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We are pleased to announce the publication of the much-awaited ITMSS report which presents the geographical distribution of shipments of new textile machinery around the world from spinning to finishing in 2021. Some unfortunate circumstances kept us from publishing the report, but the comprehensiveness and quality of the report were given priority (see ITMF news).

This special June edition of the ITMF newsletter gives us a chance to publish the latest articles on the 14<sup>th</sup> ITMF Corona-Survey conducted in May. You will discover how the current supply chain disruption impacts order intakes along the value chain in Article 1, how order backlog is characterised by strong regional differences in Article 2, how capacity utilisation rate stays constant in Article 3, and what the main concerns are in Article 4.



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Article 1: Order intake is positive in all regions and segments in May 2022



Global order intake decreased a little bit in May 2022 but stays positive. This is quite astonishing given the fact that companies along the entire value chain are struggling with multiple challenges like supply disruptions, soaring cost for energy, transportation, raw material, and an uncertain demand.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Article 2: Global order backlog slightly decreased and strong regional differences persist



The average worldwide order backlog has oscillated between 2.3 and 3.1 months since May 21. Europe records especially long order backlog due to the disproportionate effect of textile machinery in the region. The segment's average order backlog is 6 months and can even be expressed in years in some cases.

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## Article 3: Capacity utilisation rate stagnates worldwide



The indicator for global capacity utilisation rate has been stagnating at 79% since January 2022 according to the 14<sup>th</sup> ITMF Corona-Survey. Small disparities exist between regions and producer types. The global capacity utilisation rate is not expected to change in the next 6 month.

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## Article 4: High raw material, logistics, and energy costs still are still major concerns



The share of respondents to the 14<sup>th</sup> ITMF Corona-Survey identifying high raw material, logistics and energy costs as major threats is still high but has nonetheless decreased in May 2022. The risks linked to inflation, weakening demand, and the lack of - or delayed receipt of - input material have slightly gained in importance.

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## ITMF NEWS

## Registration open for the ITMF Annual Conference 2022 in Davos, Switzerland (Sep 18-20)



Where:	Davos, Switzerland
When:	September 18-20, 2022
Programme:	<a href="#">ITMF Conference 2022-Website</a>
Coverage:	The entire value chain from fibres to retail
Special focus:	How can the textile value chain mitigate its negative impact on the environment: Sustainability, Circularity, and Traceability
Social events:	Activities such as "make your own chocolate" or "go for an herbal hike in the Swiss Alps" in addition to the evening programs where spouses/partners are always welcome
All details:	<a href="#">ITMF Conference 2022 Website</a>

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# The latest shipment statistics (ITMSS 44-2021) has been released



The 44<sup>th</sup> annual [International Textile Machinery Shipment Statistics](#) (ITMSS) has just been released. The report shows that global shipments of spinning, texturing, weaving, knitting, and finishing machines increased sharply in 2021 compared to 2020. Deliveries of new short-staple spindles, open-end rotors, and long-staple spindles rose by +110%, +65%, and +44%, respectively. The number of shipped draw-texturing spindles surged by +177% and deliveries of shuttle-less looms grew by +32%. Shipments of large circular machines improved by +30% and shipped flat knitting machines registered a 109%-growth. The sum of all deliveries in the finishing segment also rose by +52% on average. Find more [here](#).

## PARTNER NEWS

### SLCP with ITMF at Heimtextil 2022



The Social & Labour Convergence Programme (SLCP) made enormous progress in 2021 by doubling the number of manufacturing facilities that have made use of the data collection tool of SLCP from around 2'000 in 2020 to more than 4'400 in 2021. The objective for 2022 is more than 8'000 facilities working with the SLCP-data collection tool.

During Heimtextil 2022 in Frankfurt the [Social & Labour Convergence Programme \(SLCP\)](#) that ITMF is a signatory of made a presentation about the status of the roll out, the targets for 2022 and future efforts.

In the presentation **Ms. Sharon Hesp** of SLCP reminded that SLCP is multi-stakeholder initiative (manufacturers, brands/retailers, standard holders, audit companies, industry associations, etc.) with the objective of eliminating audit fatigue. The **data collection tool** of the SLCP is crucial for the reduction of audits. Ms. Hesp informed that the SLCP is available in 56 countries and that in 2021 more than 4'400 facilities, mainly from the apparel segment but increasingly also from the home textile and footwear segments have made use of the data collection tool. On average facilities could reduce the number of audits by 2.5 audits. This meant for these facilities both monetary savings but also less hours for staff to prepare and accompany the auditors. The resources saved in dollars and hours are redirected to improving working conditions.

**Mr. Christian Schindler**, Director General of the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF), highlighted how importance it is that the

collected data on social compliance - which is stored digitally in a data base at the International Trade Centre (ITC) in Geneva - is owned by the manufacturers. The manufacturers decide which customers will have access to the data. It is envisioned that in 2022 the number of facilities adopting SLCP will jump to more than 8'000.

