

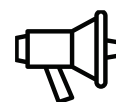
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Abstract. This scientific article analyzes the legal foundations affecting the development of the cotton processing industry in business entities. It also examines the regulatory and legal documents governing this sector in the country, their practical significance, and current development issues. Based on the results of the research, proposals have been developed to improve legal mechanisms for the further advancement of the cotton-textile industry.

Keywords: cotton processing, business entities, legal foundations, industrial development, investment, cluster system.

Annotatsiya. Ushbu ilmiy maqolada tadbirkorlik subyektlarida paxtani qayta ishlash sanoatini rivojlantirishga ta'sir etuvchi huquqiy asoslar tahlil qilingan. Shuningdek, mamlakatimizda ushbu sohani tartibga soluvchi normativ-huquqiy hujjatlar, ularning amaliy ahamiyati hamda mavjud rivojlanish masalalari ko'rib chiqilgan. Ilmiy izlanishlar natijasida paxta-to'qimachilik sanoatini yanada rivojlantirish uchun huquqiy mexanizmlarni takomillashtirish bo'yicha takliflar ishlab chiqilgan.

Kalit so'zlar: paxtani qayta ishlash, tadbirkorlik subyektlari, huquqiy asoslar, sanoat rivoji, investitsiya, klaster tizimi.

Аннотация. В данной научной статье проанализированы правовые основы, влияющие на развитие хлопкоперерабатывающей промышленности в субъектах предпринимательства. Также рассмотрены нормативно-правовые акты, регулирующие данную сферу в нашей стране, их практическая значимость и существующие вопросы развития. По результатам исследования разработаны предложения по совершенствованию правовых механизмов дальнейшего развития хлопково-текстильной промышленности.

Ключевые слова: переработка хлопка, субъекты предпринимательства, правовые основы, развитие промышленности, инвестиции, кластерная система.

INTRODUCTION

In the current era of globalization, deep processing of raw materials, production of high value-added goods, and enhancement of export potential are regarded as priority directions in the world economy. Especially in light industry sectors closely connected with agriculture, the presence of innovative approaches, effective management systems, and a strong legal framework is considered an important factor ensuring economic growth.

In the economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, cotton cultivation and its processing industry have historically occupied an important place. While for many years the country mainly pursued a policy focused on exporting raw cotton, in recent years this approach has been fundamentally reconsidered. Priority is now being given to deep domestic processing of cotton, production of finished textile goods, and their expansion into international markets.

From this perspective, the role of business entities in the development of the cotton-textile industry has been steadily increasing. In particular, small businesses and private enterprises make a significant contribution to the sustainable development of the national economy through processing raw cotton using modern technologies,

creating new jobs, and producing export-oriented goods.

The role of legal foundations in effectively organizing this process is highly significant. Any economic activity, especially production and processing processes, is regulated by clear normative and legal documents. The legal conditions created for business entities, incentives and preferences, as well as state support mechanisms, directly influence the pace of development of the cotton industry.

In recent years, the Republic of Uzbekistan has been implementing broad reforms aimed at developing this sector through the introduction of the cotton-textile cluster system, improvement of the investment climate, encouragement of export activities, and expansion of tax and customs incentives. In particular, decrees and resolutions adopted by the state serve to strengthen the legal status of business entities, ensure their free operation, and improve the competitive environment.

However, despite the reforms being implemented, certain systemic issues still remain in the development of the cotton processing industry. In particular, some aspects of the legal framework require further improvement, coordination among normative legal acts can be strengthened, access to financial resources for small business entities may be expanded, and regional development differences can be further balanced in order to fully realize the sector's potential.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The issue of legal foundations affecting the development of the cotton processing industry in business entities has been studied in scientific literature from different perspectives within the fields of economics, law, and industrial policy. Analysis of the available academic sources shows that research in this area is mainly concentrated in three key directions: legal regulation of the cotton industry, efficiency of the cluster system, and improvement of the investment climate.

In domestic scientific literature, the development of the cotton-textile industry is considered one of the priority directions of state economic policy. According to a number of economists and legal scholars, the existence of a stable legal framework in this sector plays an important role in ensuring the free activity and competitiveness of business entities. In particular, it has been scientifically substantiated that the clarity and stability of normative legal acts directly influence production processes.

Furthermore, local studies interpret the cluster system as the main institutional model for modernizing the cotton industry. Research devoted to the cluster approach emphasizes that integrating the full production chain under unified management contributes to efficient use of resources, reduction of logistics costs, and growth of export potential. However, some studies note that the effectiveness of the cluster system depends on the quality of its legal foundations and the clear regulation of relations between the state and the private sector.

In foreign academic literature, the cotton and textile industry is often studied within the frameworks of the concepts of "value chain governance" and "industrial cluster development." These approaches analyze the processes from raw material cultivation to finished goods production as a unified value chain. International studies show that legal stability, investment protection, and state support mechanisms are decisive factors for the effective development of industrial sectors.

