Despite the vast range of clothing styles throughout the world, there is a large international trade in clothes. These clothes arrive, more often than not, in the United States, Western Europe and Japan.

Most clothes are made in territories where employers can pay low labour costs, which partially maintains low prices for the populations of importing territories.

Spending per person on imports (net US$) shows that some Western European territories have high import rates. There are particularly low net imports per person to some territories in Northern and Southeastern Africa.

** Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide net imports of clothes (in US$) that are received there. Net imports are imports minus exports. When exports are larger than imports the territory is not shown. **

** ...we are trying to balance a number of interests here because obviously people want less expensive goods ... **

Tony Blair, 2005