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French Textile Trade – First trimester 2006

Despite the continuing deterioration of the trade balance, with textile imports at 3,1 billion € and textile exports at 2,1 billion €, we note that, for the first time since 2001, French textile exports have registered an increase of 1 % in value (compared to the same period in 2005).

This increase is even more marked for exports to non EU 25 countries. For instance, exports to the United-States (the third most important client) increased by 16 %, to Morocco by 4 %, to Tunisia by 3 %, to Russia by 67 %, to Saudi Arabia by 44 %...

French textile imports increased during the same period by 4 % in value, this growth being more significant for non EU countries – (+ 11 %).