A number of scientific works place special emphasis on the role of business entities in the economy. According to these studies, the involvement of small and medium-sized businesses in the cotton processing industry leads to increased production volumes, the introduction of innovations, and improved employment levels. At the same time, creating a favorable legal environment for business entities is identified as one of the important tasks of state policy.

The literature review shows that although considerable scientific work has been carried out in this field, a comprehensive and systematic analysis of the legal foundations influencing the development of the cotton processing industry has not been sufficiently explored. In particular, there remains a need for deeper scientific research regarding the interconnection of normative legal acts, the legal efficiency of the cluster system, and the role of business entities within the legal environment.

Therefore, this study is aimed at filling the existing scientific gap and serves to comprehensively analyze the role of legal foundations in the development of the cotton processing industry.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This scientific article applies comprehensive research approaches to study the legal foundations affecting the development of the cotton processing industry in business entities in the Republic of Uzbekistan. The methodological basis of the article consists of general scientific and specialized scientific methods of inquiry.

A system approach was applied in this study, through which the legal norms regulating the cotton-textile industry were analyzed as a unified economic and legal system. This approach made it possible to identify the interrelationship between normative legal documents, institutional mechanisms, and economic processes within the sector.

In addition, the article employed the comparative legal analysis method. Using this method, the legal mechanisms regulating the cotton industry in the Republic of Uzbekistan were compared with similar systems in other countries, and their distinctive features and effectiveness were examined. This made it possible to identify the strengths and areas for further improvement within the national legal system.

Through the analytical method, the content of current legislative acts, presidential decrees and resolutions, Cabinet of Ministers decisions, and sectoral strategic programs was examined. This approach provided an opportunity to assess the current state of legal regulation in the cotton processing industry.

Furthermore, the article used the statistical analysis method to study official data on production volumes, export indicators, and investment flows in the cotton-textile industry. Based on these data, conclusions were developed regarding the economic effectiveness of legal reforms.

As the empirical basis of the study, data from the Statistics Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan, sectoral state programs, normative legal documents, and scientific literature were analyzed. At the same time, expert assessment and generalization methods were also used in order to gain a deeper understanding of practical processes in the sector.

These methodological approaches ensured the scientific validity of the article and made it possible to comprehensively analyze the legal factors influencing the development of the cotton processing industry.

ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

The analysis of the legal foundations affecting the development of the cotton processing industry in the Republic of Uzbekistan shows that, as a result of the reforms implemented in recent years, significant institutional and economic changes have taken place in this sector. In particular, normative legal acts aimed at liberalizing entrepreneurial activity have strengthened the legal basis of production processes and contributed to increasing the share of the private sector in the economy.

The analysis revealed that the introduction of the cluster system has been one of the most important institutional reforms in the development of the cotton-textile industry. This system integrated the processes from cotton cultivation to deep processing and finished product manufacturing into a single economic chain. As a result, production efficiency increased, logistics costs decreased, and the level of raw material losses was significantly reduced.

As a result of improvements in the legal framework, a favorable investment environment was formed for business entities. Tax and customs incentives, as well as subsidies and credit mechanisms provided by the state, stimulated new investments in the cotton processing sector. This, in turn, led to the modernization of production capacities, the introduction of modern technologies, and the adaptation of product quality to international standards.

The analysis also shows that the growth of export volumes in the cotton industry is directly linked to legal reforms. The simplification of export procedures, liberalization of foreign trade regulations, and greater flexibility in currency policy significantly expanded textile product exports. This contributed to increasing the country's foreign currency revenues and strengthening economic stability.

However, the analysis also identified certain areas requiring further improvement. In particular, frequent changes in the normative legal framework may create legal uncertainty for business entities. In addition, limited access to credit resources and insufficiently developed infrastructure in some regions were identified as factors affecting the balanced development of the industry.

According to the scientific findings of the article, the efficiency of the cotton processing industry directly depends on the following key factors:

- stability and consistency of the legal framework;
- effectiveness of state support mechanisms;
- attractiveness of the investment environment;
- institutional maturity of the cluster system;
- introduction of elements of the digital economy.

In general, the implemented legal reforms have had a positive impact on the development of the cotton industry, reflected in increased production volumes, expansion of export geography, and the creation of new jobs. At the same time, the research results substantiate that by addressing the existing issues, it is possible to further enhance the competitiveness of this sector.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The development of the cotton processing industry is considered one of the strategic directions of Uzbekistan's economy. In this process, legal foundations play a decisive role. As a result of the reforms being implemented, significant positive changes are taking place in the sector. At the same time, by addressing existing issues and further improving legal mechanisms, it is possible to ensure the sustainable and competitive development of the industry.

For the further development of the cotton industry, the following measures are recommended:

- ensuring legal stability;
- improving the cluster system;
- supporting small business entities;
- introducing digital management systems;
- simplifying export procedures.

In addition, the introduction of electronic contracts and digital monitoring systems would increase transparency and efficiency within the sector.

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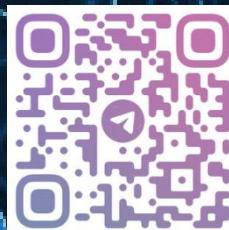
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