viet Nam	1.22	1.11	2.29
Israel	2.37	1.38	2.04
Slovenia	0.91	1.72	1.89
Oman	1.83	1.11	1.75
Argentina	1.7	2.02	1.51
Lebanon	1.13	1.4	1.48
Latvia	0.57	2.06	1.37
Romania	1.1	1.29	1.35
Morocco	0.6	0.75	1.16
Qatar	0.74	1.05	0.92
Cambodia	0.45	0.68	0.88
Papua New Guinea	0.61	1.14	0.87
Serbia	0.71	0.78	0.81
Ukraine	0.18	0.12	0.74
Mauritius	1.14	0.56	0.71
Uruguay	0.72	0.65	0.62
Ecuador	0.47	0.62	0.61
Greece	0.65	0.44	0.61
Denmark	0.91	0.47	0.55
Paraguay	0.39	0.44	0.42
Lithuania	0.23	0.06	0.42
Bangladesh	0.49	0.27	0.34
Pakistan	1.23	0.4	0.32
Egypt	1.09	0.06	0.31
Malta	0.59	0.37	0.31
Kuwait	0.4	0.04	0.29
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.71	0.06	0.27
Not Specified	...	0.05	0.2
Antigua and Barbuda	0.22	0.19	0.19
Kenya	0.42	0.22	0.19
Cameroon			0.19
El Salvador	0.07	0.07	0.16
Ethiopia	...	0.52	0.13
Bulgaria	0.28	0.27	0.13
Azerbaijan	0.03	0.1	0.12
Kazakhstan	...	0.12	0.12
Cyprus	0.1	0.15	0.11
Swaziland	0.46	0.72	0.11
Seychelles	0.08	0.13	0.11
Hungary	0.23	0.18	0.11



Exports from Sri Lanka	2022	2023	2024
Congo	...	...	0.1
Jordan	0.15	0.1	0.09
Costa Rica	0.05	0.05	0.09
Virgin Islands (British)	0.01	0.01	0.07
Dominican Republic	0.83	...	0.05
Fiji	0.22	0.18	0.05
Bolivia	0.07	0.06	0.04
Gibraltar		...	0.04
Puerto Rico	...	...	0.04
Grenada	0.01	0.02	0.04
Trinidad and Tobago	0.03	0.05	0.03
Barbados		...	0.03
Myanmar	0.01	...	0.03
Mali		0.03	0.03
Tunisia	0.04	0.07	0.02
East Timor			0.02
Ghana	0.26	0.05	0.02
Bosnia and Herzegovina	...		0.02
French Polynesia	...	0.01	0.02
Guinea	...	...	0.02
Madagascar	0.01	0.01	0.02
Bahrain	0.05	0.02	0.02
Burkina Faso	...	0.02	0.02
Ivory Coast (Cote D'ivoire)	0.09	0.04	0.02
Uganda	...	0.01	0.02
St. Helena			0.02
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)			0.01
Namibia		0.03	0.01
Bahamas			0.01
Saint Lucia	...	0.02	0.01
Botswana	...	0.07	0.01
Martinique (French)	...	...	0.01
San Marino			0.01
Jamaica			0.01
Syrian Arab Republic	...		0.01
Virgin Islands (U.S.)	0.02	0.01	0.01
Iceland	0.03	0.01	0.01
Guadeloupe		0.01	0.01
Andorra			0.01
Nigeria	0.14	0.04	...
Reunion	...	...	...
Mongolia	0.02	...	...
Bermuda	...	...	...
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines			...



Exports from Sri Lanka	2022	2023	2024
Luxembourg	0.02	0.01	...
Tanzania, United Republic of		0.25	...
Anguilla		...	...
Zambia	0.01	0.05	...
Albania			...
Iran (Islamic Republic of)			...
Solomon Islands	...		...
Togo	0.01	...	...
Aruba		...	...
Montenegro			...
Liechtenstein	...	...	...
Lao People's Democratic Republic			...
Monaco	0.03	...	...
Senegal	0.24	0.13	...
Guatemala	...	...	...
Kyrgyzstan		...	...
Angola	...	...	...
Gambia	0.01	0.01	...
Algeria	...	0.03	...
Armenia	0.12	0.06	...
Suriname	0.02	0.01	...
French Guiana			...
Central African Republic	...		...
Iraq	...	...	...
Vatican City State (Holy See)		...	...
New Caledonia	...	0.04	...
Nepal	...	...	...
Turkmenistan		...	...
Cape Verde			...
Cayman Islands		...	...
Georgia	0.02	...	...
Haiti	19.77	0.88	
Lesotho		0.24	
Honduras		0.04	
American Samoa		0.01	
Brunei Darussalam	...	0.01	
Rwanda		...	
Benin	...	...
Mauritania	...	...
Djibouti		...	
Niger		...	
Palau		...	
Uzbekistan	...	...
Guam		...	



Exports from Sri Lanka	2022	2023	2024
Macau		...	
Belarus	...	...
Vanuatu		...	
Sierra Leone		...	
Venezuela	0.35		
Netherlands Antilles	0.02		
Moldova, Republic Of	...		
Tonga	...		
Kosovo	...		
Sudan	...		
Malawi	...		
Dominica	...		
Gabon	...		
Guyana (British)	...		
Guinea Bissau	...		
Total :	5,591.68	4,535.49	4,761.00

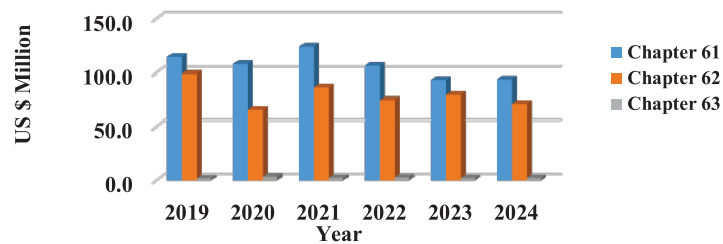


Export of Apparel to the USA January - December 2019 - 2024

Chapter Basis

Chapter	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn
Chapter 61	115.00	108.13	123.86	106.55	93.29	93.85
Chapter 62	99.00	65.69	86.27	74.61	79.32	71.15
Chapter 63	2.00	3.61	2.54	2.92	2.34	2.43
Total	216.00	177.43	121.67	184.08	174.95	167.43

