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- **CITI Textile CEO Delegation Strengthens Global Ties at Techtexsil 2024**

India has recently signed the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) with EFTA countries comprising Switzerland, Iceland, Norway & Liechtenstein. Even before the signing of TEPA, CITI has been working on strategies to promote business collaborations between India and Switzerland and has also signed an MoU with Swiss Textiles for the same. In this context, the CITI mounted a delegation to Techtexsil 2024, the premier international trade fair for technical textiles and nonwovens, held in Germany from April 23 to 26, 2024.

With an aim of fostering collaboration and advancing the global textile industry, the CITI delegation led by MD, Shiva Texyarn - Dr. S.K. Sundararaman, actively participated in a series of engagements, especially with Textile companies and associations in Switzerland.



During the visit, a B2B meeting was also organized on the sidelines of Techtexsil for CITI members to delve into the full spectrum of technical textiles, nonwovens, functional apparel textiles, and textile technologies. A tour of Swiss Textiles facilitated by the Chairman of Swiss Textiles was also conducted which offered insights into the latest innovations and developments in the textile industry, fostering networking and knowledge-sharing opportunities among industry leaders.

The CITI delegation was the first of many such engagement programs planned for enhancing the strategic partnership between the members of CITI and Swiss Textiles towards their shared commitment to advancing the textile sector.

The participation of CITI members in Techtexsil 2024 reaffirms the organization's commitment to leveraging international platforms for driving innovation, collaboration, and growth within the global textile industry.





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- **Interactive Session “Megatrends Shaping the Textile and Apparel Industry” organised by CITI YEG**

Young Entrepreneurs Group (YEG) of Confederation of Indian Textile Industry organized a Session on “Megatrends Shaping the Textile & Apparel Industry” on 25th April 2024 on Virtual Platform.

Session was started with the opening remarks of Mr. Rajjnish Aroraa, Chairman of the Young Entrepreneurs Group who welcomed the participants to the session and highlighted the importance of understanding and adapting to megatrends in the textile and apparel industry.



Mr. Arvind Singhal, Chairman, Technopak Advisors made a presentation on the "Megatrends Shaping the Textile & Apparel Industry" and shared trends related to textiles and apparel trade, sustainability, technology, consumer behaviour, market dynamics, and regulatory changes.

Mr. Arvind Singhal, keynote speaker of the session provided an in-depth analysis of the megatrends impacting the textile and apparel industry. He offered insights into the key drivers behind these megatrends, their implications for businesses, and potential strategies for adaptation and growth and explained how these megatrends are specifically impacting the Indian textile industry, considering factors such as market demand, competitive landscape, supply chain dynamics, and government policies.

The session explored how digitalization and technology are transforming the textile and apparel industry, including topics such as e-commerce, digital marketing, virtual design and prototyping, smart textiles, and Industry 4.0 technologies.

He further delved into evolving consumer trends and preferences in the textile and apparel sector, including shifts in fashion, lifestyle changes, demand for customization, and the growing importance of ethical and transparent supply chains.

By organizing sessions like this, the Young Entrepreneurs Group of CITI provides a platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and innovation among young entrepreneurs in the Indian textile industry. It enables members to stay informed about industry trends, build valuable connections, and gain inspiration for driving positive change and growth in the sector.



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- **32nd Meeting of the sectional committee TXD-31 of BIS**

BIS has a sectional committee TXD-31, which works towards the formulation of terminology, grading, packaging, and specification for cotton, mill-made cotton fabrics, yarns spun, man-made fibres, and their products.

The 32nd meeting of the TXD-31 was held virtually on 23rd April 2024. During the meeting, various associations like CITI, SIMA, SGCCI, etc, and various representatives from the user as also the manufacturing industry of the above products were present.

During the meeting discussions related to the below given industry standards were held:

- IS 17261 : 2022 - Polyester continuous filament fully drawn yarns
- IS 17264 : 2022 – Polyester Industrial Yarn
- IS 17266: 2019 - Viscose staple fibres
- IS 7056 : 1989 - Cotton Towelling and Towels
- IS 175 : 1989 - Sheeting, tickings and bedsheets

Apart from the above, discussions on the specifications for the draft Indian Standard on Textiles Elastomeric Yarn were also held.

During the meeting users of Polyester yarn also raised concerns about the usage of thermocol in the packaging of polyester yarn and requested the manufacturers/suppliers to avoid using the same in packaging as the industry is finding it difficult to dispose of the thermocol in an environmentally friendly manner.

Industry may note the above developments.

- **Stakeholders Consultation meeting to augment the supply of superior quality fiber in the country**

Based on the requests of the trade, industry, and farmers from time to time to improve productivity, production, and quality of cotton in the country, the Ministry of Textiles, held a stakeholder consultation to augment the supply of superior quality fiber in the country on 25th April 2024 under the Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (Fibre).

On behalf of CITI, the meeting was attended by the Chairman CITI, Shri Rakesh Mehra and Secretary General – CITI, Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee.

