

**CURRENT STATUS OF COTTON INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND
WAYS TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY IN THE REPUBLIC OF
UZBEKISTAN**

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ABSTRACT

This article discusses the current state and prospects of the international cotton market for the development of the cotton industry in the Republic of Uzbekistan. The decree on measures was highlighted.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Currently, work is underway to modernize, technically and technologically modernize the country's cotton industry and attract investment in this industry and equip it with high-performance equipment and technologies, supply value-added, high-quality finished products to the international market. The construction of new cotton mills in Uzbekistan has created additional conditions for attracting more foreign investment, as well as improved investment mechanisms. In turn, local manufacturers have expanded the range of finished products to produce products that are competitive in the domestic and foreign markets. [1]

2. MAIN PART

Uzbekistan is achieving high results in the development of the cotton industry. There are many varieties of cotton in the country that meet the needs of consumers. "There are more than 200 research centers in the world that conduct research in the field of cotton," said Kay Hughes, executive director of the International Cotton Advisory Committee. The International Cotton Fair of Uzbekistan is also included in the list of the most important events of the International Cotton Advisory Committee. This indicates that the fair is one of the most prestigious conferences in the world, which determines the policy of the cotton market. The fair is organized by Uzbekengilsanoat JSC in cooperation with the Ministries of

Foreign Trade, Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Sifat Center. [2]

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The event is expected to discuss the current state and prospects of the international cotton market and hold about 16 sessions on the cultivation of competitive industrial raw materials, their deep processing, trade, logistics and insurance. The Uzbek experience will be used to study issues such as cotton selection, agricultural techniques, crop protection from pests and diseases, and fiber quality assessment. Thanks to technical and technological innovations in the system, innovative developments in practice, the quality of our fiber is radically improving. This is crucial in gaining a strong foothold in the world cotton market in today's highly competitive environment. According to experts, in the 2016 season, the share of fiber in the "High" and "Good" classes in the country increased by 10% compared to previous years and reached 92%. Accordingly, the volume of fiber processing is also increasing. [3]

If in the early 1990s only 3-5% of fiber was processed in our country, now this figure exceeds 50%. The launch of new facilities in the most remote areas and the radical modernization of existing ones are expanding the scope of work in this direction. The goal is to achieve 100% domestic fiber recycling by 2020 and to add value-added, high-quality finished products to the international market. About a hundred Uzbekengilsanoat enterprises spun yarn, dyed and mixed yarn, knitted fabrics, socks, special fabrics, special clothes, ready-made knitwear and garments from the stands of the fair. The annual exports of the system's enterprises exceed \$ 1 billion. The products are delivered to more than 50 countries. [4]

For the first time, the fair will include master classes with the participation of designers from South Korea and Uzbekistan, seminars and trainings on expanding the export of textile products to the European Union. A demonstration of the potential of light industry, including a variety of garments produced by local enterprises, is also planned. The interest in expanding mutually beneficial relations with Uzbekistan in the cotton business is growing every year. In 2005, the International Uzbek Cotton and Textile Fair was attended by about 170 companies from 30 countries, and this year it was attended by more than 1,000 companies from about 50 countries. Over the past 10 years, the geography of Uzbek cotton exports has expanded significantly. For example, in 2000, the country's crops were sold mainly in European markets, but recently they have been exported to China, Bangladesh and other countries in Southeast Asia. Foreign participants, who arrived in Tashkent to participate in the fair, are interested in trade, economic and investment cooperation with Uzbekistan. Today, our country is the sixth largest producer of cotton in the world and the fifth largest exporter. Uzbekistan's efforts in this area include the introduction of new technologies for the production of cotton fiber, improving its quality and technical characteristics, further development of light industry, expansion of deep processing of raw materials and production of value-added products. 'Aimed at spreading. [5]

