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This edition of the ITMF newsletter provides information about ITMF's cooperation with partners such as FICCA, GIZ, and other organizations. Learn what these corporations are about and why they are of importance to the development of our industry in the below news and articles.

As usual, we also provide you with statistical information about the textile (machinery) industry. Since May we have written short articles on the shipments of different types of machinery (from spinning to finishing) to accompany each industry statement that we made available for you on our [website](#). The shipment statistics for the last remaining segments (i.e., knitting and weaving machinery) are presented here.

Also, I would like to acknowledge the work of our partner in economics, hpo forecasting. They do an excellent job at providing us with monthly articles on the state of retail sales, industrial production, and the Business Confidence Index (BCI) in the US, Europe, and China. I encourage you to have a look at these short articles (presented under the title "A brief state of the industry", if you are not yet familiar with them.

Finally, don't miss the latest exclusive interview with Mr. Rob Sayre, CEO of 1888 Mills (to be watched on our [virtual discussion forum](#))!



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A BRIEF STATE OF THE INDUSTRY



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES

Article 1: Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action – Progress Report – June 2021



The Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action (FICCA) has published the first “Progress Report”. It provides an in-depth overview of all the work done, action taken, and progress made since 2018. It serves as a guide how to engage in a greener (CO2-free) production of textiles.

[> read more \(members only\)](#)

Article 2: Climate Action Online Training for Suppliers by GIZ



GIZ is offering “Climate Action Online Trainings” to tier-1 and tier-2 suppliers. These trainings provide foundational knowledge about concrete solutions how to cut Green-House-Gas emissions in operations helping to achieve 30% emission reductions by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050.

[> read more \(members only\)](#)

Article 3: Shipments of knitting machines in 2021: gloomy vs. sunny



The latest International Textile Machinery Shipment Statistics (ITMSS) shows that shipments of electronic flat knitting machines decreased by -52% in 2020 compared to 2019, while 2020 was a record year for large circular knitting machine since 2014.

[> read more \(members only\)](#)

Article 4: Shipments of shuttle-less looms decreased by -14% in 2020



The total number of shuttle-less looms shipped worldwide in 2020 was 114'000, down from 133'000 in 2019. Shipments of “Water-jet” looms represented 54% of global deliveries, down from 58% the year before. Shuttle-less looms in the categories “Air-jet” and “Rapier & Projectile” represented 26% and 20% in 2020.

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ITMF news

ITMF signs Joint Industry Statement on the REACH restriction proposal on skin sensitizers

by Dr Christian Schindler, director general, ITMF



Last month, ITMF has co-signed the Joint Industry Statement on the REACH restriction proposal on skin sensitizers. Other signatories of this statement are 17 other associations and companies like [ETAD](#) (Ecological and Toxicological Association of Dyes and Organic Pigments Manufacturers), [TEGEWA](#) (Association of Manufacturers of Process and Performance Chemicals), [CEC](#) (European Footwear Confederation), [FESI](#) (Federation of the European Sporting Goods Industry), [IAF](#) (International Apparel Federation), [Archroma](#), [DyStar](#), [Huntsman](#), etc.

The REACH restriction proposal aims to restrict all current and future skin sensitizers in the [Classification, Labelling and Packaging \(CLP\) Regulation](#), even though this would include substances for which there is no evidence that they pose a threat to the consumer safety. It is important to note that the signatories support the overall objective of the REACH restriction proposal to reduce the risk of exposure of the general population to skin sensitising chemicals in clothing, footwear, and other articles which come into contact with the skin to an extent similar to clothing. Nevertheless, the signatories call on the European Commission and Member States to consider the following recommendations:

- 1) No automatic link with CLP.
- 2) Initial scope based on a slightly revised "Master list", not all skin sensitizers in CLP.
- 3) Allow a transition period of at least 36 months from the date a final restriction decision is adopted.

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ITMF's Virtual Discussion Forum with Mr. Rob Sayre, CEO of 1888 Mills (USA)

by Dr Christian Schindler, director general, ITMF



***Summary:** Mr. Rob Sayre, CEO of 1888 Mills (USA) discusses the special geographical set up of 1888 Mills, the logistical challenges in the textile supply chain, the risks for a lasting recovery, the investment boom, and how his company deals with climate change.*

ITMF's Virtual Discussion Forum presents an interview with **Mr. Rob Sayre**, CEO of 1888 Mills (USA). The interview covers the following topics:

- Part 1 – 1888 Mills' geographical business set up
- Part 2 – Good economic situation and promising outlook
- Part 3a – Logistical problems in the global textile supply chain
- Part 3b – Duration of the supply chain problems
- Part 3c – Key reasons for the supply chain problems
- Part 4 – Possible risks for a lasting recovery beyond 2021
- Part 5 – Textile companies investing amid a crisis
- Part 6a – Climate change and circular business models
- Part 6b – Pilot for a circular business model

To watch the interview in the Members' Area of the ITMF-website click [HERE](#).

Partner news

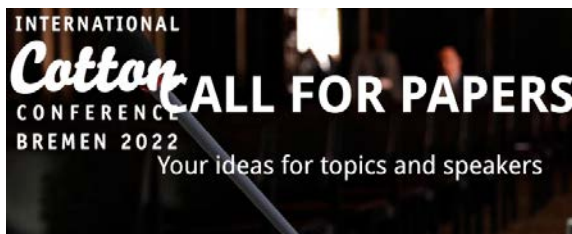
2nd edition of Sustainability Talks Istanbul



The first edition of Sustainability Talks took place in Zorlu Performance Arts Center in November 2019, with over 600 attendees. Guests enjoyed a full day of inspiring talks of leading experts in the textile industry such as H&M, Stella McCartney, IKEA, Repreve, Jeanologia, Kipaş Textiles.

This one-day event aims to highlight innovation and transparency and amplify sustainable solutions to many of the complex challenges facing the industry, from the climate emergency to transparency of supply chains, responsible sourcing of raw materials, and minimum resource usage in water and energy. [> read more](#)

36th International Cotton Conference Bremen: Call for paper



The 36th International Cotton Conference Bremen will take place from March 30 to 31, 2022 in Bremen, Germany. The conference will be surrounded by the Bremen Cotton Week (March 28 to April 1) with several additional cotton and textile related meetings and workshops.

You are invited to submit proposals for topics and speakers through our Call for Papers. [> read more](#)