Export of Apparel to the USA January - December 2019 - 2024

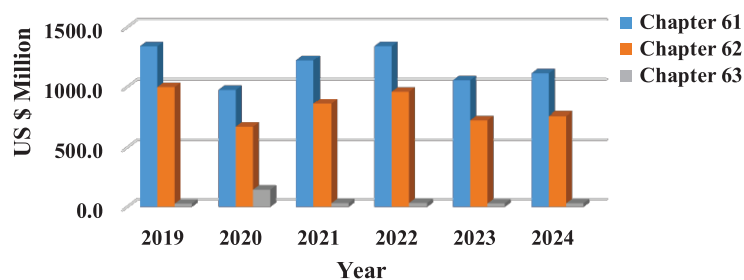


Export of Apparel to the USA January - December 2019 - 2024 (Cumulative)

Chapter Basis

Chapter	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn
Chapter 61	1,340.01	974.36	1,222.09	1,341.02	1,055.24	1,113.92
Chapter 62	997.95	674.22	860.49	959.22	727.48	761.94
Chapter 63	27.05	144.40	31.41	31.94	28.90	30.54
Total	2,365.01	1,792.98	2,113.99	2,332.18	1,811.62	1,906.40

Export of Apparel to the USA January - December 2019 - 2024 (Cumulative)



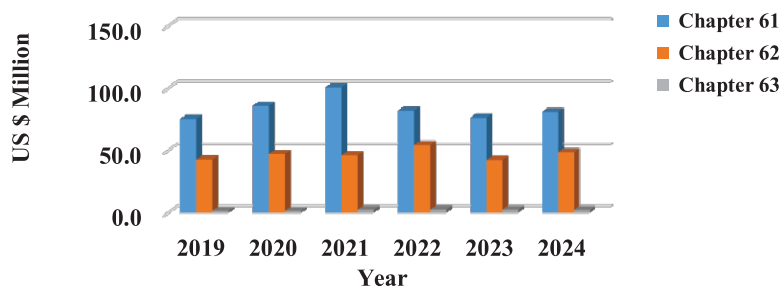


Export of Apparel to the EU January - December 2019 - 2024

Chapter Basis (Incl UK)

Chapter	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn
Chapter 61	75.47	85.93	100.75	82.08	76.41	81.01
Chapter 62	42.89	47.28	46.12	54.51	42.44	48.66
Chapter 63	1.62	1.58	2.66	2.74	2.58	2.40
Total	119.98	134.79	149.53	139.33	121.43	132.07

Export of Apparel to the EU January - December 2019 - 2024

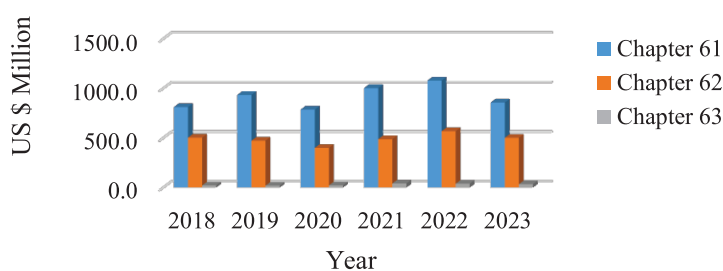


Export of Apparel to the EU January - December 2019 - 2024 (Cumulative)

Chapter Basis - (Excl. UK)

Chapter	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn	US\$. Mn
Chapter 61	932.92	785.54	1,002.12	1,077.98	856.85	869.75
Chapter 62	471.56	398.84	486.63	567.52	500.45	499.84
Chapter 63	18.75	21.41	40.40	37.67	32.99	31.89
Total	1,423.23	1,205.79	1,529.15	1,683.17	1,390.29	1,401.48

Export of Apparel to the EU January - December 2018 - 2023 (Cumulative)





IMPORT OF SRI LANKAN PRODUCTS BY THE EU COUNTRIES

Chapter 61

Country	Import Value to the EU/MS (EURO)	Import Value to the EU/MS (EURO)	Import Qty to the EU/MS (Kg)	Import Qty to the EU/MS (Kg)
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Austria	15,220,150	20,922,486	634,912	1,188,220
Belgium	103,009,164	83,028,473	5,054,770	4,629,180
Bulgaria				
Croatia	5,393,259	7,897,572	239,089	330,169
Cyprus	320,374	282,914	10,657	11,063
Czech Republic	7,367,610	8,553,684	182,024	231,671
Denmark	290,658	281,980	8,291	9,450
Estonia	1,437,646	839,315	23,637	14,624
Finland	2,276,733	2,069,045	70,074	69,670
France	94,609,628	93,409,036	3,528,062	3,574,089
Germany	109,538,091	116,368,228	3,332,342	3,788,183
Greece	364,933	466,089	10,560	14,080
Hungary	172,089	161,470	5,673	6,290
Ireland	20,300,397	22,463,247	866,795	1,003,436
Italy	253,774,240	210,125,175	8,265,957	6,892,208
Latvia	5,879	846	40	4
Lithuania	172,204	401,242	4,405	8,011
Luxembourg	2,198	3,098	65	53
Malta	238,476	211,456	11,857	11,267
Netherlands	124,072,010	166,510,073	6,035,830	7,614,373
Poland	4,577,299	4,056,672	141,434	157,681
Portugal	3,639,008	6,693,080	290,142	543,016
Romania	1,331,756	1,688,701	32,394	47,441
Slovakia	10,332,042	10,380,610	552,122	586,372
Slovenia	6,937	81,804	84	5,907
Spain	24,712,299	27,643,130	1,140,920	1,595,321
Sweden	13,009,697	15,593,524	329,086	526,235
EU27	796,174,777	800,132,950	30,771,222	32,858,014

