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## ***Industry Standardization: the Key to Trade Growth***

### **64<sup>th</sup> PLENARY MEETING IN LIVERPOOL**

#### **Hotels Filling**

Registration for the 64th Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) since 1939 began in May, and hotels in Liverpool are filling. Because of concerns about the capacity of facilities for the meeting, a limit to registration of 500 persons has been set for this year. Attendance at the Plenary Meeting last year in India was higher, and participants are urged to register and make hotel reservations in a timely fashion.

As of early July, the Holiday Inn City Centre was fully booked, and space at the Travel Inn Metro was filling rapidly. Availability remains at The Express by Holiday Inn, the Thistle, the Radisson, the Crowne Plaza and the Gladstone Hotel. Meeting registration and hotel booking forms are attached with this message. Additional information is available at [www.icac.org](http://www.icac.org).

The plenary meeting is being organized in conjunction with the annual dinner of the International Cotton Association (ICA) on September 30. However, registration for the ICAC Plenary Meeting and the ICA Dinner are conducted separately. Attendance at the ICA dinner is by invitation from the ICA or member firms. Those interested in participating in the ICA Dinner should contact the ICA separately at [www.LCA.org.uk](http://www.LCA.org.uk) or by calling +44.151.236.6041.

The 64<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting will be held during September 25-29, 2005 in Liverpool, UK. The venue for the meeting will be newly-refurbished St. George's Hall. The meeting will be hosted by the Government of the UK in cooperation with the ICA and Weil Brothers & Stern Limited, Certified FiberMax Cotton, Macquarie Bank, Cotlook Limited, Plexus Cotton Limited and the Liverpool Culture Company.

The theme of the 64th Plenary Meeting is Industry Standardization: the Key to Trade Growth. This theme is congruent with the historic role of Liverpool as a center for cotton trading, and the theme emphasizes the underlying purpose of the ICAC to enhance opportunities for expanded trade in cotton as a component of a healthy cotton economy.

(Press releases are available via e-mail. To register for this free service, go to the ICAC web page at <http://www.icac.org/netforms/icac/lists/subscriptionform.html>)

The International Cotton Advisory Committee is an association of 41 governments of countries with an interest in cotton. The Secretariat of the Committee publishes information related to world cotton production, supply, demand and prices, and provides technical information on cotton production technology. Detailed statistics are found bimonthly in *COTTON: Review of the World Situation*, \$160 per year via email, \$190 per year in hard copy. A monthly outlook is available by email for \$250 per year and by fax for \$350. Access to the latest weekly estimates of world cotton supply and use by the Secretariat is available on the Internet for \$400 per year. Access Secretariat reports at [www.icac.org](http://www.icac.org).