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**EU to Remove Quota Restrictions on Textile Imports from China**

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The European Union (EU) will remove import quota restrictions on China's textile products from next January, Wang Shouwen, director of the Ministry of Commerce's foreign trade department said at a briefing yesterday. However, China's textile exports to the EU are not expected to rise sharply after the quota is removed, Wang said. "Both parties are seeking measures to guarantee steady growth in the textile trade, without generating trade frictions," he said. China's textile exports to the EU rose only 5.5 pct year-on-year in the first five months, Wang added.

Source: AFX News Ltd

**Domestic Cotton Prices Soar**

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China's domestic cotton prices have continued to move higher this week, led by gains in the high grades -- the availability of high grades is becoming increasingly tight. Low-grade prices have not advanced to the same degree, because of the CNCRC auction of reserve stocks and their available supply. Prices of T129 or the GM 1-1/8" description have now reached an average of 15,050 to 15,100 yuan per ton, landed the Eastern mill, which is equivalent to 90.28 - 90.58 U.S. cents per pound.

T229 or SM 1-1/8" reached an average of 14,775 yuan per ton this week or the equivalent of approximately 88.63 U.S. cents per pound. Imports are attractive at these prices, but supplies of Australian or SJV, the preferred styles, are very limited.

T328 prices are now ranging from 14,450 to 14,600 yuan per ton, landed the Eastern mills or approximately 86.69 to 87.58 U.S. cents per pound. Prices of T428 and T227 remain much weaker at an average price of 13,880 to 13,370, respectively.

Source: Globecot

Source: China Textile Network Company

## **China - Over 64% Cotton Textile Companies Have Low Product Profit**

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Recent reports show though China's cotton textile industry achieved profit growth of over 50% in the first half of 2007, many companies could only break even and over 64% of them made product profit lower than 3%. The cotton textile industry obtained operating revenue of CNY 291.7 billion, climbing 26.05% year on year, and net profits of CNY 10.4 billion, mounting 50.52%, performing well in both sales and benefits. However, from January to May, 72% of the cotton textile companies thought the supply exceeded the demand, 45% of them have their exports falling and 40% have their product price diving. Insiders believe the contrast may result from the increase of 2,448 companies in the statistics.

In terms of the interior reasons, the growth of fixed assets investments was too fast. Some investors tried to win the market by oversupply of low- and medium-end products. The enterprise costs swelled. The exterior factors are the continual appreciation of Chinese yuan and downward adjustment of export rebate rate, which in turn compressed the enterprise profits. The report also points out the supply shortage of cotton will be the main problem in the future. To solve it, the industry needs to quicken the pace of adjustment of industrial structure and transformation of economic growth mode.

Source: SinoCast

## **Foreign Trade Popularizes Textile Testing**

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Keeping in mind their foreign clientele, more and more Chinese textile enterprises have started to pay attention to quality checks, which include running chemical, technological and physical tests on textile products.

This was deemed necessary because testing of textiles for quality is still in its infancy in the country. In order to make headway in international markets, Chinese textile enterprises have to adhere to strict testing norms. At present, ecologic testing is most popular and it is the precondition that Chinese textile products have to meet if they are to be accepted in international arena.

However, it is very expensive to conduct this test. Foreign customers especially prefer that a product has passed an ecologic test. Many Chinese enterprises are falling over each other to gather as many ecologic certificates as possible.

source: Fibre2fashion

## Fake name-brand goods seized in Beijing Silk Street market

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The Silk Street market in Beijing, popular among tourists for cheap goods, tarnished its reputation as authorities seized fake name-brand sneakers and sports wear in the latest raid at the market.



Above: The Silk Street market

Law enforcement workers on Saturday confiscated 553 shoes of pirated Nike, 408 counterfeit Adidas shoes and 160 fake sports suits of the two famous brands after inspecting 11 booths at the market.

An official with the Chaoyang branch of the Beijing Administration of Industry and Commerce said they had dealt with dozens of cases of fake products in the shopping mall so far this year. But the selling of fake goods still exists, especially at weekends, according to the official. The official said they are keeping tight inspection on fake goods.

The Silk Street market, or Xiushui market in the Chaoyang District, has been popular with overseas tourists who have flocked to buy counterfeit and knock-off luxury clothes and accessories since 1985. In March 2005, the outdoor market moved to a multi-story building next to the Xiushui Street.

Source: xinhua.

## China Textile and Apparel Trade Fair (Paris) will be open in September

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**Name:** China Textile and Apparel Trade Fair (Paris)

**Venue:** Hall 3, Parc d' expositions Paris Le Bourget

**Frequency:** Yearly

**Show Period:** September 17th –20th, 2007

**Space:** 6000 m<sup>2</sup>

**Exhibits:**All kinds of textile, garment, home textiles fabrics and accessories made or designed by Chinese manufacturers.

**Exhibitors:**select manufacturers with original design or brands with large scale production capability and experienced with European market.

### Position:

- trade fair, aiming at trading
- industry cooperation discussion and seminars
- on-site fashion shows

**Sponsor:** [China National Textile and Apparel Council](#)

**Organizers:** [CCPIT TEX \(The Sub-Council of Textile Industry, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade\)](#)

[China National Garment Association](#)

[Messe Frankfurt France S.A.S.](#)

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Source: *ccpittex*



## **Government to Set New Standards for Textile Products**

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It is learned from City Standards Academy, China will implement six new standards for textile products from July 2007, including knitting and sewing caps, the sewing method and terms of textiles and clothes, elastic wool products, also for the inspection of wool products' quality. These standards will be set to improve on Chinese textile products so that it can come at par with international standards in all respect including the safety and environmental protection. However, these standards will have adverse effect on the Chinese textile and clothing enterprises as inspection as well as the production cost of products will increase.

*source: Fibre2fashion*

## **Law Limiting PFOS Alarms Textile Industries**

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According to information released recently by Ningbo city's Standards Academe, European Union issued a law late last year to limit the use PFOS - a chemical used in industrial goods such as textile and leather products and carpets. EU member countries must implement this law from June 27, 2008.

This law was necessitated because recent studies have found that PFOS contains toxic pollutants that can accumulate to potentially dangerous levels. EU, America, Japan, Canada and other developed countries have taken a keen interest in reducing this chemical's harmful effects. However, the new law will have a major impact on Chinese textile, leather and other industries as they may incur losses. Standards Academe has asked textile export enterprises to either research and develop substitutes for PFOS or increase its safety and eco-friendly properties.

*source: Fibre2fashion*