The meeting was also attended by various industry associations, representatives of cotton industry as also by Central Institute For Cotton Research (CICR).



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During the meeting, CICR made a detailed presentation on the various R&D developments in the fields of seed quality, soil health, and possible areas of mechanization towards improving cotton quality. The need for strengthening the existing research infrastructure was also made during the discussion.

All the stakeholders including the CITI Chairman, Shri Rakesh Mehra agreed to the proposed program of CICR and requested the MoT for adequate budget allocation as also early implementation of the Technology Mission on Cotton 2.0.

Industry is also requested to share their inputs/suggestions (if any) on the subject matter so that the same can be forwarded to the Ministry.

- **Representation to the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DoCPC) for exempting Polyester Fibre and Yarn not available in India for the scope of mandatory QCOs**

Recently Secretary General-CITI, Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee had a meeting with the Secretary (DoCPC) to discuss the exemption of certain categories of specialized polyester yarns that are not manufactured in India and are import-dependent (in terms of quality or quantity) from the scope of the recently announced QCOs, as also request for the inclusion of DoCPC in appendix 2Y of FTP – 2023 to enable the provisions for exempting inputs from the mandatory Quality Control Orders (QCOs) issued by the DoCPC for AA, SEZ and MoU units.

Based on the meeting, DoCPC sought a list of products that industry is finding it difficult to produce and requesting for exemption from QCOs. Accordingly based on the inputs from the user industry, CITI prepared a list of the concerned raw materials and shared the same with DoCPC requesting them to take the necessary action. The list included different varieties of below given raw materials:

- Polyester Mother Yarn (dull and Bright)
- Mechanical Stretch Yarn (SPH/SSY)
- Polyester Monofilament Yarn
- Polyester Low Melt Yarn BSY (Bi-Shrinkage Yarn)
- High Tenacity Yarn

Apart from the above, exemptions were also requested for the Polylana and Solucell varieties.

If there are any other varieties which are left out and should be part of the above list, the same may be forwarded to CITI for further necessary action.



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• Data Analysis

- Data released by DgCI&S shows that India's imports of T&A have declined by about 13.9% in 2023 as compared to 2022.
- China with about 41.5% share was the leading supplier of T&A products to India.

India's Country-Wise Imports of T&A to World (US\$ Bn)

Country/Region	2022	2023	% Change	% Share in 2023
China	4.1	3.8	-6.2%	41.5%
Bangladesh	1.2	1.1	-4.1%	12.1%
Eu-27	0.8	0.8	-0.8%	8.8%
U S A	0.7	0.5	-35.9%	5.1%
Vietnam	0.5	0.5	-14.9%	5.0%
Australia	0.4	0.3	-39.6%	2.9%
Indonesia	0.3	0.2	-19.3%	2.7%
Thailand	0.3	0.2	-8.7%	2.6%
Korea	0.2	0.2	-17.0%	1.9%
Japan	0.2	0.2	-0.5%	1.8%
Others	2.0	1.4	-27.5%	15.6%
India's Total T&A Imports	10.7	9.2	-13.9%	

Source: DGCI&S

Country Wise-HSN Code Wise Imports of T&A by India (US\$ Mn)

Country	HSN Code														Total
	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	
China	97.1	61.4	92.4	104.8	1,354.6	354.6	153.9	45.9	98.3	471.2	538.9	167.7	105.7	168.3	3,814.9
Bangladesh	-	-	36.4	218.4	0.3	1.9	23.8	0.2	0.9	0.1	32.8	230.9	419.9	149.1	1,114.8
Eu-27	0.8	22.5	30.6	178.5	42.4	115.3	37.7	9.2	8.0	58.6	11.3	83.5	162.7	49.4	810.5
U S A	0.1	-	234.7	0.2	28.5	59.9	21.5	5.3	1.6	24.9	0.5	5.9	7.6	79.5	470.2
Vietnam	110.2	-	46.6	0.1	39.0	20.1	6.1	39.9	8.3	80.9	23.3	39.5	28.4	14.7	457.2
Australia	-	124.3	130.8	0.0	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.8	3.5	263.4
Indonesia	-	-	3.7	0.0	62.9	112.5	6.6	4.5	0.7	21.4	5.9	13.9	10.7	1.6	244.4
Thailand	0.0	-	2.4	0.1	54.0	83.0	43.7	6.7	9.3	26.0	7.0	3.6	2.2	1.2	239.2
Korea	0.1	-	1.5	0.4	52.7	23.9	15.9	0.3	2.7	26.2	12.4	2.7	0.9	35.9	175.4
Japan	0.1	-	1.8	0.1	61.9	30.6	47.6	2.3	1.1	12.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	4.6	163.9
Others	5.8	110.6	231.8	72.9	108.4	180.0	60.6	42.4	67.1	56.9	77.9	123.8	152.9	140.0	1,431.1
Total	214.1	318.8	812.7	575.5	1,806.0	982.0	417.9	157.0	198.4	778.9	711.4	672.1	892.4	647.9	9,185.0

Source: DGCI&S
