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TABLE 1. PLASTICS IN PRIMARY FORMS(a) (tonnes)

	_		Not mixed or cor		•		
Period	Mixed or compound (b) (576.02)	Poly- ethylene(c) (571.13)	Poly- styrene (572.14)	Poly- propylene (575.14)	Polyvinyl acetate (575.98)	Other (573.15, 576.01, 576.04, 579.00)	Total(c)
1990-91 1991-92 1992-93	46,345 43,374 τ 49,858	217,126 234,195 r 276,779	62,266 65,230 62,103	169,635 190,882 214,790	12,722 11,486 10,860	441,168 456,631 r 430,376	949,262 1,002,288 r 1,044,766
1992 — December	4,202	r 27,852	4,388	20,604	764	30,821	r 88,631
1993 — January February March April May June July August September October November December	2,368 r 4,380 4,157 4,096 4,365 4,226 4,640 4,555 4,372 5,281 4,906 4,657	25,035 21,825 28,403 22,389 21,447 21,453 24,418 26,827 24,731 27,428 27,710 26,190	4,393 5,241 6,251 5,618 5,102 6,369 5,740 5,876 4,939 5,688 17,276 4,701	19,660 15,112 14,668 13,660 17,536 16,756 18,857 20,815 19,491 19,337 17,331 18,488	731 947 849 1,035 1,097 1,070 1,380 1,084 1,261 1,529 1,135 1,178	23,498 r 33,153 41,577 34,614 37,650 38,315 39,815 39,066 43,325 39,916 r 36,498 28,721	75,685 80,658 95,905 81,412 87,197 88,189 94,850 98,223 98,119 99,179 94,856 83,935
1994 January February 1992-93: July to Feb. 1993-94: July to Feb.	2,971 4,796 33,014 36,178	r 21,892 24,228 183,087 203,424	6,124 6,310 38,763 46,654	18,408 19,007 152,170 151,734	958 1,329 6,809 9,854	31,854 39,702 278,220 298,897	82,207 95,372 692,063 746,741

⁽a) Primary forms includes liquid, paste, powder, granules, flakes, blocks, irregular shapes, lumps and similar bulk forms. (b) Excludes regranulated scrap. (c) Series has been revised as a result of increased coverage.

TABLE 2. PLASTIC TUBES, PIPES, HOSES, FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS

	_	Polymers of a	ethylene			Plastic	Tubes, pipes o	ind hoses
Period	Polymers of vinyl chloride (582.32)	Low density(b) (582.31)	High density (582.38)	Polymers of propylene (582 33)	Other (582.34)	coated textile materials (657.32)	High density polyethylene (581.82)	Rigid PVC(c) (581.22)
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 sq. m	tonnes	tonnes
1990-91 1991-92 1992-93	13,127 13,248 14,491	106,221 110,404 117,842	24,958 24,220 24,270	19,457 20,197 20,531	9,360 9,656 13,664	27,874 28,466 25,653	20,323 24,266 25,771	79,133 84,313 г 97,240
1992 —								
December	1,246	8,602	1,743	1,531	1,432	2,856	1,948	7,973
1993 — January February March April May June July August September October November December	807 959 1,206 1,077 1,097 1,043 1,370 1,372 1,568 1,213 1,189 1,139	7,275 9,697 11,012 9,765 11,103 10,385 10,631 10,799 r 10,458 r 10,646 r 10,873 8,851	1,308 1,888 2,172 1,904 2,090 2,160 2,137 2,131 r 2,035 r 1,974 r 2,184 1,665	1,203 1,576 2,070 1,539 1,849 1,794 1,993 1,938 r 1,705 r 1,721 r 2,018 1,073	716 1,381 1,339 1,140 1,284 1,297 1,336 1,296 1,266 1,265 1,441 1,338	589 2,432 2,452 1,360 1,948 2,683 2,000 2,559 r1,994 r2,639 r2,741 2,595	1,466 1,933 1,772 1,999 2,238 2,187 2,273 1,863 r 1,819 r 1,839 r 1,853 1,743	3,753 r 7,475 9,091 8,208 9,138 9,046 9,802 8,224 8,896 7,660 r 8,912 8,823
1994 — January February	854 1,081	7,563 9,703	1,534 1,933	645 1,283	858 1,374	1,063 2,917	1,920 3,051	5,096 9,733
1992-93: July to Feb. 1993-94: July to Feb.	10,069 9,786	75,576 79,524	15,944 15,592	13,279 12,375	8,603 10,113	17,209 18,509	17,576 16,360	61,758 67,146

⁽a) Excludes self-adhesive, floor, wall and ceiling coverings, vulcanised fibre and plastic foam. Also excludes reinforced, laminated or supported with other materials.
(b) Includes linear low density polyethylene. (c) Plasticiser content 1 per cent or less by weight of PVC. Excludes electrical conduit.

TABLE 3. RUBBER PRODUCTS

Period	Camel back for retreading rubber tyres (621 21) tonnes	retreading rubber for retreading tyres tyres (621.21) (621.22)	
1990-91 1991-92	1,021	14,617	r 11,334 6,884
1992-93	911	18,905	7,569
1991— March qur June qur September qur December qur	153 168 n.p. 289	2,941 4,263 3,968 4,276	2,310 1,739 1,653 1,709
1992 March qtr June qtr September qtr December qtr	200 n.p. 195 206	4,508 5,029 4,667 4,739	1,764 1,758 1,836 1,794
1993— March qtr June qtr September qtr December qtr	207 302 207 256	4,456 5,043 5,602 4,693	1,969 1,970 1,871 1,958
1992-93: July to Dec. 1993-94: July to Dec.	402 463	9,406 10,295	3,630 3,829

⁽a) Includes with fittings (eg joints, elbows, flanges).

