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In this paper the effects of Iran's trade liberalization on the process of labor market informalization, changes in the labor standards and its economic and social outcomes on gender inequalities are studied. For explaining the effects of international trade on gender inequality in Iran, A Time-Use survey is implemented in Kashan. By gathering data through direct interviews with about 100 carpet weavers, this survey study the economic and social position of women carpet weavers. The result of this research show that de-institutionalization of the labor market has not been successful in promoting labor-intensive exports in Iran, and expanding international trade increased gender inequalities.