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Italian Textile Machinery at Expotextil Peru: Driving Innovation in the Peruvian Textile Industry

Expotextil, the most prominent trade fair for the textile and clothing sector in Peru, will take place in Lima from November 7 to 10. A delegation of Italian textile machinery manufacturers will be present, showcasing advanced technology within the Italian Trade Agency and ACIMIT (the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers) pavilion. The exhibition will feature 14 Italian companies, including 11 ACIMIT members: Color Service, Danti, Dettin, Ms Printing Solutions, Ferraro, Flainox, Ima, Salvadè, Santoni, Ugolini, and Willy.

Peru's textile and clothing industry is a cornerstone of its national economy, recognized as the world's leading producer of alpaca fibers, accounting for over 80% of global output. Cotton cultivation and processing, especially in northern Peru, also play a significant role. In 2023, Peru exported USD 1.87 billion worth of textile and clothing products, representing a 19.6% growth from the previous year.

"In light of the need for technological renewal in the Peruvian textile industry," stated Marco Salvadè, president of ACIMIT, "Italy's presence at Expotextil is highly strategic. The local textile sector must modernize its machinery and improve process quality to remain competitive. Italian technology offers the solutions needed for more efficient, resource-saving production."

Peru has long benefited from partnerships with Italian textile machinery manufacturers, becoming the second-largest market in South America for Italian equipment. In 2023, Italy's textile machinery exports to Peru were valued at around 18 million euros, and in the first half of 2024, sales reached approximately 8 million euros.

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