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…EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Green Manufacturing and Technical Textiles Initiative* has as its ultimate goal the development of a skills framework and inventory enabling the Canadian textiles industry to respond to key opportunities and challenges by (1) generating awareness of requirements for skills upgrading, (2) identifying new human resources and recruitment needs, and (3) allowing companies to assess the impact of new production methods and technologies on key occupational groups.

…**Key Findings**

The transition to technical textiles production for speciaized end-use markets and the adoption of green manufacturing processes requires companies to review products and markets, change processes and machinery, and upgrade and develop workforce skills in order to ensure the continued survival and global competitiveness of the Canadian textile manufacturing industry.

The research and industry validation process revealed that the global and domestic trend is towards collaborative manufacturing environments in which multidisciplinary teams work together and with clients and/or users on new product design and development.

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…**2.7 Non-tariff Barriers**

In the last decades, there has been a strong tendency to eliminate tariff barriers and import quotas in the name of free trade, **This opening of markets, however, has been hampered by a growing number of non-tariff barriers in the form of environmental requirements.11**

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