

**The Association of Latvian Textile and Clothing
Industry
and
Current situation in the Latvian Apparel &
Textile Industry (based on the newest statistics of 2015-2017)**

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The Association of Latvian Textile and Clothing Industry

- **The Association of Latvian Textile and Clothing Industry** was founded on 23rd February 1994 as a non profit organization. On December 10, 2004 registered as a society.
- The association unites 52 members.
- The association's Chairman of the Board from its foundation has been Guntis Strazds.

The goal of the Association is to further the development of industry by:

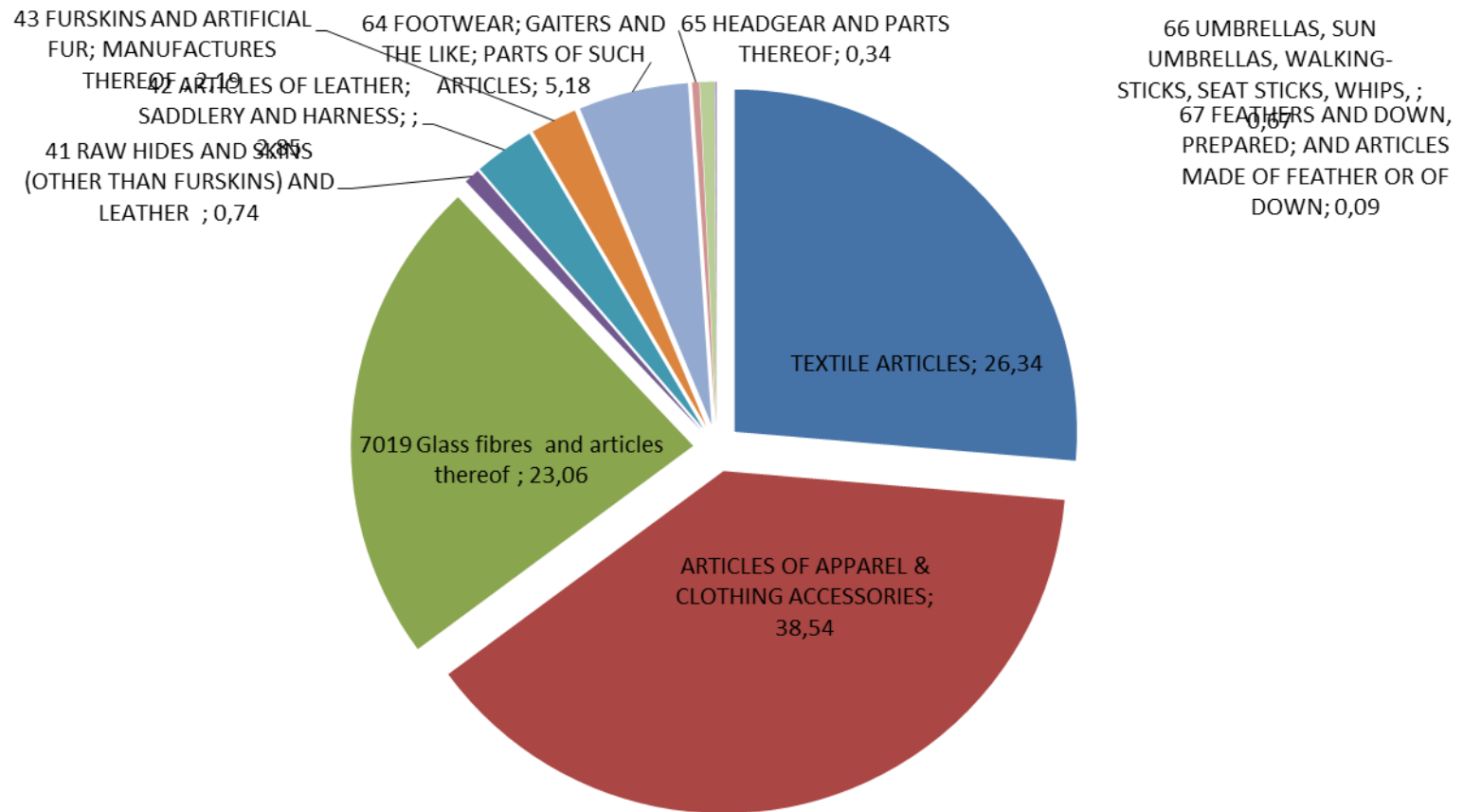
- promoting new markets,
- participating in exhibitions,
- organizing mutual cooperation and training of field specialists,
- coordinating the cooperation with universities and professional technical educational institutions,
- defending the interests of sector businessmen at national and international institutions.

