

Bremen Cotton Exchange Update

151st General Assembly: ARD Journalist Anja Kohl Brings the Global Economy to Bremen



Photo: Anja Kohl

she is well known to a wide audience for her ability to communicate complex economic issues competently and clearly.

Elke Hortmeyer, Director of Communications and International Relations at the Bremen Cotton Exchange, states: "We are very grateful that Mrs Kohl has accepted our invitation to join us in Bremen. With her expertise, she will provide insights into the impact of structural, economic and political developments on the international markets, with a particular focus on its effect on the financial sector." Following her presentation, Mrs Kohl will be available to answer questions from the audience — an exchange that is sure to be met with great interest. The presentation will be given in German.

A personal invitation with further information on the programme and agenda will follow shortly.

The Bremen Cotton Exchange is delighted to welcome the renowned stock market expert and ARD economy journalist, Anja Kohl, as a guest speaker at the General Assembly on June 26.

Mrs Kohl is one of the most distinguished voices in German economic reporting. Thanks to her many years of work at the ARD stock exchange bureau in Frankfurt,

International Cotton Conference Bremen

Save the Date: 38th International Cotton Conference Bremen

Once again, from 25 to 27 March 2026, the esteemed international specialist conference will bring together leading experts from across the global textile supply chain – from cotton growers to international brands. Organized by the Bremen Cotton Exchange and the Fibre Institute Bremen e.V. (FIBRE), the event will present a diverse and high-level program covering a broad spectrum of topics within the cotton and textile industry.

Embedded within an extended Cotton Week featuring a variety of complementary events, the conference will serve as a forum for scientifically grounded and practically relevant insights into key issues such as cotton cultivation, quality assessment, textile processing, innovative cotton-based products, and the interconnected textile value chain. Expert panels and association meetings will further enrich the agenda, fostering dialogue and collaboration across sectors.

The conference will take place at the Bremen Parliament House, located just steps away from the Bremen Cotton Exchange. This ensures that the event remains centered around Bremen's historic market square, with all conference locations easily accessible.

Participants can join the conference either on-site or online. The Cotton Week offers the ideal setting for networking, business and policy discussions, and social interaction.

We will keep you informed about the programme, registration and hotel booking options for the upcoming conference via the Bremen Cotton Report, the conference [website](#) and our social media channels.



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Supply Chain Laws in the Spotlight – Clear Words at the 11th General Assembly of the Partnership for Sustainable Textiles

Around 125 participants came together on 14 and 15 May for the 11th General Assembly of the Partnership for Sustainable Textiles (PST) in Berlin. The Cotton Exchange has been a founding member since 2014. As a multi-stakeholder initiative with currently 122 members, the alliance unites companies, associations, non-governmental organisations, standard organisations, trade unions, and the German federal government. The Bremen Cotton Exchange was represented by Laura Petersen, Assistant Communication and International Relations.

Gina Burgard, Head of the Partnership Secretariat, opened the event with a review of the past year and an outlook on the future of the Partnership. Political and economic framework conditions have changed significantly in recent years. Against this backdrop, it has become increasingly important for the organisation's working methods to take into account the perspectives of rights holders, employees and civil society.

The following day, participants had the opportunity to engage in dialogue with Dr Bärbel Kofler, Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), in an open forum. The dialogue focused on the debate surrounding legal requirements and regulations, such as the German Supply Chain Act and the EU Supply Chain Directive (CSDDD). Dr Kofler emphasised the importance of recognising the difference between deregulation and the desired reduction in bureaucracy.

The dialogue was followed by a keynote speech from Delara Burkhardt, an SPD (Social Democratic Party of Germany) Member of the European Parliament who joined virtually and provided further political input. She emphasised that the simplifications proposed in the EU's omnibus package could result in the undermining of key sustainability legislation.



Photo: Open forum with Dr. Bärbel Kofler © Partnership for Sustainable Textiles

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STATISTICS



Data on the Cotton Trade of the Federal Republic of Germany

I. Raw Cotton Imports (Special Trade) including comber waste and linters

A) TOTAL RESULTS

| January-March | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Tonnes | 3,583 | 3,258 | 1,448 |
| Bales (à 480 lbs) | 16,456 | 14,963 | 6,652 |