Source : Market Access Database



IMPORT OF SRI LANKAN PRODUCTS BY THE EU COUNTRIES

Chapater 62

Country	Import Value to the EU/MS (EURO)	Import Value to the EU/MS (EURO)	Import Qty to the EU/MS (Kg)	Import Qty to the EU/MS (Kg)
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Austria	439,107	445,780	5,491	7,547
Belgium	34,779,478	38,123,677	1,522,153	1,816,765
Bulgaria	841		21	
Croatia	2,144,565	2,383,344	66,351	81,900
Cyprus	150,331	81,841	4,925	2,657
Czech Republic	6,533,297	7,003,162	330,142	439,441
Denmark	89,972	63,272	2,840	1,838
Estonia	3,128,327	2,564,913	45,898	38,276
Finland	115,404	853,675	2,164	31,969
France	16,650,360	16,818,599	416,765	349,499
Germany	98,260,614	106,490,739	3,268,465	3,942,818
Greece	29,204	121,226	545	3,359
Hungary	28,667	12,288	694	186
Ireland	9,596,964	11,727,656	335,763	408,939
Italy	202,943,317	170,096,682	4,401,855	3,911,278
Latvia	491	2,413	4	26
Lithuania	53,916	168,204	729	3,552
Luxembourg	3,883	5,604	62	49
Malta	247,884	204,864	10,882	11,115
Netherlands	56,286,785	70,319,952	2,234,828	2,466,191
Poland	1,467,852	1,661,127	48,453	41,754
Portugal	307,807	245,763	11,786	3,855
Romania	455,353	546,382	9,796	7,055
Slovakia	3,084,329	4,040,486	158,455	214,971
Slovenia	2,285	2,533	21	6
Spain	3,687,520	8,241,483	122,802	433,960
Sweden	30,124,033	33,368,979	1,117,149	1,266,033
EU27	470,612,586	475,594,644	14,119,039	15,485,039

Source : Market Access Database



IMPORT OF SRI LANKAN PRODUCTS BY THE EU COUNTRIES

Chapater 63

Country	Import Value to the EU/MS (EURO)	Import Value to the EU/MS (EURO)	Import Qty to the EU/MS (Kg)	Import Qty to the EU/MS (Kg)
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Austria	47,408	22,064	1,500	341
Belgium	929,946	904,524	180,811	161,051
Bulgaria	7,723		12	
Croatia	3,301	33,459	43	592
Cyprus	128,254	114,131	1,137	907
Czech Republic	2,830	8,639	82	217
Denmark	343,891	425,639	2,048	2,805
Estonia	56,407	85,219	43,989	59,841
Finland	46,364	18,514	84	189
France	2,827,086	2,836,678	129,144	55,429
Germany	18,538,576	19,832,719	934,152	686,115
Greece	93,210	20,074	1,191	126
Hungary	4,089	7,546	296	458
Ireland	92,430	172,295	1,709	8,491
Italy	1,102,744	819,892	10,662	13,440
Latvia	2,999		6	
Lithuania	27,789	814	1,242	5
Malta	1,276	3	6	1
Netherlands	7,528,886	8,478,719	830,203	933,331
Poland	203,055	63,395	21,207	640
Portugal	63,600	43,318	1,629	1,401
Romania				
Slovakia	45,223	47,389	2,486	2,609
Slovenia	154,135	103,513	1,542	954
Spain	2,226,035	2,647,321	404,331	373,329
Sweden	535,256	420,948	102,054	60,487
EU27	35,012,513	37,106,813	2,671,566	2,362,759

Source : Market Access Database



US Import or Sri Lanka Apparel				
				Source: OTEXA
Category	Description	Units	DATA_VALUE	DATA_VALUE
			2023	2024
0	TOTAL TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS (MFA)	\$	1,615,392,711	1,655,825,173
1	TOTAL APPAREL IMPORTS (MFA)	\$	1,609,828,646	1,651,388,131
2	TOTAL NON-APPAREL IMPORTS (MFA)	\$	5,564,065	4,437,042
11	TOTAL YARN IMPORTS	\$	17,451	77,031
12	TOTAL FABRIC IMPORTS	\$	773,289	620,659
14	TOTAL OTHER MISC. IMPORTS	\$	4,773,325	3,739,352
30	COTTON PRODUCTS	\$	699,618,501	706,883,490
31	COTTON APPAREL PRODUCTS	\$	699,276,089	706,353,418
32	COTTON NON-APPAREL PRODUCTS	\$	342,412	530,072
40	WOOL PRODUCTS	\$	12,088,360	12,252,599
41	WOOL APPAREL PRODUCTS	\$	12,074,658	12,229,525
42	WOOL NON-APPAREL PRODUCTS	\$	13,702	23,074
60	MAN-MADE FIBER PRODUCTS	\$	867,193,270	900,536,039
61	MAN-MADE FIBER APPAREL PRODUCTS	\$	862,881,023	897,636,627
62	MAN-MADE FIBER NON-APPAREL	\$	4,312,247	2,899,412
71	SILK APPAREL PRODUCTS	\$	2,066,425	2,163,418
80	SILK AND VEG. PRODUCTS	\$	36,492,580	36,153,045
81	SILK AND VEG. APPAREL	\$	35,596,876	35,168,561
82	SILK & VEG. NON-APPAREL PRODUCTS	\$	895,704	984,484
200	YARN FOR RETAIL SALE, SEWING THREAD	\$	3,063	5,250
201	SPECIALTY YARNS	\$	14,388	71,781
218	FABRICS OF YARNS OF DIFF. COLORS	\$	0	0
219	DUCK FABRIC	\$	0	0
220	FABRIC OF SPECIAL WEAVE	\$	16,129	42,754
222	KNIT FABRIC	\$	1,811	1,235
223	NON-WOVEN FABRICS	\$	0	73,713
224	PILE & TUFTED FABRICS	\$	6,206	0
225	BLUE DENIM FABRIC	\$	0	18,505
226	CHEESECLOTH, BATISTES, LAWNS/VOILE	\$	0	0
227	OXFORD CLOTH	\$	0	0
229	SPECIAL PURPOSE FABRIC	\$	573,303	266,601
237	PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS, ETC	\$	1,587,051	4,127,332
239	BABIES' GARM. & CLOTH. ACCESS.	\$	48,646,944	60,370,012
300	CARDED COTTON YARN	\$	0	0
301	COMBED COTTON YARN	\$	0	0
313	COTTON SHEETING FABRIC	\$	0	0
314	COTTON POPLIN & BROADCLOTH FAB.	\$	0	0
315	COTTON PRINTCLOTH FABRIC	\$	0	0
317	COTTON TWILL FABRIC	\$	20,765	0
326	COTTON SATEEN FABRIC	\$	0	0
330	COTTON HANDKERCHIEFS	\$	448	3,640
331	COTTON GLOVES AND MITTENS	\$	346,487	206,578
332	COTTON HOSIERY	\$	18,023,160	23,468,760
333	M&B SUIT-TYPE COATS, COTTON	\$	1,028,124	854,012
334	OTHER M&B COATS, COTTON	\$	4,381,167	3,304,020



