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## MAJOR RELEASE

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#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Seasonally adjusted, preliminary estimates of August sales of refined petroleum products totalled 6.5 million cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>), a decrease of 7.2% from July 1991.
- Three of the four major products contributed to this decrease in sales. Sales of heavy fuel oil showed a 12.2% drop, diesel fuel oil fell 8.8% and motor gasoline moved down 6.5%. Light fuel oil registered the only increase, up 11.9% over July 1991.

##### Unadjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that total sales of refined petroleum products declined 11.4% from

August 1990, recording a volume of 7.1 million m<sup>3</sup>. Three of the four main products registered significant decreases. Heavy fuel oil sales fell 24.8%, diesel fuel oil 10.9% and motor gasoline decreased 8.7%. Only light fuel oil increased 11.0%.

- Following this August decrease, total product sales for 1991 are now 7.6% behind volumes recorded in 1990. Within this total, heavy fuel oil decreased 21.1%, light fuel oil 12.1%, diesel fuel oil 5.4% and motor gasoline 4.0%.

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The August 1991 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the third week of November 1991. See "How to Order Publications".

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### Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

	May 1991 <sup>r</sup>	June 1991 <sup>r</sup>	July 1991 <sup>r</sup>	August 1991 <sup>P</sup>	August 1991/ July 1991
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
<b>Total, All Products</b>	<b>6 746.9</b>	<b>6 581.8</b>	<b>6 955.5</b>	<b>6 453.2</b>	<b>-7.2</b>
<b>Main Products:</b>					
Motor Gasoline	2 829.7	2 709.3	2 847.8	2 664.1	-6.5
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 354.6	1 320.8	1 457.0	1 328.4	-8.8
Light Fuel Oil	517.8	523.3	564.4	631.5	11.9
Heavy Fuel Oil	734.6	725.2	791.3	694.6	-12.2
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation					
	August 1990	August 1991	Total January- August 1990	Total January- August 1991	Cum. 1991/ 1990
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
<b>Total, All Products</b>	<b>8 002.6</b>	<b>7 089.7</b>	<b>56 501.2</b>	<b>52 230.9</b>	<b>-7.6</b>
<b>Main Products:</b>					
Motor Gasoline	3 388.0	3 093.0	22 889.8	21 966.5	-4.0
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 738.9	1 548.5	11 076.3	10 477.9	-5.4
Light Fuel Oil	215.9	239.7	4 276.0	3 757.7	-12.1
Heavy Fuel Oil	780.6	587.2	6 685.2	5 276.8	-21.1

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary.  
<sup>r</sup> Revised.