**Mr. Anees Khawaja**, Director & Owner at Mahmood Group, Pakistan, whose facilities have adopted the SLCP, shared with the audience the reasons why the Group has embraced SLCP. Reducing the number of duplicative and therefore unproductive audits is certainly one important aspect. Another important aspect is to improve the quality of the collected data allowing a better comparison and analysis for improving working conditions in general. Furthermore, Mr. Khawaja emphasized that more manufacturers should embrace the SLCP and ask/urge those customers that are not making use of the SLCP to do so. The more brands/retailers and standard holders make use of the SLCP data collection tool the more the industry can save resources which can be redirected to improving the quality of the working conditions. This in return will also improve the productivity of the work force. In short, SLCP is a win-win initiative.

## DNFI Award 2021 for nonwovens made of wool in the automotive industry



The winner of the DNFI Award 2021 is **Dr. Maryam Naebe**, Senior Research Fellow, Deakin University, Institute for Frontier Materials, Victoria, Australia. She received the award for her development of a nonwoven fabric made of wool for insulation applications in the automotive industry.

[Discover Natural Fibres Initiative \(DNFI\)](#) presented the **DNFI-Award 2021** at Heimtextil 2022 in Frankfurt, Germany.

The winner of the DNFI Innovation in Natural Fibres Award 2021 was **Dr. Maryam Naebe**, Senior Research Fellow, Deakin University, Institute for Frontier Materials, Victoria, Australia. Dr. Naebe received the award for her research in the field of insulation material: *"Together with her team at IFM she created a special light-weight nonwoven textile fabric that can be used as an insulator in automobiles. The fabric is made from a blend of virgin and waste wool fibres."*

Dr. Naebe noted that *"as a natural fibre, wool has a unique chemical and physical structure that gives it inherent thermal and acoustic insulation properties, making it a very promising candidate for sustainable insulation."*

*The wool insulator material qualifies for Reuse-Recycle and Reuse-Recover purposes at the end-of-life of vehicles."*

Alongside the DNFI-Award-Ceremony several presentations were delivered. **Ms. Elke Hortmeyer**, Chair of Discover Natural Fibres Initiative (DNFI), and Director of communication and international relations at [The Bremen Cotton Exchange](#), presented about *"NEW HORIZONS for Natural Fibres"*.

**Dr. Terry Townsend**, Data Analyst Global Fibre Markets, DNFI Steering Committee, CEO of [Cotton Analytics](#), delivered a comprehensive *"Overview of World Natural*

*Fibre Production, Employment and Value"*.

In her presentation, **Ms. Dalena White**, Vice Chair of DNFI, Secretary General of the [International Wool Textile Organisation \(IWTO\)](#), and Spokesperson of Make-The-Label-Count (MTLC) shared her insights about *"Upcoming Textile Legislation in Europe and the future of Natural Fibres"*.

In his talk about *"Economic indicators and impacts of coronavirus on textile industries"*, **Dr. Christian Schindler**, Jury member of the DNFI Award, and Director General of [ITMF](#), presented the latest findings of the 14<sup>th</sup> ITMF Corona-Surveys.

## VDMA: Junior engineers with focus on sustainability



Frankfurt, 23 June 2022 – On the occasion of the Techtexil fair in Frankfurt, the Chairman of VDMA's Walter Reiners-Stiftung Foundation, Peter D. Dornier, has awarded prizes to seven successful young engineers. For the first time, the Foundation awarded two Sustainability Awards. They are awarded to academic works in which, for example, solutions for resource-saving products and technologies are developed.

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# Bremen Cotton Exchange: Stephanie Silber Re-elected President in the Anniversary Year



Bremen, 30 June 2022: The 148th Annual General Assembly of the Bremen Cotton Exchange took place on 30 June 2022, in the 150th year of the association.

The Board of Directors re-elected Stephanie Silber (42), Managing Director of Otto Stadtlander GmbH, Bremen, as President of the Bremen Cotton Exchange.

[> read more \(expires on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022\)](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June

#### [Première Vision](#)

July 5-7, 2022  
Paris, France

#### [GFC Dornbirn](#)

September 14-16, 2022  
Dornbirn, Austria

#### [ITMF Annual Conference 2022](#)

September 18-20, 2022  
Davos, Switzerland

#### [NY Home Fashion Market Week](#)

September 19-22, 2022  
New-York, USA

#### [Innovate: Textile Innovation](#)

September 28-29, 2022  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

#### [36<sup>th</sup> International Cotton Conference Bremen](#)

September 29-30, 2022  
Bremen, Germany

#### [ICA Trade Event 2022](#)

October 12-13, 2022  
Singapore