US Import or Sri Lanka Apparel				
				Source: OTEXA
Category	Description	Units	DATA_VALUE	DATA_VALUE
			2023	2024
335	W&G COTTON COATS	\$	14,518,225	15,178,488
336	COTTON DRESSES	\$	8,640,051	9,841,827
338	M&B KNIT SHIRTS, COTTON	\$	92,196,457	78,011,310
339	W&G KNIT SHIRTS/BLOUSES, COTTON	\$	31,737,079	37,814,246
340	M&B COTTON SHIRTS, NOT KNIT	\$	93,352,449	72,024,272
341	W&G COT. SHIRTS/BLOUSES,N-KNIT	\$	23,902,286	19,406,934
342	COTTON SKIRTS	\$	3,122,010	3,757,208
345	COTTON SWEATERS	\$	470,716	774,634
347	M&B COT. TROUSERS/BREECHES/SHORTS	\$	77,866,499	84,622,257
348	W&G COTTON TROUSERS/SLACKS/SHORTS	\$	119,093,910	121,244,189
349	BRASSIERES, OTHER BODY SUPPORT GAR	\$	23,317,612	34,058,224
350	COTTON DRESSING GOWNS, ROBES ETC.	\$	2,477,289	3,209,735
351	COTTON NIGHTWEAR/PAJAMAS	\$	31,246,336	29,896,584
352	COTTON UNDERWEAR	\$	100,817,837	105,064,875
353	M&B DOWN-FILLED COATS	\$	0	0
354	W&G DOWN-FILLED COATS	\$	0	0
359	OTHER COTTON APPAREL	\$	5,220,994	6,222,052
360	COTTON PILLOWCASES	\$	0	0
361	COTTON SHEETS	\$	123,569	105,100
362	COTTON BEDSPREADS & QUILTS	\$	41,665	98,781
363	COTTON TERRY & OTHER PILE TOWELS	\$	0	25,717
369	OTHER COTTON MANUFACTURES	\$	128,579	254,596
400	WOOL YARNS	\$	0	0
410	WOOL WOVEN FABRIC	\$	5,525	0
414	OTHER WOOL FABRICS	\$	0	1,802
431	WOOL GLOVES/MITTENS	\$	58,339	123,941
432	WOOL HOSIERY	\$	762	6,767
433	M&B SUIT-TYPE COATS, WOOL	\$	975,277	609,785
434	OTHER M&B WOOL COATS	\$	461,727	856,283
435	W&G WOOL COATS	\$	3,355,036	4,000,037
436	WOOL DRESSES	\$	148,859	85,537
438	WOOL KNIT SHIRTS/BLOUSES	\$	507,289	669,962
439	BABIES' GARMENTS/CLOTHING ACCESS.	\$	0	9,994
440	WOOL SHIRTS/BLOUSES, NOT-KNIT	\$	407,576	627,224
442	WOOL SKIRTS	\$	370,695	1,006,313
443	M&B SUITS, WOOL	\$	0	0
444	W&G SUITS, WOOL	\$	0	7,081
445	M&B SWEATERS, WOOL	\$	1,052	0
446	W&G SWEATERS, WOOL	\$	24,350	16,878
447	M&B WOOL TROUSERS/BREECHES/SHORTS	\$	3,694,599	2,360,784
448	W&G WOOL SLACKS/BREECHES/SHORTS	\$	988,110	771,767
459	OTHER WOOL APPAREL	\$	1,080,987	1,077,172
464	WOOL BLANKETS	\$	0	0
465	WOOL FLOOR COVERINGS	\$	1,036	0
469	OTHER WOOL MANUFACTURES	\$	7,141	21,272



