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Table 1

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

Product	SCG* Code	November 2003	Year-to-date 2003	November 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	132,431	1,563,880	178,112	x	x
Polyethylene, high density	3901.20	120,324	1,313,049	131,971	1,446,019	10.1
Polyethylene, total ²		252,755	2,876,929	310,083	3,276,670	13.9
Polystyrene and acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (abs) ³	3903.1, 3903.30	16,649	167,930 ^f	17,950	190,636	13.5
Polyvinyl chloride	3904.10	x	x	x	x	x
Polyesters, unsaturated	3907.91	13,569	128,913 ^f	8,206	93,372	-27.6

See footnote(s) at end of Table 2.

Selected data series are available on **CANSIM**, table 303-0014.

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Table 2
Production of Industrial Chemicals, by product, Canada

Product	SCG* Code	November	Year-to-date	November	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
		2003	2003	2004	2004	change 2004/2003
						%
metric tonnes						
Acids						
Hydrochloric (muriatic) acid, 100%	2806.10.20	13,975	139,193 ^r	11,718	138,861	-0.2
Nitric acid, 100 %	2808.00.10	106,072	1,010,901	112,336	1,120,398	10.8
Phosphoric acid, wet process	2809.20	x	x	x	x	x
Sulphuric acid, all grades, including oleum, as 100%	2807	304,914	3,110,992 ^r	350,237	3,584,536 ^r	15.2
Other Industrial Chemical Products						
Aluminum sulphate (alum)	2833.22	12,235	152,889 ^r	13,223	152,178	-0.5
Ammonia, anhydrous, 100%	2814.10	383,950	4,038,694	384,395	4,585,897	13.5
Ammonium nitrate, all grades	3102.30	97,974	948,614	114,011	1,001,187 ^r	5.5
Ammonium phosphate, all grades	3105.30	x	x	x	x	x
Butadiene	2901.24.10	24,106	250,485 ^r	23,262	264,071 ^r	5.4
Butylene	2901.23	18,814	215,776 ^r	19,817	220,261	2.1
Carbon black	2803	17,925	187,750	19,020	204,227	8.8
Chlorine	2801.10	83,732	910,880 ^r	88,244	973,223 ^r	6.8
Ethylene	2901.21	402,712	4,298,570 ^r	434,208	4,651,646 ^r	8.2
Formaldehyde, 100% solids basis	2912.11	21,329	225,011 ^r	22,036	248,571 ^r	10.5
Hydrogen peroxide, 100%	2847.00	21,428	205,623	20,968	222,072 ^r	8.0
Methyl alcohol (methanol)	2905.11	x	x	x	x	x
Propylene, as propylene in all grades	2901.22	81,231	854,009 ^r	76,273	862,599 ^r	1.0
Sodium chlorate	2829.11	99,705	1,026,608	104,121	1,075,869	4.8
Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda), as 100% NaOH	2815.1	89,847	970,363 ^r	99,161	1,052,054 ^r	8.4
Urea, all grades	3102.10	325,205	3,001,554	315,504	3,348,062	11.5
Benzene	2902.20	78,369	766,656	76,015	829,467	8.2
Toluene	2902.30	28,071	264,798 ^r	20,383	x	x
Xylene	2902.4	28,878	299,531	28,704	325,386	8.6
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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