



Jordan-United States Free Trade Agreement

The Free Trade Agreement between United States and Jordan was signed on 2000 as the third free trade agreement of USA with world countries. The Jordan Free Trade Agreement (JOFTA) went into effect on December 17, 2001. Under the agreement virtually all Jordanian goods enter the United States duty free. The Jordan FTA does NOT provide a merchandise processing fee (MPF) exemption and Goods of Jordan are not subject to Quota.

Jordan exports under Free Trade Agreement with the United States of America have increased from \$66.5 million in 2000 to \$1.5 billion in 2016. Moreover; the exports from Zarka chamber of industry increase from \$252.7 million in 2010 to \$515 million in 2016, and \$414 million in the first 10 months of this year

The FTA includes many items related to important issues such as:

- Trade and environment
- Trade and labor.
- Electronic commerce.
- Intellectual property rights protection.
- Balance of payments.
- Rules of origin.
- Safeguards.
- Procedural matters.

Jordan & USA FTA can be summarized as following:

• Rules of Origin	"Wholly the growth, product, or manufacture" or Value Content + Substantial Transformation
• Chemical Reaction and Related Rules of Origin	No
• Special Origination Rules	No
• Documentation required in the importer's possession at the time of claim	Freeform "Declaration"
• Regional Value Content (RVC) Calculation Methods and Most Common Thresholds	Jordanian materials + direct cost of processing must at least equal 35% of appraised value (up to 15% US content).

Sources: U.S. Customs and Border Protection