

CSITC Round Trials

The quarterly round trials were conceived by the Task Force on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC), a working group of ICAC, in its effort to establish international standardization of cotton classification based on the Universal Calibration Cotton Standards to promote efficiency in cotton production and marketing. Participation in the trials confirms testing centers ability to provide reproducible test measurements based on established international standards. From 2007 to 2011, the round trials were sponsored by Project 33 between the Common Fund for Commodities and ICAC, involving the Bremen Fibre Institute, Germany; the Cotton Program of the United States Department of Agriculture; and the EC. Testing centers officially recognized for their participation in one or more trials in 2011 were:

ARGENTINA

- Alpargatas Textil, S. A.
- INTA-EEA Saenz Peña - Laboratorio de Fibra

AUSTRALIA

- Auscott Limited
- Proclass Pty Ltd.
- Queensland Cotton Corp. Ltd.

BANGLADESH

- Square Textiles Ltd.

BRAZIL

- AGOPA
- Algodoeira Petrovina
- BM&FBOVESPA S.A. (Bra L1, L2 and L3)
- Comfio Companhia Catarinense de Fiacao
- FBET—Fundação Blumenauense de Estudos Têxteis
- Kuhlmann Labs: ALCOTTON-Goiás, ABAPA-Bahia, AMPASUL-Mato Grosso do Sul, Sapezal-Mato Grosso
- Minas Cotton (AMIPA)
- SENAI/CETIQ
- SGS do Brasil Ltda, Filial Rondonópolis MT
- Unicotton—Cooperativa de Produtores de Algodão

BURKINA FASO

- SOFITEX - Laboratoire de Classement Cotton

CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

- Shandong Technical Center for Inspection & Quarantine
- Uster Technologies (Suzhou) Co. Ltd.
- Xinjiang Esquel Textile Company Ltd.

COLOMBIA

- DIAGONAL - Distribuidora de Algodon Nacional

EGYPT

- CATGO - Cotton Arbitration & Testing General Organization

FRANCE

- Cirad PERSYST LTC

GERMANY

- FIBRE - Faserinstitut Bremen e.V.
- Textechno Herbert Stein GmbH & Co. KG

GREECE

- Hellenic Agric. Organization DIMITRA
- INA, S.A.
- Konstantinos V. Markou A.B.E.E.
- NAGREF-Cotton and Industrial Plants Research Institute

INDIA

- ATIRA - Ahmedabad Textile Industry's Research Association
- Cotton Association of India: CAI Lab Akola, CT&R Aurangabad, CAI Lab Gurajat, CT&R Mumbai
- SGS India Pvt Limited./Agri Laboratory
- Sportking Synthetics Ltd.
- Thiagarajar Mills (P) Ltd.
- U. B. Cotton Pvt. Ltd.
- Wakefield Inspection Services Pvt. Ltd.:
Mumbai Lab, Rajkot Lab

ITALY

- Filartex s.p.a.

JAPAN

- Boken Quality Evaluation Institute

LATVIA

- Wakefield Inspection Service - SIA Waxus

MALI

- CERFITEX
- RTC West Management

PAKISTAN

- Karachi Cotton Association

POLAND

- Gdynia Cotton Association Laboratory

SOUTH AFRICA

- Cotton South Africa
- Prilla 2000 (Pty) Ltd

SPAIN

- Laboratorio Agroalimentario de Sevilla

SUDAN

- Sudan Cotton Company Ltd.

SWITZERLAND

- Uster Technologies AG

TAJIKISTAN

- WIS - Dushanbe
- WIS - Hatlon, Bokhtar
- WIS - Khojend City

TANZANIA

- Regional Technical Center at Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
- Tanzania Cotton Board
- Wakefield Inspection Services Tanzania Ltd

UGANDA

- Cotton Development Organisation

UNITED KINGDOM

- ICA - International Cotton Association

USA

- Cotton Incorporated/Product Evaluation Laboratory
- Fiber & Biopolymer Research Institute (Texas Tech University)
- Monsanto HVI Lab
- USDA, AMS Cotton Program:
Corpus Christi TX, Florence SC, Lubbock TX,
Macon GA, Memphis TN, QA Branch Memphis TN,
Rayville Classing Office, Visalia CA.
- USDA ARS:
Cotton Quality Research Station,
Clemson SC, SRRC- New Orleans, LA
- Uster Technologies, Inc.

UZBEKISTAN

- SGS Tashkent Ltd.
- SIFAT Regional Labs: Andijan, Bukhara, Jizzakh, Karakalpak, Karshi, Khoresm, Namangan, Samarkand, Surkhandarya.
- SIFAT - Uzbek centre for Certification-Central Laboratory
- Wakefield Inspection Services (Tashkent) Ltd

ZIMBABWE

- COTTCO - Cotton Company of Zimbabwe