

## Innovation in Textiles

### ACIMIT introduces Digital Ready certification

On the road to digital transformation, ACIMIT, the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers, is introducing Digital Ready certification specifically for its textile machinery manufacturers.

The certification is designed to simplify the production process, making use of a standard language and unique data reading system that allows different types of machinery to dialogue with production systems. The certification aims to build customer loyalty while establishing a virtuous link between textile machinery manufacturers and their customers.

It has been developed in partnership with the Manufacturing Group at Politecnico of Milano to provide standardisation of the machine's management and production data and simplify use.

The international certification body RINA, a long-standing ACIMIT partner, is authorised to issue the certification to associated member companies. A company intending to obtain Digital Ready certification for its machinery is required to abide by a framework that includes identification of the machine and collection of data, an analysis of all documents and on-the-spot audits and verifications by RINA.

The Digital Ready itinerary implemented for a manufacturer's specific machine will lead to the obtainment of certification valid for all machinery of the same production type, for which there will be no need to replicate the procedure. The certification has a duration of five years.

"For the textile sector, digital transformation involves achieving a complex balance between modernisation and technological advancement while maintaining a focus on the creativity and craftsmanship that remains crucial to securing success in the international arena," says ACIMIT president Alessandro Zucchi. "Much progress has been made by Italian textile machinery manufacturers since the last ITMA in 2019 in enabling digital transformation in the three critical stages of design and planning, production and machine and parts maintenance.

According to preliminary ACIMIT data, the value of Italian textile machinery sales in 2022 will exceed €2.6 billion – up about 10% from 2021. Exports account for more than 85% of this value.

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