
Domestic Industry Depressed Import Textiles

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After the implementation of the ACFTA, the volume of trade between Indonesia and China did tend to increase. However, there are also a number of industries that are depressed because of losing price competition, one of which is the textile industry.

According to the search for Dyah (2018), textile types of voile motifs from China are sold for IDR 150,000 / meter. Whereas local products with the same type are sold more expensive, which is IDR 210,000 / meter. Satin fabric from China sells for IDR 37,500, while local satin is IDR 45,000. A similar price gap also occurs in various other types of fabrics. Although the quality is not much different, imported textiles from China can be sold on the market at lower prices. A similar problem was also reported by PT Asia Pacific Fibers Head of Corporate Communication, Prama Yudha Amdan. In an interview with national media in 2018, he mentioned that domestic textile products were buried by imported textiles from China. "This warning has been read by a number of countries in the world and prepared itself with trade instruments to protect their respective industries. Indonesia must behave," Yudha said