"This is my tenth participation in the International Uzbek Cotton and Textile Fair," said R. Butler, Managing Director of Cotton Outlook International. "The fair is attracting more and more interest from participants in the cotton and textile businesses." The fair has a rich program, which demonstrates the potential of the Uzbek cotton and textile industry. All this indicates that significant progress is being made in the field. Our agency regularly publishes special quotations on Uzbek cotton, which has high quality indicators and is in demand in the world market. I am confident that our fruitful cooperation will continue. To date, 107 new varieties of cotton have been created by domestic breeders, 27 of which are included in the

state register and recommended for planting in different regions of the country. [6]

Our scientists, taking into account climatic conditions in the planning of selection work, pay special attention to increasing the high yield and quality of fiber, salinity and moisture deficiency, resistance to diseases and pests and high temperatures. This year, the Uzexpocenter displays all fiber samples produced by domestic cotton mills. According to foreign experts, the radical structural changes in the Uzbek cotton industry serve to increase the prestige and competitiveness of domestically grown cotton fiber in the world market. Modernization and technological renewal of production facilities is one of the important achievements in this direction. The production areas of enterprises are being reduced, energy-saving technologies, modern equipment with automated control and electronic accounting systems for raw materials and products are being introduced. Improvement of the classification system of cotton and finished cotton products as a result of joint efforts of the Uzbek Cotton Certification Center "Sifat", a member of the Bremen Cotton Association and the International Cotton Advisory Committee, with the Association "Uzpakhtasanoat" serves to further improve the quality. In the center and its regional laboratories, fiber properties are tested using a modern high-tech HVI system. Consumers are confident in the results of such inspections. Because this system meets the highest international requirements. [7]

Uzbek cotton is characterized by high quality fiber, said M. Ayub, President of the Bangladesh Cotton Association. - This year we plan to purchase 175,000 tons of cotton fiber from your country. The mechanization of the cotton harvest in our country allows timely and efficient harvesting of cotton, timely delivery of cotton to consumers. For this purpose, Uzbekistan has launched the production of improved cotton picking machines. For example, on the basis of the Uzbek-German joint venture Uz Class Agro, modern tractors are being produced that allow sowing, sowing, cultivating and threshing between rows of cotton. This year, more than 1,200 domestic machines are being used in the cotton fields. The gradual shift of cotton exports from raw materials to finished products with high added value serves to expand the potential of light industry. The country is taking comprehensive measures to organize the production of a wide range of high-quality textiles and garments, deepen the localization of its production, as well as increase the export potential of local producers. Over the past period, the necessary legal framework and favorable conditions for the development of the textile and clothing industry have been formed. [8]

4. CONCLUSIONS

Ensuring the rapid development of the textile industry of the Republic, expanding the production of high quality and competitive finished products, its further promotion in major foreign markets, as well as actions on five priority areas of development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021 In order to consistently implement the tasks set out in the strategy: [9]

1. The Republic of Uzbekistan has been identified as an important area for further reform of the textile industry.
2. The "Road Map" for the accelerated development of the textile and clothing industry in the Republic of Uzbekistan was approved. The heads of ministries, departments and other organizations are personally responsible for the timely, complete and quality implementation of the measures envisaged in the Road Map.
3. Starting from the cotton harvest in 2018, on an experimental basis, orders and advances for the cultivation of raw cotton directly from farms and other agricultural producers by local textile enterprises, a system providing the following conditions, including: [10]

The type and volume of cotton to be procured, the terms and procedure for its delivery shall be determined by the contract concluded between the farm and the enterprise of the textile industry; preliminary processing of raw cotton is carried out by a ginnery or by a private or leased ginnery by a textile enterprise. [11]

Expenditures of farms of textile enterprises (seeds, mineral fertilizers, fuels and lubricants, chemical plant protection products, payment of wages and services) , other expenses) will be financed by advance payment of at least 60% of the contract value; the price of raw cotton purchased by textile enterprises is determined on a contractual basis based on the analysis of the actual costs and profitability of farms and should not be lower than the prices set for state needs; textile enterprises sell the obtained seeds on a contractual basis to oil companies, by-products (lint, dead cotton) to other consumers; raw cotton purchased by textile enterprises is used only for further processing. [12]

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