US Import or Sri Lanka Apparel				
				Source: OTEXA
Category	Description	Units	DATA_VALUE	DATA_VALUE
			2023	2024
600	TEXTURED FILAMENT YARN	\$	0	0
603	YARN >/85% ARTIFICIAL STAPLE FIBER	\$	0	0
604	YARN >/85% SYNTHETIC STAPLE FIBER	\$	0	0
606	NON-TEXTURED FILAMENT YARN	\$	0	0
607	OTHER STAPLE FIBER YARN	\$	0	0
611	WOVEN FABRIC >/85% ARTIF STPLE	\$	0	0
613	MMF SHEETING FABRIC	\$	0	0
614	MMF POPLIN & BROADCLOTH FABRIC	\$	0	0
615	MMF PRINTCLOTH FABRIC	\$	0	0
617	MMF TWILL AND SATEEN FABRIC	\$	0	0
618	WOVEN ARTIFICIAL FILAMENT FAB.	\$	7,157	5,690
619	POLYESTER FILAMENT FABRIC	\$	13,294	45,351
620	OTHER SYNTHETIC FILAMENT FABRIC	\$	47,171	60,523
622	GLASS FIBER FABRIC	\$	0	0
624	WOVEN MMF FABRIC, 15%\<WOOL\<36%	\$	0	0
625	MMF POPLIN&BROADCLTH STAP/FIL	\$	0	0
627	MMF SHEETING STAP/FIL	\$	0	0
628	MMF TWILLS/SATEENS STAP/FIL	\$	0	0
629	OTHER MMF FABRICS OF STAP/FIL	\$	1,805	0
630	MMF HANDKERCHIEFS	\$	0	0
631	MMF GLOVES AND MITTENS	\$	124,907,187	97,642,406
632	MMF HOSIERY	\$	1,585,573	2,570,276
633	M&B MMF SUIT-TYPE COATS	\$	504,191	806,289
634	OTHER M&B MMF COATS	\$	3,543,810	5,148,806
635	W&G MMF COATS	\$	10,812,852	12,234,682
636	MMF DRESSES	\$	47,576,713	48,552,835
638	M&B MMF KNIT SHIRTS	\$	65,096,432	54,425,803
639	W&G MMF KNIT SHIRTS & BLOUSES	\$	72,689,336	89,350,752
640	M&B NOT-KNIT MMF SHIRTS	\$	8,926,863	6,903,941
641	W&G NOT-KNIT MMF SHIRTS & BLOUSES	\$	10,028,995	12,336,497
642	MMF SKIRTS	\$	4,863,167	4,632,236
643	M&B MMF SUITS	\$	0	14,092
644	W&G MMF SUITS	\$	12,405	6,601
645	M&B MMF SWEATERS	\$	1,230,239	24,438
646	W&G MMF SWEATERS	\$	127,074	146,632
647	M&B MMF TROUSERS/BREECHES/SHORTS	\$	37,250,805	37,937,345
648	W&G MMF SLACKS/BREECHES/SHORTS	\$	81,708,463	83,144,134
649	MMF BRAS & OTH BODY SUPPORT GARM	\$	185,253,412	204,948,999
650	MMF ROBES, DRESSING GOWNS, ETC.	\$	6,075,421	7,823,561
651	MMF NIGHTWEAR & PAJAMAS	\$	43,449,925	42,264,924
652	MMF UNDERWEAR	\$	99,941,438	127,387,112
653	M&B MMF DOWN-FILLED COATS	\$	0	4,867
654	W&G MMF DOWN-FILLED COATS	\$	0	12,711
659	OTHER MMF APPAREL	\$	54,579,680	52,208,917
665	MMF FLOOR COVERINGS	\$	0	0



US Import or Sri Lanka Apparel				
				Source: OTEXA
Category	Description	Units	DATA_VALUE	DATA_VALUE
			2023	2024
666	OTHER MMF FURNISHINGS	\$	752,624	549,788
669	OTHER MMF MANUFACTURES	\$	1,630,365	1,606,407
670	MMF FLAT GOODS, HANDBAGS, LUGGAGE	\$	1,272,765	197,692
734	OTHER M&B SILK COATS	\$	0	325
735	W&G SILK COATS	\$	0	2,517
736	SILK DRESSES	\$	44,392	69,664
738	M&B SILK KNIT SHIRTS	\$	0	0
739	W&G SILK KNIT SHIRTS & BLOUSES	\$	0	1,060
740	M&B NOT-KNIT SILK SHIRTS	\$	0	2,004
741	W&G NOT-KNIT SILK SHIRTS&BLOUSES	\$	299,777	364,608
742	SILK SKIRTS	\$	0	26,885
745	M&B SILK SWEATERS	\$	0	0
746	W&G SILK SWEATERS	\$	0	0
747	M&B SILK TROUSERS/BREECHES/SHORTS	\$	0	0
748	W&G SILK TROUSERS/BREECHES/SHORTS	\$	0	98,186
750	SILK ROBES, DRESSING GOWNS, ETC	\$	192,966	264,088
751	SILK NIGHTWEAR & PAJAMAS	\$	552,740	558,866
752	SILK UNDERWEAR	\$	883,440	774,528
758	SILK NECKWEAR	\$	0	377
759	OTHER SILK APPAREL	\$	93,110	310
800	SILK BLENDS OR NON-CTN VEG FIB YRN	\$	0	0
810	WOVEN FAB, SILK BLD&N-COT VEG FIB	\$	80,123	104,485
831	GLOVES & MITTENS, SILK & VEG BLEND	\$	46,419	81,051
832	HOSIERY, SILK & VEG BLENDS	\$	23,055	0
833	M&B SUIT-TYPE COATS, SLK & VEG	\$	0	0
834	OTHER M&B COATS, SILK & VEG	\$	593,624	910,468
835	W&G COATS, SILK & VEG BLENDS	\$	897,438	938,602
836	DRESSES, SILK & VEG BLENDS	\$	2,161,853	2,891,774
838	KNIT SHIRTS & BLOUSES, SILK & VEG	\$	1,000,135	669,952
839	BABY SILK/VEG GARM & CLOTH ACCESS	\$	103,019	246,220
840	N-KNIT SHIRTS & BLOUSES, SILK&VEG	\$	15,375,443	11,923,964
842	SKIRTS, SILK & VEG. BLENDS	\$	110,640	114,277
843	M&B SUITS, SILK & VEG BLENDS	\$	0	0
844	W&G SUITS, SILK & VEG BLENDS	\$	0	254
845	SWEATERS, OTH NON-COT VEG FIBERS	\$	0	0
847	TROUSERS/BREECHES/SHORTS, SILK&VEG	\$	10,807,313	13,865,230
850	ROBES, DRESSING GOWNS, ETC, SILK&V	\$	196,979	192,050
851	NIGHTWEAR & PJS, SILK & VEG	\$	19,392	21,524
852	UNDERWEAR, SILK & VEG BLENDS	\$	1,525,072	662,481
858	NECKWEAR, SILK & VEG BLENDS	\$	0	288
859	OTHER SILK & NON-COT. VEG APPAREL	\$	2,736,494	2,650,426
870	LUGGAGE, SILK & VEG. BLENDS	\$	233,366	142,967
871	HANDBAGS & FLATGOODS, SILK & VEG	\$	280	16,322
899	OTH SILK & VEG BLEND MANUFACTURES	\$	581,935	720,710
900	MISCELLANEOUS	\$	72,397,467	106,320,774



