

The Status of China's Leather and Leather Goods Industries of 2012

Generally speaking, China's Leather and Leather Goods Industries of 2012 maintained a steady growth in the past year, however the growth rate declined.

A. The total industry production value was USD 168.83 billion, increased by 14% year-on-year. 11.7% below its past trend. (The production figure is derived from those companies whose annual sales revenue is above RMB 20 million or USD 3.19 million. The same below.)

B. The total exports and import were USD 76.09 billion and 7.81 billion, increased by 9.8% and 5.8% year-on-year respectively. 12% and 14.7% below their past trends.

a. Raw Hides and Skins

--- The exports of raw hides and skins of 2012 were 7.7 thousand tons, USD 8.9 million, the volume and value of exports increased by 15.9% and 14.7% respectively compared to last year. The imports were 1275 thousand tons, USD 3.01 billion, up by 4.6% and 8.3% respectively. The top 5 sources of imports are USA (accounts for 41.8% of total value of import), Australia (21.5%), UK (5.7%), Canada (5.7%) and New Zealand (5.2%).

b. Semi-Finished Leather

--- The export of semi-finished leather of 2012 was 8.03 thousand tons, USD 30.1 million, the volume and value decreased by 14.2% and 6.8% respectively compared to last year. The import was 720 thousand tons, USD 1.42 billion, the volume down by 4.3% and the value up by 1.5%. The top 5 sources of import are Brazil (accounts for 27.5% of total value of import), USA (16.2%), Argentina (7.2%), The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (5.4%) and Thailand (4.8%).

c. Finished Leather

--- The total output of light leather in 2012 was 750 million sqm., 23.9% up compared to the previous year. The export of finished leather in 2012 was 30 thousand tons, USD 400 million, the volume and value down by 7.8% and 1.6% respectively. The top 5 destinations of export are Hong Kong (accounts for 51.8% of total value of export), Italy (8.5%), Vietnam (7.5%), USA (5.2%) and Indonesia (4.6%). The import of finished leather was 193 thousand tons, USD 2.69 billion, the volume down by 7.8% and the value increased by 1%. The top 5 sources of import are Italy (account for 19.7% of total value of import), S.Korea (16%), India (13.9%), The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (8.8%) and Brazil (7.4%).

d. Shoes

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Among which, the production of leather shoes was 4.5 billion pairs, an increase of 4.2% compared to the previous year. The export of leather shoes was 840 million pairs, USD 10.93 billion, decreased by 8.3% and 0.2% respectively; the import was 22.83 million pairs and USD 1.05 billion in terms of value, up by 12.1% and 16.9% respectively. The export of rubber and plastic shoes of 2012 was 6.18 billion pairs, USD 18.78 billion, the volume decreased by 0.9% and the value up by 2.9% compared to last year; the import was 13.8 million pairs, USD 200 million, 41% and 22% up respectively. As per textile shoes, 1.99 billion pairs was exported, with value of USD 8.15 billion, 7.2% and 15% up respectively; the import was 13.19 million pairs, USD 240 million, an increase of 23.8% and 21.2% respectively. The export of other kinds of shoes was 1.07 billion pairs, USD 6.51 billion, the volume and value increased by 22.2% and 111.2% respectively; the import was 514 thousand pairs, USD 24.92 million, 15.4% down of volume and 10.5% up of value year-on-year.

The top 5 destinations of export of (all kinds of) shoes are USA (accounts for 28.7% of total value of export), EU (19.9%), Japan (5.6%), ASEAN (5.2%) and Russia (4.4%). The top 5 sources of import of (all kinds of) shoes are EU (accounts for 39.6% of total value of import), ASEAN (39.1%), China (15.7%), India (1.7%) and Switzerland (1.1%).

e. Leather Garments

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f. Leather Luggage and Bags

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