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ITALIAN TEXTILE MACHINERY: ORDERS INDEX DECLINES IN 2025 THIRD QUARTER

In the third quarter of 2025, the orders index for textile machinery - compiled by ACIMIT's Economics Department (the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers) - recorded a **16% decrease** compared to the same period in 2024. In absolute terms, the index stood at **41.8 points** (base year 2021 = 100).

The decline reflects negative performances in both the domestic and foreign markets. Specifically, on the **domestic market**, orders fell by **17%** compared to the same quarter of the previous year, with the absolute index value reaching **49.9 points**.

Foreign orders also registered a **16% decrease** compared to the third quarter of 2024, with an index value of **40.7 points**. During the third quarter, the **order backlog** ensured **four months of guaranteed production**, slightly up from **3.9 months** recorded in the second quarter.

Marco Salvadè, president of ACIMIT, commented: *"The ACIMIT survey outlines a business climate where overall demand remains weak. In Italy the decline in order intake reflects the difficult period the textile supply chain is currently experiencing."* **Mr. Salvadè** added: *"On foreign markets, however, we can see some signs of recovery. Although total order intake is still down compared to the first nine months of 2024, Italian textile machinery exports — based on official data for the first half of the year — show growth in some key markets such as India, Pakistan, and Egypt."*

Finally, the main Asian trade show for textile machinery, **ITMA ASIA + CITME 2025**, has just concluded in Singapore, offering some reasons for optimism within the sector. Salvadè concluded: *"I believe the 100 Italian exhibitors can be satisfied both with the number and quality of visitors and with the business prospects generated by the many contacts made during the exhibition. I hope that the work carried out at the trade fair will translate into a stronger order intake within a geopolitical context marked by reduced uncertainty."*

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