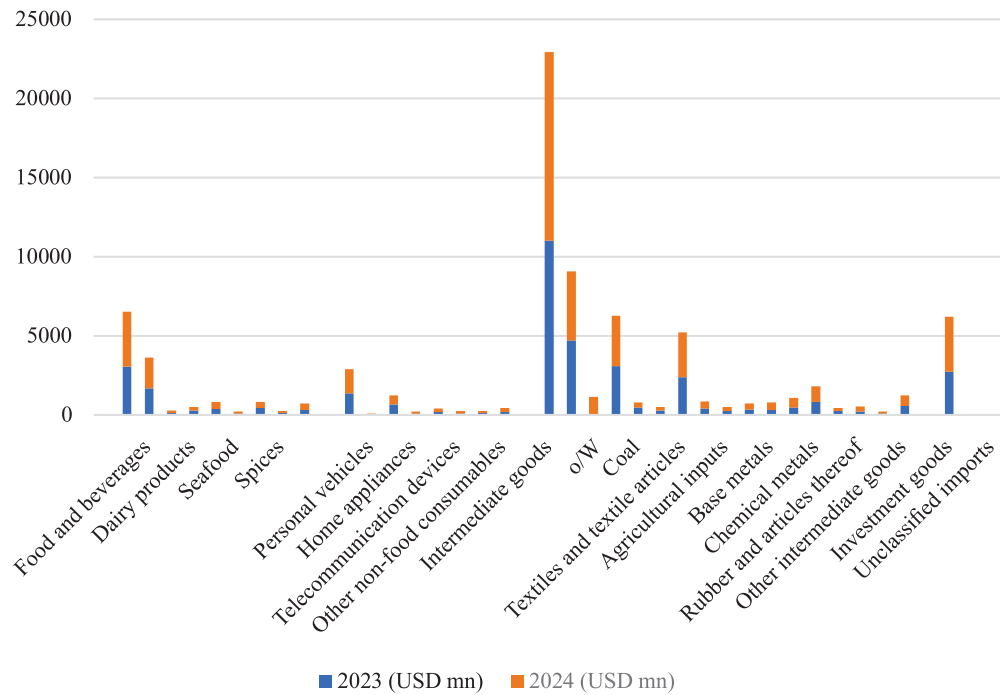
Composition of Imports to Sri Lanka

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Category	Dec 2023 (USD mn)	Dec 2024 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2023 (USD mn)	2024 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1.Consumer goods	272.8	397.6	45.8	3043.9	3465.7	13.9
Food and beverages	152	242.5	59.6	1693	1914.3	13.1
Cereals and milling industry products	8.2	48.6	490.8	116.9	163.2	39.6
Dairy products	16.9	30.3	79.1	273.7	239.7	-12.4
Vegetables (b)	32.1	48.6	51.7	358.6	446	24.4
Seafood	8	9.9	23.1	79.4	118.8	49.5
Sugar and confectionery	45.2	43.5	-3.6	435.5	389.5	-10.6
Spices	11.8	12.1	2.8	133.4	115.7	-13.2
Other food and beverages	29.9	49.5	65.7	295.5	441.4	49.4
Non-food consumer goods	120.8	155.1	28.4	1350.9	1551.4	14.8
Personal vehicles	3.1	3.5	14	27.7	66.2	139.2
Medical and pharmaceuticals	46.7	60.5	29.5	667	575.6	-13.7
Home appliances	9.2	13.6	47.4	72.4	155.6	115.1
Clothing and accessories	15	25	66	170	225.8	32.8
Telecommunication devices	12.1	12.5	3.2	98.8	141.9	43.6
Household and furniture items	15.5	14.1	-8.9	122.1	138.1	13.1
Other non-food consumables	19.1	25.8	35.4	192.9	248.1	28.6
2.Intermediate goods	948.3	1124.9	18.6	11006.6	11914.5	8.2
Fuel	414.2	434	4.8	4702.6	4354.4	-7.4
o/w	Crude oil	142.3	113.9	-20.0	1137.5	863.6
Refined petroleum	232.6	262.8	13	3095.4	3173.3	2.5
Coal	39.2	57.4	46.3	469.8	317.4	-32.4
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	30.7	16.7	-45.6	268.4	216.9	-19.2
Textiles and textile articles	183.2	252.6	37.9	2371.2	2847.1	20.1
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	35.1	36.4	3.7	412.4	447	8.4
Agricultural inputs	18.9	25.1	32.7	233.8	263.8	12.9
Wheat and maize	19.9	58.3	192.2	338.2	382.5	13.1
Base metals	21.8	39.3	80.5	313.8	473.4	50.8
Plastics and articles thereof	41.5	54.9	32.4	474.6	609.3	28.4
Chemical products	72.1	76.8	6.5	814.7	987	21.2
Fertiliser	34.5	27.2	-21.3	235	201.1	-14.4
Rubber and articles thereof	23.2	24.8	6.8	200.2	316.5	58.1
Mineral products	5.9	8.3	41	80.9	127.2	57.3
Other intermediate goods	47.4	70.5	48.9	560.7	688.3	22.7
3.Investment goods	267.1	396.6	48.5	2744.6	3448.2	25.6
Machinery and equipment	174.9	290.3	66	1867.6	2363.1	26.5
Building material	69.6	89.1	28.1	775.1	927.2	19.6
Transport equipment	22.2	16.9	-24.0	98.5	154.8	57.1
Other investment goods	0.4	0.3	-39.5	3.3	3.1	-6.6
4.Unclassified imports	0.3	5.4	1450.6	16	13	-18.8
Total imports	1488.6	1924.5	29.3	16811.1	18841.4	12.1



Composition of Imports to Sri Lanka



Exchange Rates - Annual Averages			
Source : Central Bank			
Year	US Dollar	Sterling Pound	Euro
2013	129.11	202.08	171.51
2014	130.56	215.16	173.47
2015	135.94	207.99	150.84
2016	145.60	197.15	161.16
2017	152.46	196.47	171.73
2018	162.54	216.67	191.71
2019	178.78	228.20	200.14
2020	185.52	238.22	212.07
2021	200.43	270.99	226.86
2022	324.55	396.89	339.04
2023	327.53	407.07	354.11
2024	302.12	386.24	327.04



