

## The Bremen Cotton Exchange Supports the Harmonisation of African Cotton Standards

The Bremen Cotton Exchange (BBB) was invited by the African Cotton Association (ACA) to participate as an observer in the revision of African cotton standards in Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire. The aim of this was to raise the BBB's international profile on the African continent, strengthen networks, and contribute to the technical recognition of the new standards. Jens Wirth, Managing Director, and Tenivoungognon Soro, Assistant Cotton Quality & Rules, represented the Bremen Cotton Exchange.

The harmonisation process involved comparing the national standards of the member states with the newly developed transnational ACA standards. Classification centres from various countries sent

delegations that brought complete sets of their national standards and received the new ACA standards in return. This direct comparison served to align national sales qualities with the new continental reference system.

The project was supported by international organisations and companies such as the International Cotton Association (ICA), Cargo Control, Better Cotton, FAIR COTTON and AFCOT. The BBB introduced the ICA, represented by Robert Jiang, to the event. Therefore, ICA Bremen GmbH, the joint venture between ICA and BBB, was also adequately represented.

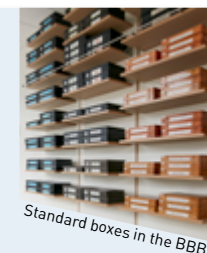
Alongside a comprehensive work programme and technical presentations, the event offered an opportunity for in-depth

discussion. The highlight was the adoption of the final report containing a new comparative table for 2025.

The BBB was also invited to take a tour of the RTI Bouaké studio, a public television station in Côte d'Ivoire. This resulted in two recorded interviews with Jens Wirth.

You received the Table of Matching Country Sales Types to the African Cotton Lint Standard Range (2024) with the mailing of the Bremen Cotton Report.

All major cotton producing countries produce reference samples of the predominant cotton varieties and corresponding grades in their country. These are called standards. They serve as reference material for comparative quality assessment. From this assessment, a value determination is derived that affects the price of the raw material. The US standards are most commonly used, as they are widely internationally recognized. Standards from about 40 cotton producing countries are stored in the Bremen Cotton Exchange and can be used as comparative material in case of disputes. For all common standards, cotton organizations such as the BBB provide value differences.



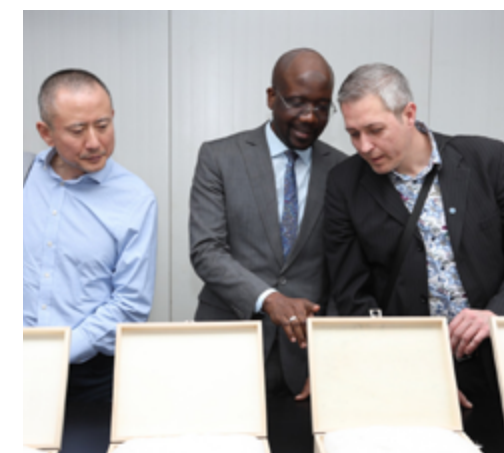
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## BREMEN COTTON EXCHANGE UPDATE



Elke Hortmeyer (left) and Tenivoungognon Soro (M.) with trainees of Paul-Spiegel-Berufskolleg in the arbitration room of the Cotton Exchange © BBB

## Trainees Visited the Bremen Cotton Exchange

A group of business trainees from the vocational college Paul-Spiegel-Berufskolleg in Warendorf, Germany, visited the Bremen Cotton Exchange. The aspiring merchants, some of whom specialised in textiles, were given a guided tour of the historic building and gained valuable insights into the world of cotton and international commodity trading.

Elke Hortmeyer (Director of Communications and International Relations) and Tenivoungognon Soro (Assistant Cotton Quality & Rules) introduced the visitors to the many facets of the cotton industry. Topics such as quality testing, arbitration, trade, and the benefits of natural fibres were discussed.

The historical arbitration rooms, in which international disputes about the quality of cotton are still settled today with the help of comparative samples, attracted particular interest. The trainees took the opportunity to ask questions and gain a direct insight into the practice of the global cotton industry.

With this visit, the Bremen Cotton Exchange is supporting the goal of making economic relationships tangible for

young people and at the same time raising awareness of natural fibres.

### CICCA UNFULFILLED AWARDS LIST



#### Revision: List No. 545 + 546 of 10 + 19 June 2025

List of firms having failed to fulfil arbitration awards made by CICCA\* Member Associations. Changes since list no. 544 of 22 May 2025.