B) ORDERED BY SELECTED ORIGINS (IN TONNES)

| January-March | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | % |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Greece | 605.9 | 151.7 | 416.5 | 28.8 |
| Spain | 505.2 | 117.4 | 271.5 | 18.8 |
| USA | 73.2 | 587.2 | 214.3 | 14.8 |
| France | 0.0 | 0.0 | 143.3 | 9.9 |
| Uganda | 0.0 | 0.0 | 114.1 | 7.9 |
| Tanzania | 99.1 | 21.0 | 94.3 | 6.5 |
| Brazil | 232.7 | 705.2 | 91.2 | 6.3 |
| Israel | 374.7 | 75.6 | 23.0 | 1.6 |
| Austria | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.9 | 1.6 |
| China | 0.7 | 0.1 | 20.7 | 1.4 |
| Türkiye | 43.3 | 79.3 | 10.3 | - |
| Czech Republic | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.9 | 0.6 |
| Peru | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 0.5 |
| Italy | 0.0 | 0.1 | 5.1 | 0.4 |
| Tajikistan | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 0.3 |
| Egypt | 15.4 | 49.4 | 4.2 | 0.3 |
| United Kingdom | 7.5 | 7.9 | 3.5 | 0.3 |
| Others | *1,668.8 | **1,542.2 | 6.1 | 0 |
| Total | 3,626.5 | 3,337.1 | 1,460.3 | - |
| Total | 3,582.9 | 3,257.8 | 1,448.2 | 100.0 |

*) thereof Kazakhstan 578 t, Senegal 502 t, Benin 500 t

**) thereof Benin 490 t, Kazakhstan 468 t, Burkina Faso 246 t, Paraguay 174 t, Argentina 144 t

II. Re-Exports of Cotton (Special Trade)

A) TOTAL RESULTS

| January-March | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|------|
| Tonnes | 249 | 292 | 189 |
| Bales (à 480 lbs) | 1,142 | 1,342 | 867 |

B) ORDERED BY SELECTED DESTINATIONS (IN TONNES)

| January-March | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Austria | 10.7 | 57.7 | 62.8 |
| Italy | 5.8 | 16.6 | 44.9 |
| Vietnam | 0 | 0 | 41.5 |
| Portugal | 33.9 | 69.7 | 15.8 |
| Estonia | 0 | 10 | 10.6 |
| Spain | 0 | 45 | 6.2 |
| Netherlands | 0.2 | 6.1 | 4.3 |
| Poland | 8.1 | 5.7 | 2.7 |
| Others | *189.9 | **81.4 | 0 |
| Total | 248.6 | 292.2 | 188.8 |

*) thereof Bosnia and Herzegovina 71 t, Czech Republic 45 t, Serbia 38 t

**) thereof Bosnia and Herzegovina 46 t, Czech Republic 27 t

Statistics on raw cotton imports into the Federal Republic of Germany will be continuously published in a different way. The countries India, Turkey and Pakistan deliver only small amounts of raw cotton to Germany; nevertheless, the Statistisches Bundesamt (Federal Statistical Office) misleadingly registers them as suppliers of raw cotton imports. In fact, they deliver mainly comber waste and linters. Due to these reasons we adjusted this statistic regarding these three countries. The figures in pale letters are those published by the Federal Office. Data that the Bremen Cotton Exchange considers correct is printed in fat letters.

III. German Foreign Trade in Cotton Textile Products

| January-March | 2023 | 2024 | 2025* +/- | %** |
|---------------|------|------|-----------|-----|
|---------------|------|------|-----------|-----|

IMPORTS - TONNES -

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|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Cotton Yarns | 10,093 | 10,088 | 10,029 | - 0.6 |
| Woven/Knitted Fabrics | 8,845 | 6,507 | 8,450 | + 29.9 |
| Finished Products | 194,092 | 177,633 | 209,700 | + 18.1 |
| TOTAL - Tonnes - | 213,030 | 194,228 | 228,179 | + 17.5 |
| - Million Euros - | 5,111 | 4,291 | 5,050 | + 17.7 |

EXPORTS - TONNES -

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|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Cotton Yarns | 3,460 | 3,097 | 2,410 | - 22.2 |
| Woven/Knitted Fabrics | 10,467 | 8,440 | 7,597 | - 10.0 |
| Finished Products | 84,172 | 77,991 | 75,856 | - 2.7 |
| TOTAL - Tonnes - | 98,099 | 89,528 | 85,863 | - 4.1 |
| - Million Euros - | 3,352 | 3,081 | 2,979 | - 3.3 |

IMPORT SURPLUS - TONNES -

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|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Cotton Yarns | 6,634 | 6,992 | 7,619 | + 9.0 |
| Woven/Knitted Fabrics ^o | -1,622 | -1,933 | 854 | + 144.1 |
| Finished Products | 109,920 | 99,642 | 133,843 | + 34.3 |
| TOTAL - Tonnes - | 114,932 | 104,700 | 142,316 | + 35.9 |
| - Million Euros - | 1,759 | 1,210 | 2,071 | + 71.2 |

*) preliminary

**) percentage change 2025:2024

^o) 2023 + 2024 Export Surplus

