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Table 1

Production of New Virgin Resin (Excluding Compounding or Colouring Ingredients), by Products, Canada

Product	SCG* Code	February 2003	Year-to-date 2003	February 2004	Year-to-date 2004	Year-to-date change 2004/2003
metric tonnes						%
Synthetic resins						
Polyethylene, low and linear low density ¹	3901.10, 3901.90.10	146,998	309,491	166,936	336,301	8.7
Polyethylene, high density	3901.20	126,489	256,078	115,980	232,147	-9.3
Polyethylene, total²		273,487	565,569	282,916	568,448	0.5
Polystyrene and acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (abs) ³	3903.1, 3903.30	14,197	28,982	14,503	30,381	4.8
Polyvinyl chloride	3904.10	x	x	x	x	x
Polyesters, unsaturated	3907.91	8,993 ^r	17,070 ^r	8,287	18,752	9.9

See footnote(s) at end of Table 2.

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Table 2
Production of Industrial Chemicals, by product, Canada

Product	SCG* Code	February	Year-to-date	February	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
		2003	2003	2004	2004	change 2004/2003
		metric tonnes				%
Acids						
Hydrochloric (muriatic) acid, 100%	2806.10.20	12,562 ^r	25,693 ^r	11,566	26,268	2.2
Nitric acid, 100 %	2808.00.10	96,604	193,619	90,207	176,759	-8.7
Phosphoric acid, wet process	2809.20	x	x	x	x	x
Sulphuric acid, all grades, including oleum, as 100%	2807	294,245	620,659	330,418	681,905	9.9
Other Industrial Chemical Products						
Aluminum sulphate (alum)	2833.22	10,737	23,456	12,307	24,277	3.5
Ammonia, anhydrous, 100%	2814.10	368,511	776,039	400,680	831,833	7.2
Ammonium nitrate, all grades	3102.30	104,346	204,457	78,287	155,367	-24.0
Ammonium phosphate, all grades	3105.30	x	x	x	x	x
Butadiene	2901.24.10	23,237 ^r	45,823 ^r	24,745	49,014	7.0
Butylene	2901.23	18,399 ^r	36,522 ^r	17,897	36,849	0.9
Carbon black	2803	15,874	32,706	16,167	31,595	-3.4
Chlorine	2801.10	84,585 ^r	176,901 ^r	79,574	164,599	-7.0
Ethylene	2901.21	392,397 ^r	797,087 ^r	419,075	850,080	6.6
Formaldehyde, 100% solids basis	2912.11	17,362	33,309	19,875	40,012	20.1
Hydrogen peroxide, 100%	2847.00	17,885	38,101	19,091	39,694	4.2
Methyl alcohol (methanol)	2905.11	x	x	x	x	x
Propylene, as propylene in all grades	2901.22	71,381 ^r	154,918 ^r	76,188	155,859	0.6
Sodium chlorate	2829.11	84,438	181,477	93,709	192,715	6.2
Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda), as 100% NaOH	2815.1	91,780 ^r	188,676 ^r	86,369	176,420	-6.5
Urea, all grades	3102.10	243,183	549,950	300,164	619,584	12.7
Benzene	2902.20	78,173	151,270	71,708	151,495	0.1
Toluene	2902.30	31,154 ^r	56,926 ^r	20,544	48,556	-14.7
Xylene	2902.4	29,602	67,558	33,859	59,772	-11.5
Zinc oxide	2817.00.1	x	x	x	x	x

Symbols

* Standard Classification of Goods (SCG) Code.

^r revised.

x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.

¹ Polyethylene, low, and linear low densities combines two Standard Classification of Goods (SCG) codes: 3901.10, and 3901.90.10.² Polyethylene, low, linear low and high densities combines three Standard Classification of Goods (SCG) codes: 3901.10, 3901.90.10 and 3901.20.³ Polystyrene and acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (abs) combines two Standard Classification of Goods (SCG) codes: 3903.10 and 3903.30.**Note**

Coverage of the commodities listed above approximates 100% of the known production. Small amounts of occasional secondary production may not be measured.

Explanatory Notes

This survey measures **the production of specified commodities**. Data collected from this survey are important because they measure production of this industrial sector, providing an indication of the well being of this industry and its contribution to the Canadian economy. This survey is conducted under the secrecy provisions of the *Statistics Act*, which prohibit the publication of information, which can be related to any individual person, business or organization. The target population includes all major manufacturers. The survey frame is based mainly on the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM). Since the ASM lags behind this commodity survey, there is a risk of undercoverage but this should be minimal because of advance information from the ASM frame and feedback from the Monthly Survey of Manufacturing (MSM). The last break in these series occurred in 1988 with the introduction of the harmonized system (HS) coding system.

All survey data, from whatever source, are subject to error. The main sources of error are coverage error, response error, processing error and non-response error. Based on the 2000 ASM, production published in this survey account for 100% of the **total volume of these commodities produced**. On a monthly basis, late responses are imputed using a variety of methods, the most common being trend analysis.

Data presented in this publication were collected by a mail survey of all companies known to manufacture the products listed in Tables 1 & 2. The production figures for synthetic resins represent new virgin resins produced, and exclude compounding or coloring ingredients. For industrial chemicals, quantities include intermediate products made for use within the reporting establishment, in addition to those produced for sale.

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