



World Markets for Woven Textiles and Apparel: Forecasts to 2010

Weaving: a growth sector

Woven fabrics are used worldwide in a wide variety of applications – including apparel, household textiles and furnishings, medical items, industrial uses, and technical products. Fabric weaving consumes about 28 mn tons of fibres per annum – equivalent to over half of the global textile market. Moreover, global production of woven products will grow by 25% between 2002 and 2010, reaching more than 35 mn tons. Most of this growth will take place in Asia.

Relocation to low cost countries will intensify

Imports of textiles and apparel will grow in the developed economies of Western Europe, the USA, and Japan – and, increasingly, in the newly industrialised economies of Taiwan and South Korea. Furthermore, import growth will intensify after the end of 2004 when quotas restricting international textile and clothing trade are eliminated under the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

Manufacturers in developed countries are likely to respond by relocating operations to production centres in low wage countries. Those who choose nearby locations will also benefit from market proximity and speed of response.

Growth will be fuelled by demand for technical textiles

For producers in developed economies, there are increasing possibilities of growth in the technical, medical and industrial sectors. Such growth would ensure that weaving remains a significant sector within the textile industries in developed countries during the early part of the 21st century.

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examines all these issues and more. In particular, it will provide you with:

- an **assessment of the technologies** used at all stages of the weaving process, for both staple fibre yarns and filament yarns;
- an indication of the **response of developers** of weaving technology to new requirements imposed by the weaving sector;
- an insight into the **levels of fibre quality** which will be necessary to enable new technologies to be employed in the most effective manner;
- **production cost breakdowns and trends** for different countries and comparisons of production costs between different weaving technologies;
- **authoritative predictions** of the future global market for woven textiles and apparel, with particular emphasis on expected trading patterns and the factors likely to affect competition; and
- **expert forecasts** of global and regional markets for woven textiles and apparel to 2010.

WHAT DOES THE REPORT COVER?

World Markets for Woven Textiles and Apparel: Forecasts to 2010

will provide you with:

- an assessment of the technologies employed in the production of woven fabrics and apparel;
- information on the responses of technology developers to new requirements imposed by weavers, garment makers and garment specifiers;

- production cost breakdowns for different countries;
- authoritative predictions of the future global market for woven textiles and apparel, with an emphasis on trading patterns and factors likely to affect competition; and
- expert forecasts to 2010 of global and regional markets for woven textiles and apparel.

THE REPORT IS DIVIDED INTO 12 CHAPTERS

Chapter 1 provides an *executive summary*.

Chapter 2 outlines the processes employed in weaving, *highlights key developments* in weaving technology, and assesses the most important *technological changes*.

Chapter 3 examines the leading trends in global and regional machinery *investments* and *capacities*.

Chapter 4 examines the *properties of fibres and yarns* used in weaving, and compares the qualities and suitability for various end uses of *staple fibres versus continuous filament yarn*.

Chapter 5 examines *process developments* in weaving, and looks at the downstream movement of companies into different markets – including traditional markets for woven goods such as apparel, narrow fabrics and home textiles, as well as newer areas such as *automotive* and *technical textile markets*.

Chapter 6 compares the *costs of manufacturing* woven fabrics in major producing countries. It assesses the extent to which such costs are affected by labour costs, age of machinery, the process technology used and developments in automation.

Chapters 7-11 analyse in detail the woven textiles and apparel *markets of five key regions*: Europe (comprising Western Europe, Eastern Europe and Turkey); Russia and other CIS countries; Asia; the Americas; and Africa and the Middle East. These chapters identify those regions and countries which are expected to show the biggest gains in the period to 2010 – as well as those which are likely to suffer the biggest losses.

Chapter 12 analyses the likely effect of *improved technology, increased productivity, quality assurance* and *quick response* on the weaving sector *in the future*.

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World Markets for Woven Textiles and Apparel: Forecasts to 2010 has been researched and prepared by a team of leading experts in their field, drawn from eleven leading organisations and companies based in six countries. It has been produced by CIRFS, the Brussels based Comité International de la Rayonne et des Fibres Synthétiques.

VITAL INFORMATION

World Markets for Woven Textiles and Apparel: Forecasts to 2010 provides vital information about present and future trends for any one with an involvement in the global fibres, textiles and apparel industries – whether as importer/exporter, manufacturer, machinery maker, retailer, investment analyst or consultant.

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