Latvian Textile and Clothing Industry

- Today, the textile sector is an important part of Latvian industry, combining the best of traditional knowhow with industrial and technological knowledge. This expertise has led to the creation of high value-added products such as silver and amber threads.
- Around 14,000 people are employed in more than 1995 Latvian textile companies, mostly small and medium size. Textile companies are distributed all around Latvia.
- The main textile industry sub-sectors are lingerie manufacturing, sewing, weaving, technical textile manufacturing and artisan textile production.

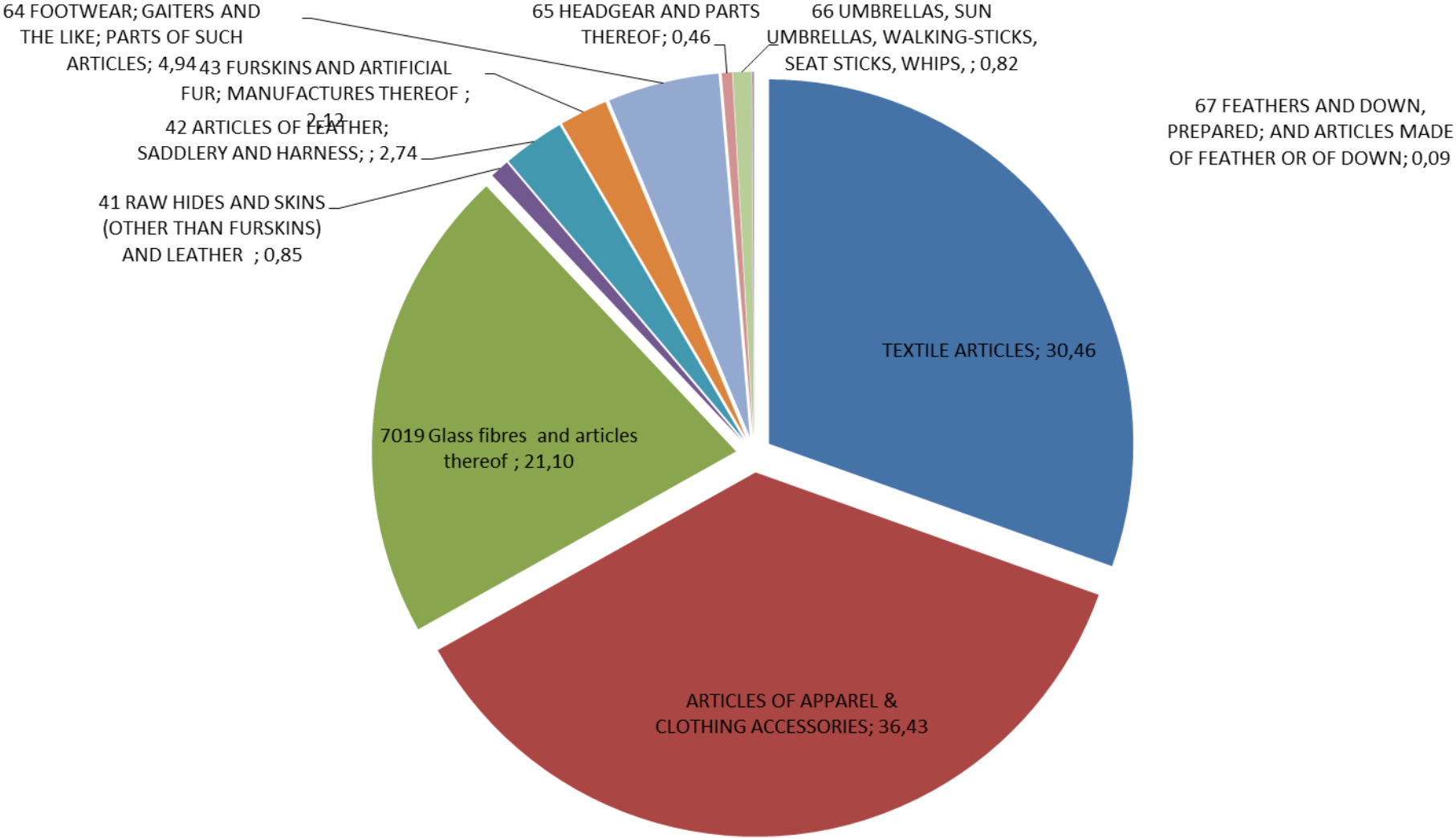
Textile Industry Trade Statistics

Export by Subsektor in 2016, %



Textile Industry Trade Statistics

Export by Subsektor in 2017, %



Textile Industry Trade Statistics

	2017.gads,%	2016.gads,%
TEXTILE ARTICLES	30,46	26,34
ARTICLES OF APPAREL & CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	36,43	38,54
7019 Glass fibres and articles thereof	21,10	23,06
41 RAW HIDES AND SKINS (OTHER THAN FURSKINS) AND LEATHER	0,85	0,74
42 ARTICLES OF LEATHER; SADDLERY AND HARNESS;	2,74	2,85
43 FURSKINS AND ARTIFICIAL FUR; MANUFACTURES THEREOF	2,12	2,19
64 FOOTWEAR; GAITERS AND THE LIKE; PARTS OF SUCH ARTICLES	4,94	5,18
65 HEADGEAR AND PARTS THEREOF	0,46	0,34
66 UMBRELLAS, SUN UMBRELLAS, WALKING-STICKS, SEAT STICKS, WHIPS,	0,82	0,67
67 FEATHERS AND DOWN, PREPARED; AND ARTICLES MADE OF FEATHER OR OF DOWN	0,09	0,09

Harmonized System Codes (HS Code 2017)

41 RAW HIDES AND SKINS (OTHER THAN FURSKINS) AND LEATHER

42 ARTICLES OF LEATHER; SADDLERY AND HARNESS; TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS; ARTICLES OF ANIMAL GUT (OTHER THAN SILK-WORM GUT)

