

Italian textile machinery orders fall 36%

Orders for Italian textile machinery fell sharply in the fourth quarter of 2025, declining 36% year-on-year, according to the latest orders index published by industry association ACIMIT.

The downturn hit both the domestic and export markets, with home orders tumbling 50% and foreign orders dropping 34% against the same period in 2024. Quarter-on-quarter, total orders were also down 25%.

For the full year 2025, order intake declined 22% compared to 2024, falling 28% domestically and 21% in foreign markets. The order backlog at year-end covered approximately 2.9 months of production.

Despite the weak figures, ACIMIT president Marco Salvadè pointed to some encouragement in export data, noting 46.7% growth in India, “now our leading destination market”.

“The environment remains challenging for our manufacturers, but data relating to Italian exports for the first 10 months of 2025 also show encouraging signs,” he said.