

Russia

1. Brief profile - RUSSIA

Background:

Repeated devastating defeats of the Russian army in World War I led to widespread rioting in the major cities of the Russian Empire and to the overthrow in 1917 of the 300-year old Romanov Dynasty. The Communists under Vladimir LENIN seized power soon after and formed the USSR. The brutal rule of Josef STALIN (1928-53) strengthened Russian dominance of the Soviet Union at a cost of tens of millions of lives. The Soviet economy and society stagnated in the following decades until General Secretary Mikhail GORBACHEV (1985-91) introduced glasnost (openness) and perestroika (restructuring) in an attempt to modernize Communism, but his initiatives inadvertently released forces that by December 1991 splintered the USSR into 15 independent republics. Since then, Russia has struggled in its efforts to build a democratic political system and market economy to replace the strict social, political, and economic controls of the Communist period. A determined guerrilla conflict still plagues Russia in Chechnya.

Location: Northern Asia (that part west of the Urals is included with Europe), bordering the Arctic Ocean, between Europe and the North Pacific Ocean

Map References:
Asia

Climate:
Ranges from steppes in the south through humid continental in much of European Russia; subarctic in Siberia to tundra climate in the polar north; winters vary from cool along Black Sea coast to frigid in Siberia; summers vary from warm in the steppes to cool along Arctic coast

Natural resources :
Wide natural resource base including major deposits of oil, natural gas, coal, and many strategic minerals, timber
note: formidable obstacles of climate, terrain, and distance hinder exploitation of natural resources

Languages :
Russian, other

Government type :
federation

Capital :
Moscow

Economy – Overview :

A decade after the implosion of the Soviet Union in December 1991, Russia is still struggling to establish a modern market economy and achieve strong economic growth. In contrast to its trading partners in Central Europe - which were able to overcome the initial production declines that accompanied the launch of market reforms within three to five years - Russia saw its economy contract for five years, as the executive and legislature dithered over the implementation of many of the basic foundations of a market economy. Russia achieved a slight recovery in 1997, but the government's stubborn budget deficits and the country's poor business climate made it vulnerable when the global financial crisis swept through in 1998. The crisis culminated in the August depreciation of the ruble, a debt default by the government, and a sharp deterioration in living standards for most of the population. The economy subsequently has rebounded, growing by an average of more than 6% annually in 1999-2001 on the back of higher oil prices and the 60% depreciation of the ruble in 1998. The ruble's real appreciation back to its 1998 level is making Russian goods exports less competitive both domestically and abroad. Economic growth fell to 4% during 2002. These GDP numbers, along with a renewed government effort to advance lagging structural reforms,

have raised business and investor confidence over Russia's prospects in its second decade of transition. Yet serious problems persist. Russia remains heavily dependent on exports of commodities, particularly oil, natural gas, metals, and timber, which account for over 80% of exports, leaving the country vulnerable to swings in world prices. Russia's industrial base is increasingly dilapidated and must be replaced or modernized if the country is to maintain vigorous economic growth. Other problems include a weak banking system, a poor business climate that discourages both domestic and foreign investors, corruption, local and regional government intervention in the courts, and widespread lack of trust in institutions.

Exports:

\$104.6 billion (2002 est.)

Main Exports Commodities:

Petroleum and petroleum products, natural gas, wood and wood products, metals, chemicals, and a wide variety of civilian and military manufactures

Main Exports partners:

Germany 9.3%, US 8.3%, Italy 7.5%, China 5.6%, Belarus 5.2%, Ukraine 5.2%, (2000 est.)

Imports:

\$60.7 billion (2002 est.)

Main Imports – commodities:

Machinery and equipment, consumer goods, medicines,
meat, sugar, semi-finished metal products

Main Imports partners:

Germany 13.2%, Belarus 9.6%, Ukraine 9.3%, US 7.6%,
Kazakhstan 4.8%, Italy 4.1%

Currency:

Russian ruble (RUR)

Exchange Rates

As on 13.8.2003

Currency Name	Symbol	Price in RUR
1 United States Dollar	USD	30.3524
1 Euro	EUR	34.5016