43 FURSKINS AND ARTIFICIAL FUR; MANUFACTURES THEREOF

50 SILK

51 WOOL & FINE OR COARSE ANIMAL HAIR

52 COTTON, INC. YARNS & WOVEN FABRICS THEREOF

53 VEG. TEXTILE FIBERS

54 MAN-MADE FILAMENTS,

55 MAN-MADE STAPLE FIBERS

56 WADDING, FELT & NONWOVENS

57 CARPETS & OTHER TEXTILE FLOOR COVERINGS

58 SPECIAL WOVEN FABRICS, TUFTED TEXTILES, LACE

59 IMPREGNATED, COATED, COVERED, OR LAMINATED TEXTILE PROD

60 KNITTED OR CROCHETED FABRICS

61 ARTICLES OF APPAREL & CLOTHING ACCESSORIES-KNITTED OR CROCHETED

62 ARTICLES OF APPAREL & CLOTHING ACCESSORIES-NOT KNITTED OR CROCHETED

63 MADE-UP TEXTILE ARTICLES NESOI, NEEDLECRAFT SETS, WORN CLOTHING, RAGS

64 FOOTWEAR; GAITERS AND THE LIKE; PARTS OF SUCH ARTICLES

65 HEADGEAR AND PARTS THEREOF

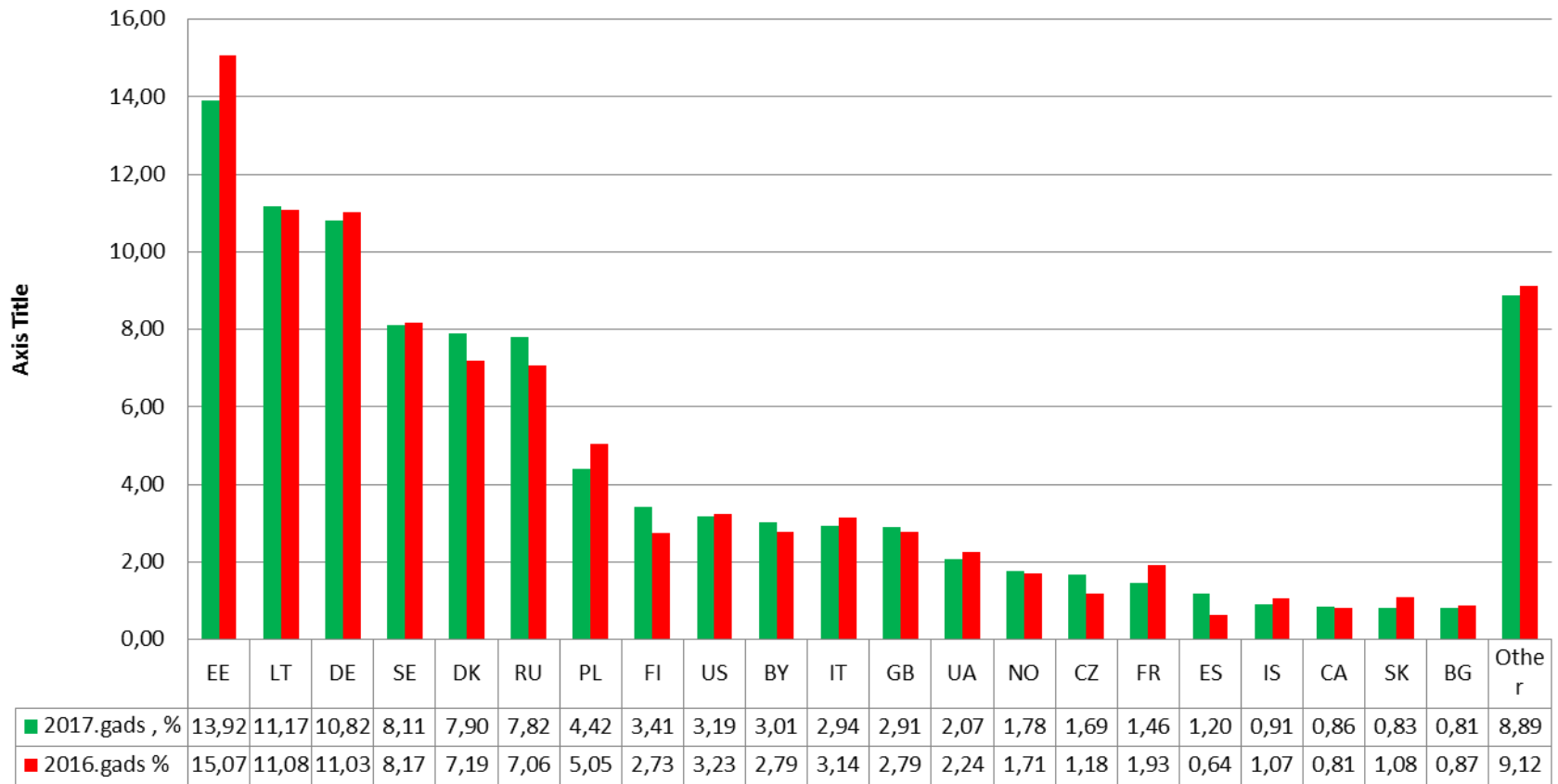
66 UMBRELLAS, SUN UMBRELLAS, WALKING-STICKS, SEAT STICKS, WHIPS, RIDING CROPS;

67 FEATHERS AND DOWN, PREPARED; AND ARTICLES MADE OF FEATHER OR OF DOWN; ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS;

7019 Glass fibres (including glass wool) and articles thereof (e.g. yarn, woven fabrics)

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Export 2016 and 2017 , %



Business Opportunities

Competitive advantages:

- the ability to execute orders in a short time,
- the production of small amounts,
- price and quality relations,
- having new technologies – starting from embroidery, finishing with laser cutting.
- offering garment design and pattern services.

Many well-known companies of motor industry and aerospace technologies praised the competence of Latvian companies, producing fiberglass.

Latvian fashion designers gain international recognition, actively participating in fashion shows and competitions.

Another integral part of the textile industry in Latvia is the production of lingerie.

Business Opportunities

Technical textile

Glass fibers



Medical textiles



Functional clothing

Work wear



Thermal underwear



Women's lingerie

