The Spinning Mills Registration Guidelines provided by the CmiA office are the framework document for spinning mills\(^1\) which want to implement the sustainable cotton standard Cotton made in Africa into their existing production lines.

I. CmiA Implementation systems

The Cotton made in Africa standard can be implemented with two systems – CmiA Mass Balance System (MB) or CmiA Hard Identity Preserved System (HIP)\(^2\).

Most of the CmiA retail partners are producing according to the CmiA Mass Balance (MB) system. That means the CmiA cotton may be used in the normal production line and does not have to be treated separately. CmiA MB yarns can be produced using any cotton available; the CmiA cotton does not have to be physically included in the yarn.

As CmiA is NOT an ingredient standard CmiA MB yarns can be produced by:
- using 100% CmiA cotton OR
- blending CmiA cotton with any other conventional cotton OR
- using 100% any other conventional cotton

Meanwhile the spinning mill is only allowed to produce as much CmiA MB yarns as they have purchased CmiA cotton before (minus an average wastage which occurs during production from lint to yarn). The cotton yarn amount declared as CmiA MB yarn will be deducted from the quantity of CmiA cotton the spinning mill have purchased before.

\(^{1}\) Spinning mills refers also to production units with an own spinning department included, e.g. fabric mills with own spinning unit, vertical integrated textile mills.

\(^{2}\) Additional information is outlined in the CmiA Chain of Custody Guideline.
We are controlling the CmiA cotton balance virtually only, not in the product.

A short explanation how CmiA is working you can find here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UF3vop5dxbA&t

Therefore, the CmiA Mass Balance System makes it quite easy for a spinning mill to implement CmiA in their production and fulfil sustainable requirements by retailer’s suppliers.

If one customer should request the yarn production according to the **Hard Identity Preserved (HIP) system**, the spinning mills must follow the Chain of Custody Guideline and fulfill different requirements. For more information, please contact the CmiA office.
II. Implementation requirements

To ensure a smooth and easy implementation of CmiA and transparency throughout the entire supply chain, **all direct production partners should be informed that it is a CmiA order** and for which final client (Retailer/brand) the production will be used.

A remark on “CmiA” (e.g. “CmiA yarns/fabrics”, “produced according to CmiA MB system” etc.) should be placed on all documents (order, contracts, invoices...).

III. How to get registered with CmiA

1. **Buy CmiA cotton** from one of our registered CmiA cotton traders.

Updated contact details can be found here: https://cottonmadeinafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/Cotton-Trader-CmiA.pdf

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- Please ask explicitly for **CmiA cotton** because not all African cotton is CmiA cotton!
- **State clearly for the cotton trader if the cotton is bought as “CmiA” cotton** (to be used for CmiA production and to receive a volume update in SCOT) or **as “CmiA-BCI”** (then no update in SCOT will be done and the contract is only valid for the BCI Platform).
- **To register the cotton contract in SCOT the contract should be dated not older than one year.**
- The spinning mill can start with CmiA at any time, even when the cotton does not have arrived in the warehouse yet.
- If the cotton balance is going into minus the spinning mill must buy new CmiA cotton in due time.
- CmiA cotton can be bought regularly and at any time when the prices are good, not only when the balance is Zero and the cotton prices are high.

2. When everything about CmiA and the Mass Balance System is clear, **register your company online with CmiA**: https://scot.cottonmadeinafrica.org/users/register (Registration Code: 72GR8hbP)

- provide some company details
- **upload first CmiA cotton contract**
- designate a CmiA responsible person within your company
- confirm understanding and agreement of CmiA Code of Conduct and Chain of Custody Guideline
- provide billing address for registration invoice

3. **Pay the annual registration fee** of EUR 2.000
   Once the payment is received the spinning mill receives a CmiA certificate valid for one year and will be listed as a CmiA supplier on our website and CmiA supply chain App.

