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The US implementation of DFQF

- The US GSP scheme has been improved for LDCs with an additional product coverage of 1430 tariff lines
- However textiles and clothing products are still not covered under US GSP
- AGOA and CBTPA provides preferences on textiles and clothing
- Certain LDCs ,mainly Lesotho and Haiti are Mostly benefitting from these arrangements

Most imported under AGOA 2011

Product Code (NL)	Product Description	Tariff Rates		No of Suppliers	Principal Suppliers (with their respective ISO3 codes and shares)					
		MFN Appl. (%)	Imports Dutiable		Imports ALL Received	1st Supplier		2nd Supplier		
						ISO3 Code	Share (%)	ISO3 Code	Share (%)	Share (%)
6	7	8	13	18	21	22	23	24	25	37
62034240	Men's or boys' trousers and shorts, not bibs, not knitted or crocheted, of cotton, not containing 15% or more by weight of down, etc	16.6	103'939	103'929	3	LSO	98.7	ETH	1.3	.
61103030	Sweaters, pullovers and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, of manmade fibers, nesoi	32.0	39'064	39'060	4	LSO	62.7	MWI	29.8	.
62046240	Women's or girls' trousers, breeches and shorts, not knitted or crocheted, of cotton, nesoi	16.6	38'584	38'551	8	LSO	97.6	UGA	1.9	.
61046320	Women's or girls' trousers, breeches and shorts, knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibers, nesoi	28.2	32'093	32'092	2	LSO	99.7	TZA	0.3	.
61102020	Sweaters, pullovers and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, of cotton, nesoi	16.5	23'903	23'560	5	LSO	97.6	ETH	1.0	.
61052020	Men's or boys' shirts, knitted or crocheted, of manmade fibers, nesoi	32.0	21'107	21'086	3	LSO	94.0	ETH	5.9	.
61051000	Men's or boys' shirts, knitted or crocheted, of cotton	19.7	18'844	18'838	5	LSO	92.7	MWI	4.2	.
61046220	Women's or girls' trousers, breeches and shorts, knitted or crocheted, of cotton	14.9	13'685	13'603	2	LSO	99.9	UGA	0.1	.
61099010	Missing Description	32.0	13'101	13'040	7	LSO	84.1	TZA	15.4	.
61034315	Men's or boys' trousers, breeches and shorts, knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibers, nesoi	28.2	12'991	12'948	3	LSO	83.8	TZA	11.2	.
61091000	Missing Description	16.5	6'767	6'709	7	LSO	98.0	TZA	0.6	.
61023020	Women's or girls' overcoats, carcoats, capes, windbreakers and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, of manmade fibers, nesoi	28.2	5'646	5'645	2	LSO	100.0	ETH	0.0	.

A comparison table of tariff lines exported by AGOA and Bangladesh

Product Code (NL)	Product Description	Tariff Rates	exports of AGOA countries		Main exports of Bangladesh at product code level	Value	Matching ?
		MFN Appl. (%)	Imports Dutiable	Imports ALL Received			
6	7	8	13	18			
62034240	Men's or boys' trousers and shorts, not bibs, not knitted or crocheted, of cotton, not containing 15% or more by weight of down, etc	16.6	103'939	103'929	62034240	996.339	YES
61103030	Sweaters, pullovers and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, of manmade fibers, nesoi	32.0	39'064	39'060	62052020	410.955	YES, but only 12
62046240	Women's or girls' trousers, breeches and shorts, not knitted or crocheted, of cotton, nesoi	16.6	38'584	38'551	62046240	483.512	YES
61046320	Women's or girls' trousers, breeches and shorts, knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibers, nesoi	28.2	32'093	32'092	61102020	126.379	NO
61102020	Sweaters, pullovers and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, of cotton, nesoi	16.5	23'903	23'560	61091000	122.554	YES
61052020	Men's or boys' shirts, knitted or crocheted, of manmade fibers, nesoi	32.0	21'107	21'086	61082100	63099	NO
61051000	Men's or boys' shirts, knitted or crocheted, of cotton	19.7	18'844	18'838	98010010	523	yes, but only 12
61046220	Women's or girls' trousers, breeches and shorts, knitted or crocheted, of cotton	14.9	13'685	13'603	62063030	71707	NO

What next ?

- Is it possible to address divisive issue by resorting to technical tools ?
- Work on tariff lines may provide some accomodating solutions
- Competitive suppliers in most exported tariff lines may be graduated anyway out of a possible extension of the US GSP to textile and clothing