Textile Imports to Sri Lanka

Source: Export Development Board
Value in US\$ Mn
Quantity in Kg

HS Code 52-55

Code	Imports to Sri Lanka	2023		2024	
		Quantity	Value (USD Mn)	Quantity	Value (USD Mn)
H.5201	-Cotton	467,414 Kg	1.03	92,871 Kg	0.21
	--Cotton, not carded or combed :				
H.5202	-Cotton	65,987 Kg	0.03	69,725 Kg	0.09
	--Cotton waste (including yarn waste and garnetted stock)				
H.5203	-Cotton	114,128 Kg	0.25	136,703 Kg	0.27
	--Cotton, carded or combed :				
H.5204	-Cotton	42,785 Kg	0.48	74,614 Kg	0.68
	--Cotton sewing thread, whether or not put up for retail sale				
H.5205	-Cotton	24,821,049 Kg	116.84	26,621,785 Kg	115.42
	--Cotton yarn (other than sewing thread), containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, not put up for retail sale				
H.5206	-Cotton	5,877,425 Kg	21.61	9,380,051 Kg	35.4
	--Cotton yarn (other than sewing thread), containing less than 85% by weight of cotton, not put up for retail sale				
H.5207	-Cotton	19,739 Kg	0.15	21,182 Kg	0.11
	--Cotton yarn (other than sewing thread) put up for retail sale				
H.5208	-Cotton	19,089,339 Kg	86.26	23,050,705 Kg	121.64
	--Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, weighing not more than 200 g/m2				
H.5209	-Cotton	26,122,454 Kg	203.78	29,817,753 Kg	230.36
	--Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, weighing more than 200 g/m2				
H.5210	-Cotton	3,582,601 Kg	38.97	5,092,907 Kg	40.08
	--Woven fabrics of cotton, containing less than 85% by weight of cotton, mixed mainly or solely with man made fibres, weighing not more than 200 g/m2				
H.5211	-Cotton	9,796,159 Kg	50.24	9,102,849 Kg	49.77
	--Woven fabrics of cotton, containing less than 85% by weight of cotton, mixed mainly or solely with man made fibres, weighing more than 200 g/m2				
H.5212	-Cotton	197,931 Kg	1.16	751,934 Kg	3.62
	--Other woven fabrics of cotton				
H.5301	-Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	2 Kg		937 Kg	0.04
	--Flax, raw or processed but not spun; flax tow and waste (including yarn waste and garnetted stock)				
H.5303	-Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	24,141 Kg	0.02	11,874 Kg	0.02
	--Jute and other textile bast fibres (excluding flax, true hemp and ramie), raw or processed but not spun; tow and waste of these fibres (including yarn waste and garnetted stock)				
H.5305	-Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	41,550 Kg	0.05	14,180 Kg	0.03
	--Coconut, abaca (Manila hemp or Musa textilis Nee), ramie and other vegetable textile fibres, not elsewhere specified or included, raw or processed but not spun; tow, noils and waste of these fibres (including yarn waste and garnetted stock) :				
H.5306	-Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	10,354 Kg	0.22	54,856 Kg	1.28
	--Flax yarn				
H.5307	-Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	817,154 Kg	0.61	782,171 Kg	0.56
	--Yarn of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading 5303				
H.5308	-Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	98,952 Kg	0.68	162,453 Kg	1.13
	--Yarn of other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn				
H.5309	-Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	1,171,104 Kg	21.71	1,488,559 Kg	34.36
	--Woven fabrics of flax				
H.5310	-Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	322,446 Kg	0.53	517,740 Kg	0.83
	--Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading 5303				
H.5311	-Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	78,779 Kg	1.42	188,863 Kg	3.39
	--Woven fabrics of other vegetable textile fibres; woven fabrics of paper yarn :				
H.5401	-Man-made filaments	394,790 Kg	4.49	574,499 Kg	5.46
	--Sewing thread of man made filaments, whether or not put up for retail sale				
H.5402	-Man-made filaments	34,589,055 Kg	178.45	47,699,214 Kg	232.25
	--Synthetic filament yarn (other than sewing thread), not put up for retail sale, including synthetic monofilament of less than 67 decitex				
H.5403	-Man-made filaments	63,644 Kg	0.63	118,049 Kg	0.66
	--Artificial filament yarn (other than sewing thread), not put up for retail sale, including artificial monofilament of less than 67 decitex				
H.5404	-Man-made filaments	1,669,214 Kg	3.69	1,594,508 Kg	3.58
	--Synthetic monofilament of 67 decitex or more and of which no cross sectional dimension exceeds 1 mm; strip and the like (for example, artificial straw) of synthetic textile materials of an				