2. Summary - Russia

1. Russia Global Import of Sports Goods

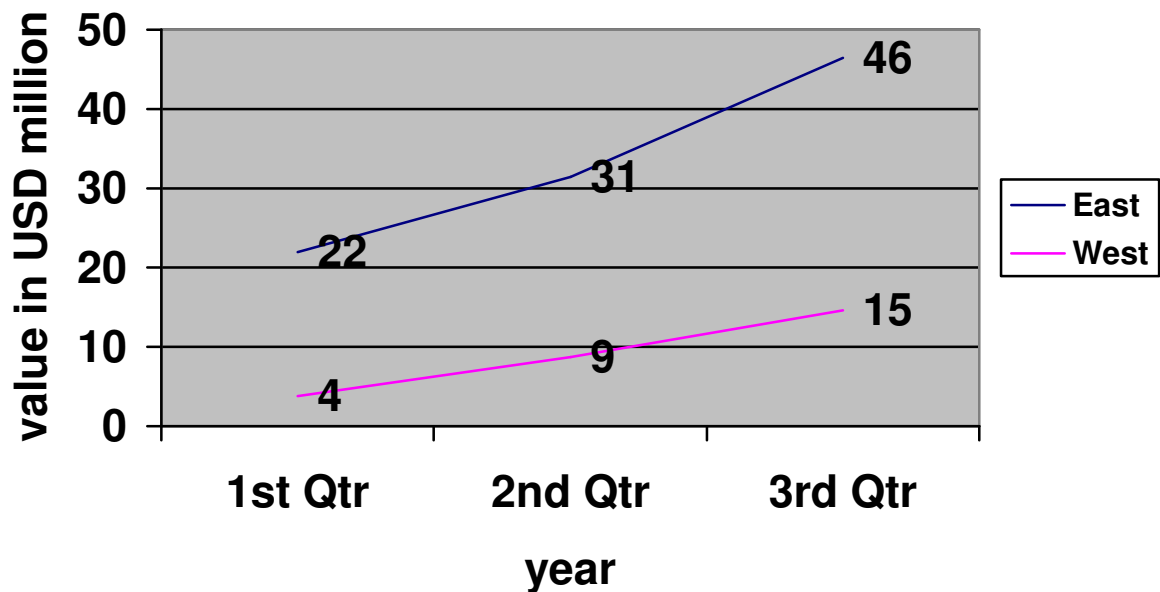
Russia's global import of items under HS code 95 in 2001 : 207.86
million USD

Russia's global import of sports goods in year 2001 : 61.06
million USD

% of import of sports goods in Romania's total import :

Growth over the years

Russia's Global Import of Sports Goods



2. *Russia's import of Sports Goods from India*

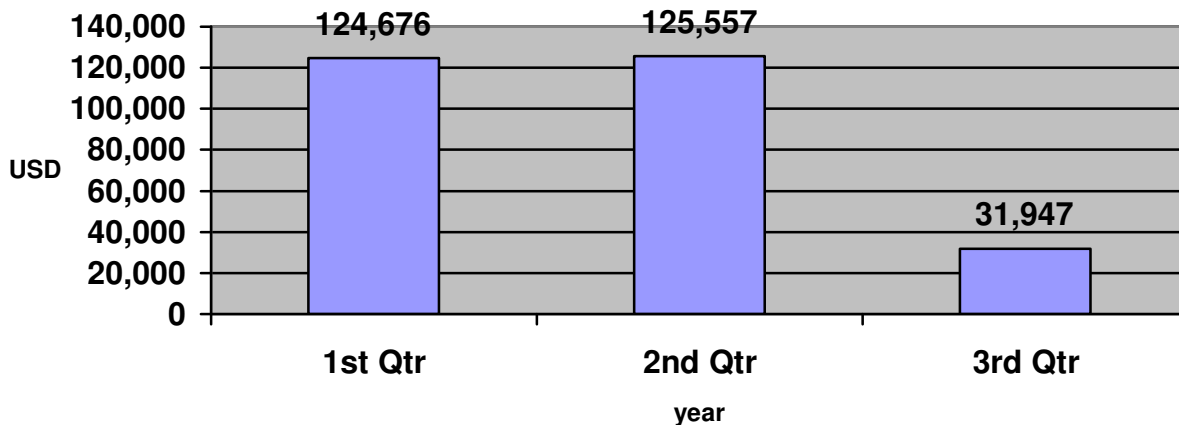
Import of sports goods from India in the year 2001 was USD only USD 31,947 indicating a decline by 74.5 % over the previous year.

Russia's import of items under HS 95 from India in 2001 : 1,87 million USD.

