



64th Plenary Meeting of the INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary

First Breakout Session

Monday, September 26th, 2005 15:45 to 17:15

The benefits of standardized bale sizes and Packaging

Chair: Graham Fogg, SGS North America Inc.

Guest Speakers: Mr. David E. Mrozinski, Vice President of International Sales, Continental Eagle Corporation

Mr. Ross Rutherford, Manager, Planning & Sales Support, Lummus Corporation

Mr. M. K. Sharma, President, Bajaj Steel Industries Limited

Mr. Alan Adamson, Administration Manager, Cargill Cotton

Approximately 35 people attended

The chair opened the meeting with a slideshow to visually make aware the numerous bale variations in the world. Speakers have voiced their opinions on the various different specifications of a cotton bale and the benefits of standardization. Specifically standardization will improve efficiency, reduce cost and maintain the cotton industry's high standing against man made fibers. The USA was provided as an example where standardization has been achieved within a country; however it was duly noted that the process to achieve standardization took 4 years in discussion and a further 15 years to attain. The cost to achieve global standardization was an issue and exactly how the cost would be shared

In the debate following the guest speakers two items were determined:-

1. Commission the textile industry (via ITMF) to survey and conclude the ideal bale specifications

Quote "It is important that we satisfy the end user's need for the size of the cotton bale"

2. Establish a panel to ascertain the guidelines for "bale standardization and packaging"

Quote "The panel should consist of representatives from each sector of the trade together with country representatives. To achieve global standardization we need global representation"