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Table 1

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

Product	SCG* Code	March 2003	Year-to-date 2003	March 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	161,975	471,466	151,686	481,477	2.1
Polyethylene, high density	3901.20	131,080	387,158	122,908	355,055	-8.3
Polyethylene, total²		293,055	858,624	274,594	836,532	-2.6
Polystyrene and acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (abs) ³	3903.1, 3903.30	15,482	44,464	18,611	48,054	8.1
Polyvinyl chloride	3904.10	x	x	x	x	x
Polyesters, unsaturated	3907.91	8,835	25,905 ^r	9,508	28,262	9.1

See footnote(s) at end of Table 2.

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Table 2
Production of Industrial Chemicals, by product, Canada

Product	SCG* Code	March 2003	Year-to-date 2003	March 2004	Year-to-date 2004	Year-to-date change 2004/2003
metric tonnes						%
Acids						
Hydrochloric (muriatic) acid, 100%	2806.10.20	14,263	39,956 ^r	14,363	40,704	1.9
Nitric acid, 100 %	2808.00.10	99,391	293,010	106,365	283,124	-3.4
Phosphoric acid, wet process	2809.20	x	x	x	x	x
Sulphuric acid, all grades, including oleum, as 100%	2807	326,636	947,295	350,245	1,025,670	8.3
Other Industrial Chemical Products						
Aluminum sulphate (alum)	2833.22	12,789	36,245	13,222	37,156	2.5
Ammonia, anhydrous, 100%	2814.10	375,389	1,151,428	438,795	1,270,628	10.4
Ammonium nitrate, all grades	3102.30	104,534	308,991	99,096	254,463	-17.6
Ammonium phosphate, all grades	3105.30	x	x	x	x	x
Butadiene	2901.24.10	23,879	69,702 ^r	27,316	75,682	8.6
Butylene	2901.23	19,360	55,882 ^r	19,258	56,111	0.4
Carbon black	2803	17,646	50,352	19,879	51,473	2.2
Chlorine	2801.10	91,465	268,366 ^r	88,000	259,895	-3.2
Ethylene	2901.21	416,991	1,214,078 ^r	425,545	1,264,773	4.2
Formaldehyde, 100% solids basis	2912.11	19,725	53,034	21,325	61,337	15.7
Hydrogen peroxide, 100%	2847.00	18,154	56,255	21,935	61,629	9.6
Methyl alcohol (methanol)	2905.11	x	x	x	x	x
Propylene, as propylene in all grades	2901.22	79,965	234,883 ^r	79,770	235,522	0.3
Sodium chlorate	2829.11	97,101	278,578	100,092	292,807	5.1
Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda), as 100% NaOH	2815.1	99,474	288,150 ^r	93,533	280,637	-2.6
Urea, all grades	3102.10	324,873	874,823	334,689	954,273	9.1
Benzene	2902.20	66,500	217,770	73,941	225,436	3.5
Toluene	2902.30	28,365	85,291 ^r	26,565	75,127	-11.9
Xylene	2902.4	27,764	95,322	37,382	97,153	1.9
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.

Occasionally, revisions are made to the data after publication. All revisions are included in the year-to-date data published in subsequent issues. Normally revisions are restricted to the current and immediately preceding year, after this the data are considered final.

Data reported to the annual survey represent the 12 months corresponding to the fiscal year of the firms reporting. The annual publications report shipments while the monthly publication reports production. In recent years sampling methodology has been introduced to the annual survey and this may impact on the coverage of commodities.

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