Russia's import of sports goods from India in year 2001 : 31,947 USD

Growth over the years

India's Export of Sports Goods to Russia



3. *Top Five Items of Global Import in Russia at Hs code level 6*

1. Physical exercise, gymnasium and athletics equipment (HS1996 - [950691](#))
2. Articles, equipment for table-tennis (HS1996 - [950640](#))
3. Ice skates, roller skates, skating boots (HS1996 - [950670](#))
4. Fishing reels (HS1996 - [950730](#))

5. Equipment nes for sports, swimming and paddling pools (HS1996 - [950699](#))

4. *Top five Items exported by India to Russia Hs Code level 6*

1. Inflatable balls (HS1996 - [950662](#))
2. Fishing and hunting equipment and requisites nes (HS1996 - [950790](#))
3. Articles, equipment for table-tennis (HS1996 - [950640](#))
4. Lawn-tennis rackets (HS1996 - [950651](#))
5. Badminton or similar rackets (HS1996 - [950659](#))

6. *Potential Items of Export from India*

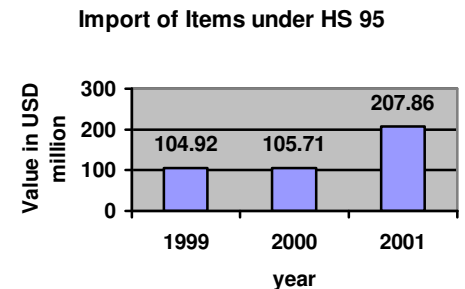
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2. Golf balls (HS1996 - [950632](#))
3. Golf equipment except balls and clubs (HS1996 - [950639](#))
4. Lawn-tennis balls (HS1996 - [950661](#))
5. Equipment nes for sports, swimming and paddling pools (HS1996 – [950699](#))
6. Fish-hooks, whether or not snelled (HS1996 - [950720](#))

3. Import From World

3.1. HS 95 – Import in Russia

3.1.1. Value of Import of items under HS 95 in Russia

HS Code	Period		
	1999 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$
95	104917136	105710720	207864480



3.1.2. Main Trading partners for items under HS 95 in year 2001

3.1.2.a. Top Import Partners in the selection

Partner Title	Trade Value \$
China	\$97,764,064
USA	\$13,372,297
Spain	\$11,280,527
Estonia	\$9,964,562
Italy	\$9,317,743
Other partners	\$66,165,287

3.1.2.b. Top Export Partners in the selection

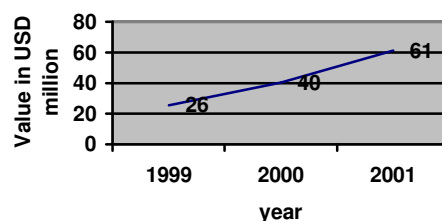
Partner Title	Trade Value \$
Finland	\$1,856,366
USA	\$1,688,629
Kazakhstan	\$1,549,259
Canada	\$894,160
Germany	\$852,398
Other partners	\$3,360,181

3.2. Sports Goods (HS 9506 & 9506) - Import in Russia

3.2.1. Value of Import of sports goods in Russia

HS Code	Period		
	1999 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$
9506	21,949,810	31,462,786	46,433,568
9507	3,793,146	8,748,680	14,623,823
Total	25,742,956	40,211,466	61,057,391

Import of Items under HS 95



3.2.2. Main Trading partners for Sports goods in year 2001

3.2.2.a. Top Import Partners in the selection

Partner Title	Trade Value \$
China	\$37,506,004
Germany	\$3,228,177
Other Asia, nes	\$3,081,624
Italy	\$2,570,091
USA	\$2,568,481
Other partners	\$12,103,014

3.2.2.b. Top Export Partners in the selection

Partner Title	Trade Value \$
Finland	\$1,495,466
Kazakhstan	\$825,020
Canada	\$757,207
USA	\$279,586
Germany	\$197,427
Other partners	\$646,054

4. Import from India

4.1. HS 95 – India's Export to Russia

4.1.1. Value of Import of items under HS 95 in Russia

HS Code	Period		
	1999 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$
95	649452	694496	1864549

4.2. Sports Goods (HS 9506 & 9507) India's Export to Russia

4.2.1. Value of Import of sports goods in Russia

HS Code	Period		
	1999 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$
9506	124,676	120,584	28,155
9507		4,973	3,792
Total	124,676	125,557	31,947

5. Sports goods Imported by Russia from World

20 results of HS 950611, HS 950612, HS 950619, HS 950621, HS 950629, HS 950631, HS 950632, HS 950639, HS 950640, HS 950651, HS 950659, HS 950661, HS 950662, HS 950669, HS 950670, HS 950691, HS 950699, HS 950710, HS 950720, HS 950730, HS 950790 are found in HS1996.