4. Provide regularly information about CmiA yarn sales/ usage in the CmiA Tracking System SCOT.
   - For the Mass Balance control each spinning mill **must inform how much CmiA cotton was bought** and **how much CmiA MB yarns are produced** for selling or using inhouse.
   - Log in credentials and User Manual will be provided after successful registration with CmiA.

5. **Additional requirements**
The spinning mill is our most important partner in the program and must fulfill some important duties as registered mill.

   - The quality of the yarns must not be influenced by CmiA. The quality requirements are requested by the customers, the fabric mill or ready garment producers. CmiA is NOT a quality, any cotton can be used to produce CmiA Mass Balance yarns, so no quality limit for the production takes place.
   - As the African CmiA cotton can be totally integrated to the normal production line and blending is always possible the spinning mills must **NOT add ANY surcharge** on the yarns sold as CmiA (if the MB system is followed).
   - In case a spinning mill purchases CmiA cotton and produces out of it yarns for the BCI supply chain, they need to be registered with the BCI to be able to process the cotton.³

³ All further information about BCI should be requested directly to BCI.
IV. Reporting requirements & SCOT Tracking System
- The spinning mill is not allowed to sell more yarn than CmiA cotton has been purchased.
- As a vertical producer the inhouse yarn usage should be reported.
- **All CmiA transactions must be reported** regularly into the SCOT system, **latest 30 days after contract date**.
- Should the spinning mill sell a yarn in a material mix e.g. 50/50 cotton – polyester, only the amount of cotton share must be reported.
- The Tracking System has a calculated wastage for the production from lint to yarn included. This means, we are adding a fixed percentage of each yarn sales quantity which is reported, to be able to have the approx. quantity of lint cotton being used. The Spinning mill should inform the CmiA office during registration about the individual wastage factor. This factor will be included into the Mass Balance control of each spinning mill. If the spinner is not informing about one (1) individual wastage factor, 16% will be set by default.
- Any time the spinning mill is purchasing new CmiA cotton the cotton trader will enter according purchase transaction to SCOT. **Only “CmiA” cotton purchase will be reported to SCOT**; “CmiA-BCI” cotton purchases are not entered to SCOT and are only usable for the BCI Platform.
- Please report correct transaction information to SCOT to avoid correcting any information later. Once entered to the system, we will count them as valid.

V. Sanctions
CmiA will be able to remove a valid certificate in case of:

- Transactions in SCOT are not done on a regular and valid base
- the cotton balance is minus, and the spinning mill is not purchasing CmiA cotton in due time.

Companies without a valid certificate will be deleted from the supplier list and relevant suppliers and retailers will be informed.

VI. Re-Registration
The certificate expires regularly after one year; the expiry date can be found on each registration certificate. To receive a new certificate the spinning mill must contact the CmiA office in due time. To receive a new certificate following requirements must be fulfilled:

- CmiA transactions are updated regularly in SCOT
- CmiA cotton balance is positive
- Annual registration fee is paid
VII. Partnership with Better Cotton Initiative (BCI)

CmiA and BCI are two separate sustainable cotton standards which held a partnership. CmiA cotton can be purchased from CmiA cotton traders and can be used for productions in the BCI supply chain. When buying CmiA cotton for a BCI production please ask the cotton trader for “CmiA-BCI” cotton.

BCI cotton can NOT be used for the CmiA supply chain.

If CmiA cotton is purchased and registered on the BCI Platform, it cannot be declared as CmiA cotton anymore. This is also valid vice versa!

If a spinning mill wants to use CmiA cotton already declared on the BCI Platform for CmiA the BCI office has to be contacted to delete this amount from the BCI Platform. Documentation about that and the cotton purchase document have to be provided to CmiA.

If you have any questions, please contact:
supplychain@abt-foundation.org

Related documents:
- Chain of Custody Guideline (updated in January 2021)
- Code of Conduct
- SCOT User Manual (will be provided during SCOT registration)

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4 For more information please contact BCI directly.