Code	Imports to Sri Lanka	2023		2024	
		Quantity	Value (USD Mn)	Quantity	Value (USD Mn)
H.5405	-Man-made filaments	12,730 Kg	0.08	13,196 Kg	0.07
	--Artificial monofilament of 67 decitex or more and of which no cross sectional dimension exceeds 1 mm; strip and the like (for example, artificial straw) of artificial textile materials of an apparent width not exceeding 5 mm				
H.5406	-Man-made filaments	28,296 Kg	0.18	17,252 Kg	0.09
	--Man made filament yarn (other than sewing thread), put up for retail sale				
H.5407	-Man-made filaments	13,970,003 Kg	102.83	27,244,147 Kg	149.87
	--Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn, including woven fabrics obtained from materials of heading 5404				
H.5408	-Man-made filaments	3,801,436 Kg	11.9	1,923,030 Kg	8.58
	--Woven fabrics of artificial filament yarn, including woven fabrics obtained from materials of heading 5405				
H.5501	-Man-made staple fibres	167,266 Kg	0.26	117,297 Kg	0.3
	--Synthetic filament tow				
H.5502	-Man-made staple fibres	140,742 Kg	0.9	130,119 Kg	0.86
	--Artificial filament tow				
H.5503	-Man-made staple fibres	1,981,320 Kg	3.09	2,259,234 Kg	2.57
	--Synthetic staple fibres, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning				
H.5504	-Man-made staple fibres	8,340,197 Kg	27.57	3,145,005 Kg	11.91
	--Artificial staple fibres, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning				
H.5505	-Man-made staple fibres			2 Kg	...
	--Waste (including noils, yarn waste and garnetted stock) of man made fibres				
H.5506	-Man-made staple fibres	14,981 Kg	0.1	47,737 Kg	0.13
	--Synthetic staple fibres, carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning				
H.5507	-Man-made staple fibres	14 Kg	...	27 Kg	...
	--Artificial staple fibres, carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning				
H.5508	-Man-made staple fibres	204,385 Kg	0.73	244,009 Kg	0.69
	--Sewing thread of man made staple fibres, whether or not put up for retail sale				
H.5509	-Man-made staple fibres	9,390,586 Kg	30.31	12,372,362 Kg	37.8
	--Yarn (other than sewing thread) of synthetic staple fibres, not put up for retail sale				
H.5510	-Man-made staple fibres	1,403,677 Kg	9.95	2,166,357 Kg	15.89
	--Yarn (other than sewing thread) of artificial staple fibres, not put up for retail sale				
H.5511	-Man-made staple fibres	60,222 Kg	0.98	70,629 Kg	1.09
	--Yarn (other than sewing thread) of man made staple fibres, put up for retail sale				
H.5512	-Man-made staple fibres	27,301,776 Kg	111.84	20,840,125 Kg	113.78
	--Woven fabrics of synthetic staple fibres, containing 85% or more by weight of synthetic staple fibres				
H.5513	-Man-made staple fibres	8,971,197 Kg	51.36	11,103,451 Kg	68.68
	--Woven fabrics of synthetic staple fibres, containing less than 85% by weight of such fibres, mixed mainly or solely with cotton, of a weight not exceeding 170 g/m2				
H.5514	-Man-made staple fibres	1,419,916 Kg	8.71	3,017,366 Kg	17.58
	--Woven fabrics of synthetic staple fibres, containing less than 85% by weight of such fibres, mixed mainly or solely with cotton, of a weight exceeding 170 g/m2				
H.5515	-Man-made staple fibres	5,934,501 Kg	38.67	8,207,046 Kg	45.7
	--Other woven fabrics of synthetic staple fibres				
H.5516	-Man-made staple fibres	6,612,414 Kg	39.02	8,897,938 Kg	55.04
	--Woven fabrics of artificial staple fibres				
	Total :		1,171.78		1,411.86



Textile Imports to Sri Lanka

Source: Export Development Board
Value in US\$ Mn
Quantity in Kg

HS Code 58

Code	Imports to Sri Lanka	2023		2024	
		Quantity	Value (USD)	Quantity	Value (USD Mn)
H.5811	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	158,663 Kg	0.62	186,601 Kg	0.91
	--Quilted textile products in the piece, composed of one or more layers of textile materials assembled with				
H.5810	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	523,503 Kg	17.03	495,324 Kg	13.9
	--Embroidery in the piece, in strips or in motifs				
H.5809	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	346 Kg	...	199 Kg	0.01
	--Woven fabrics of metal thread and woven fabrics of metallised yarn of heading 5605, of a kind used in				
H.5808	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	67,799 Kg	0.52	69,708 Kg	0.53
	--Braids in the piece; ornamental trimmings in the piece, without embroidery, other than knitted or crocheted;				
H.5807	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	213,209 Kg	12.18	262,535 Kg	14.31
	--Labels, badges and similar articles of textile materials, in the piece, in strips or cut to shape or size, not				
H.5806	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	5,904,609 Kg	94.08	7,568,352 Kg	127.94
	--Narrow woven fabrics, other than goods of heading 5807; narrow fabrics consisting of warp without weft				
H.5805	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	2,094 Kg	0.01	1,069 Kg	...
	--Hand woven tapestries of the type Gobelins, Flanders, Aubusson, Beauvais and the like, and needle worked				
H.5804	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	5,101,962 Kg	71.94	4,631,832 Kg	79.18
	--Tulles and other net fabrics, not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics; lace in the piece, in strips or in				
H.5803	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	170 Kg	0.01	1,008 Kg	0.03
	--Gauze, other than narrow fabrics of heading 5806				
H.5802	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	1,780,099 Kg	5.34	2,032,116 Kg	7.29
	--Terry toweling and similar woven terry fabrics, other than narrow fabrics of heading 5806; tufted textile				
H.5801	-Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	1,006,496 Kg	7.53	1,577,321 Kg	10.36
	--Woven pile fabrics and chemille fabrics, other than fabrics of heading 5802 or 5806				
	Total :		209.26		254.47



Top 25 Exporters - 2024

Source: Export Development Board

- 1 MAS CAPITAL PVT LTD
- 2 BRANDIX APPAREL PVT LTD
- 3 OMEGA LINE LTD
- 4 HIRDARAMANI INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS PVT LTD
- 5 ATG HAND CARE PVT LTD
- 6 INQUBE GLOBAL PVT LTD
- 7 JAY JAY MILLS LANKA PVT LTD
- 8 ORIT TRADING LANKA PVT LTD
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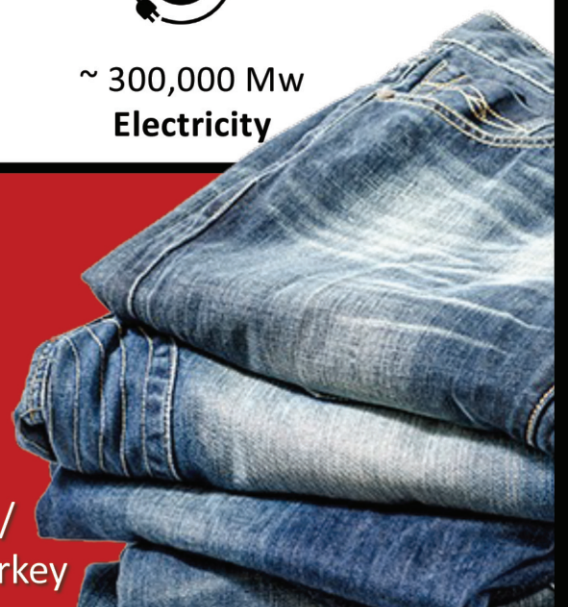
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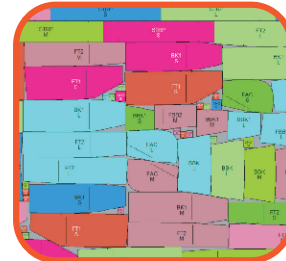


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