5.1. Sports goods Imported from world by HS code in 2001

Code
Snow-skis and parts (HS1996 - 950611)
Snow-ski fastenings (ski-bindings) (HS1996 - 950612)
Snow-ski equipment except skis/bindings (HS1996 - 950619)
Sailboards (HS1996 - 950621)
Water-skis, surf-boards, other watersport equipment (HS1996 - 950629)
Golf clubs, complete (HS1996 - 950631)
Golf balls (HS1996 - 950632)
Golf equipment except balls and clubs (HS1996 - 950639)
Articles, equipment for table-tennis (HS1996 - 950640)
Lawn-tennis rackets (HS1996 - 950651)
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Inflatable balls (HS1996 - 950662)
Balls nes (HS1996 - 950669)
Ice skates, roller skates, skating boots (HS1996 - 950670)
Physical exercise, gymnasium and athletics equipment (HS1996 - 950691)
Equipment nes for sports, swimming and paddling pools (HS1996 - 950699)
Fishing rods (HS1996 - 950710)
Fish-hooks, whether or not snelled (HS1996 - 950720)
Fishing reels (HS1996 - 950730)
Fishing and hunting equipment and requisites nes (HS1996 - 950790)

5.2. Sports goods Imported from world by HS code in last three years

Code	1999 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$
Snow-skis and parts (HS1996 - 950611)	173048	623747	1624041
Snow-ski fastenings (ski-bindings) (HS1996 - 950612)	90194	426501	1443136
Snow-ski equipment except skis/bindings (HS1996 - 950619)	27166	113506	317124
Sailboards (HS1996 - 950621)	11184	21571	79781
Water-skis, surf-boards, other watersport equipment (HS1996 - 950629)	281223	629586	724044
Golf clubs, complete (HS1996 - 950631)	7082	10286	16349
Golf balls (HS1996 - 950632)	6201	5172	7061
Golf equipment except balls and clubs (HS1996 - 950639)	53030	11953	7059
Articles, equipment for table-tennis (HS1996 - 950640)	1648637	3226332	9110213

Lawn-tennis rackets (HS1996 - 950651)	71221	371088	296948
Badminton or similar rackets (HS1996 - 950659)	735069	575279	1711108
Lawn-tennis balls (HS1996 - 950661)	201982	704723	143844
Inflatable balls (HS1996 - 950662)	1025080	1647763	3982014
Balls nes (HS1996 - 950669)	9733104	9191958	1499857
Ice skates, roller skates, skating boots (HS1996 - 950670)	3305453	6090175	7692326
Physical exercise, gymnasium and athletics equipment (HS1996 – 950691)	3308413	5519509	11711333
Equipment nes for sports, swimming and paddling pools (HS1996 – 950699)	1271723	2293637	6067331
Fishing rods (HS1996 - 950710)	1462232	3065203	5621252
Fish-hooks, whether or not snelled (HS1996 - 950720)	183667	740616	338059
Fishing reels (HS1996 - 950730)	518636	2162174	6373460
Fishing and hunting equipment and requisites nes (HS1996 - 950790)	1628611	2780687	2291052
TOTAL	25742956	40211466	61057392

5.3. Top Sports Equipment Imported by Russia
from World
(Sorted by Value)

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6.1 Sports goods Imported from world by HS code in 2001

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Fishing reels (HS1996 - 950730)
Fishing and hunting equipment and requisites nes (HS1996 - 950790)

6.2 Sports goods Imported from India by HS code in last three years

Code	1999 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$
Articles, equipment for table-tennis (HS1996 - 950640)	76203		523
Lawn-tennis rackets (HS1996 - 950651)		9028	
Badminton or similar rackets (HS1996 - 950659)		1083	
Inflatable balls (HS1996 - 950662)		72067	27632
Balls nes (HS1996 - 950669)	45632	12366	
Ice skates, roller skates, skating boots (HS1996 - 950670)	2313	20000	
Physical exercise, gymnasium and athletics equipment (HS1996 - 950691)	528	6040	
Fishing rods (HS1996 - 950710)		1743	
Fishing reels (HS1996 - 950730)		571	
Fishing and hunting equipment and requisites nes (HS1996 - 950790)			3792
TOTAL	124676	122898	31947

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