#### Additions

<b>Bangladesh</b>	Infinia Spinning Mills Ltd	22 Apr 2024	ICA
<b>France</b>	ADVENS	29 Nov 2024	ICA
<b>Pakistan</b>	Quality Textile Mills Ltd	07 Mar 2025	ICA
<b>Pakistan</b>	Ghazi Fabrics International Ltd	04 Apr 2025	ICA
<b>UAE</b>	Nanaimo Enterprises DMCC, Dubai	11 Apr 2025	ICA
<b>Vietnam</b>	An Nam Commerce Textile Co Ltd	31 Oct 2023	ICA
<b>Vietnam</b>	Logitex Company Limited	28 Mar 2025	ICA

\*] Committee for International Co-operation between Cotton Associations, Liverpool/GB  
ICA = International Cotton Association, Liverpool/GB

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## STATISTICS



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## Cotton World Supply, Use, and Trade (1,000 MT)

Season Beginning August 1	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	May 2025/26	June 2025/26
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
China	5,813	6,695	5,955	6,967	6,314	6,532
India	5,291	5,726	5,530	5,225	5,334	5,117
Brazil	2,356	2,552	3,172	3,701	3,974	3,974
United States	3,815	3,150	2,627	3,138	3,157	3,048
Pakistan	1,306	849	1,524	1,089	1,197	1,132
Australia	1,274	1,263	1,089	1,219	893	893
Türkiye	827	1,067	695	860	784	784
Other	4,174	4,017	4,003	3,911	3,997	3,993
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,857</b>	<b>25,319</b>	<b>24,595</b>	<b>26,111</b>	<b>25,650</b>	<b>25,472</b>
<b>DOMESTIC USE</b>						
China	7,272	8,208	8,470	8,056	7,947	7,947
India	5,443	5,334	5,552	5,443	5,661	5,552
Pakistan	2,330	1,894	2,112	2,308	2,308	2,308
Bangladesh	1,916	1,676	1,687	1,807	1,851	1,829
Vietnam	1,459	1,404	1,437	1,698	1,742	1,742
Türkiye	1,872	1,633	1,437	1,546	1,633	1,589
Brazil	694	678	689	718	762	762
Other	4,213	3,693	3,611	3,799	3,805	3,909
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,199</b>	<b>24,522</b>	<b>24,995</b>	<b>25,376</b>	<b>25,708</b>	<b>25,638</b>
<b>IMPORTS</b>						
Bangladesh	1,840	1,524	1,649	1,785	1,851	1,829
Vietnam	1,444	1,409	1,434	1,698	1,742	1,742
China	1,694	1,357	3,261	1,197	1,524	1,415
Pakistan	980	980	697	1,263	1,089	1,154
Türkiye	1,203	912	776	936	1,089	1,045
India	218	376	193	610	653	653
Indonesia	561	362	402	403	435	435
Other	1,405	1,297	1,179	1,374	1,376	1,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,344</b>	<b>8,217</b>	<b>9,591</b>	<b>9,266</b>	<b>9,759</b>	<b>9,758</b>
<b>EXPORTS</b>						
Brazil	1,682	1,449	2,680	2,830	3,048	3,113
United States	3,059	2,711	2,558	2,504	2,722	2,722
Australia	778	1,347	1,250	1,110	1,067	1,089
Mali	283	163	256	223	283	283
Benin	388	239	229	250	261	261
Greece	311	290	212	218	207	218
India	815	239	503	305	327	218
Other	2,000	1,540	2,020	1,836	1,846	1,848
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,315</b>	<b>7,979</b>	<b>9,708</b>	<b>9,277</b>	<b>9,760</b>	<b>9,751</b>
<b>ENDING STOCKS</b>						
China	7,439	7,262	7,995	8,082	8,060	8,060
India	1,828	2,357	2,025	2,112	2,177	2,112
United States	1,002	1,012	686	958	1,132	936
Brazil	446	873	677	831	1,017	930
Australia	1,088	1,047	924	1,074	889	911
Argentina	339	400	475	496	556	556
Bangladesh	496	377	373	384	417	417
Other	2,796	3,198	2,901	2,891	2,816	2,799
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,433</b>	<b>16,526</b>	<b>16,055</b>	<b>16,828</b>	<b>17,065</b>	<b>16,721</b>





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