TABLE 4. PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS ('000 litres)

	Architectural and decorative paints, enamels and clears(a)									
		Solvent th	inned			Water thi	nned			
	-	F	nishing coats			lastic latex				
	Primers _	Pigmen	ted		Primers _	Finishing	coais	Other		
Period	and undercoats (533.65)	Full gloss (533.66)	Other (533.67)	Clears (533.68)	and undercoats (533.69)	Flat (533.71)	Other (533.72)	water based (533.73)		
1990-91 1991-92 1992-93	5,421 5,111 5,123	11,218 9,968 9,938	4,200 3,775 3,820	3,252 3,063 2,660	7,293 8,238 8,228	30,245 29,226 30,182	34,843 37,550 40,224	5,092 4,709 5,292		
1992 — December	372	895	319	363	615	2,524	3,459	454		
1993 January February March April May June July August Sectorer October November December	376 434 443 444 459 424 432 r 406 r 450 r 482 479 400	749 796 946 874 841 802 825 719 r 925 r 935 r 879	263 308 322 309 284 330 344 307 305 349 284	173 189 229 167 160 190 227 218 275 r 300 r 311 295	628 634 672 689 657 701 671 r 699 787 r 850 725 845	1,971 2,562 2,630 2,781 2,435 2,288 2,482 2,325 r 2,805 r 3,017 3,122 3,270	2,794 3,065 3,667 3,614 3,313 3,385 3,421 3,102 3,482 r4,076 3,806 4,020	266 487 430 475 445 462 440 460 r 479 r 586 r 479		
1994 — January February	377 393	687 901	237 285	214 226	558 755	2,341 3,023	3,035 3,550	275 488		
1992-93: July to Feb. 1993-94: July to Feb.	3,353 3,419	6,476 6,773	2,576 2,475	1,914 2,066	5,509 5,890	20,048 22,385	26,246 28,493	3,479 3,635		

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TABLE 4. PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS—continued (*000 litres)

Industrial paints, enamels and clears(b) <u>Automotive</u> Other industrial Finishing coats Finishing coats Nitro-cellulose lacauers Primers Nitro-Primers Other cellulose and and lacquers Other undercoats Clears Colours Clears Colours undercoats (533.82)(533.83)(533.74)(533.75)(533.78)(533.79)(533.81)Period (533.76)21,302 20,665 21,525 5,150 4,710 4,554 474 429 402 9,181 9,209 9,405 8,667 8,309 8,634 3,213 3,383 3,683 724 730 819 7,861 7,321 7,331 1990-91 1991-92 1992-93 1992 ----334 632 655 337 **7**7 633 1,853 December 34 1993 -238 350 196 317 484 1,412 1,707 2,013 505 589 720 799 837 673 676 27 73 87 69 72 78 80 83 65 70 10 38 44 51 28 39 33 37 29 28 r 35 January 786 812 582 February 412 366 353 305 339 638 602 562 670 583 591 565 662 673 758 March 2,036 1,921 1,995 2,243 1,904 April May 880 383 398 858 859 341 June 956 715 325 309 421 July 645 770 840 285 388 August September October r 2,080 r 2,293 r 2,144 2,349 r 375 т 722 г 920 т 480 г 363 г 106 76 November r 340 г 839 r 383 December 353 986 745 373 1994 -519 702 1,636 2,005 239 305 18 38 529 841 190 January 628 40 77 February 650 336 1992-93: July to Feb. 1993-94: July to Feb. 4,859 5,053 2,995 2,812 240 249 5,996 2,346 2,653 513 597 13,560 5,649 5,837 6,482 16,655

TABLE 4. PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS—continued ('000 litres)

		Wood stains	_	Thinners		
Period	Heavy duty coatings(c) (533.77)	(oil, spirit, etc.) packed for sale or transfer out(d) (533.84)	Marine coatings(e) (533.85)	For nitro- cellulose coatings (533.56)	For all other coatings (S33.57)	
1990-91	12,637	1,657	1,696	6,905	19,430	
1991-92	13,011	1,784	1,884	6,353	18,249	
1992-93	14,590	1,925	π.p.	6,004	18,587	
1992						
December	930	164	140	440	1,388	
1993 —						
January	75 6	105	95	386	1,245	
February	1,091	150	153	473	1,564	
March	1,393	179	135	492	1,599	
April	1,420	107	147	526	1,848	
May	1,334	152	136	485	1,739	
June	1,102	154	п.р.	542 442	1,549	
July	1,308	152 157	п.р.	447	1,728 1,404	
August	1,513 r 994	150	n.p. 130	r 551	r 1,480	
September	r 1,203	148	159	r 441	r 1,880	
October November	r 1,176	r 144	151	r 482	r 1,521	
December	1,030	iii	n.p.	435	1,464	
1994						
January	868	69	п.р.	368	1,094	
February	1,106	121	n.p. 125	447	1,463	
1992-93: July to Feb.	9,341	1,333	1,125	3,958	11,853	
1993-94: July to Feb.	9,199	1,050	n.p.	3,613	12,033	

⁽a) Includes all paints and coatings for use on buildings and structures. Excludes heavy duty coatings. (b) Includes lacquers and water thinned industrial products. (c) Includes specialty coatings specifically designed for the protection of interiors and exteriors of buildings, plant and equipment etc. (d) Includes part-pigmented, Madison and Creosote types. (e) Includes primers and undercoats, underwater compositions, boot-topping, deck paints and marine varnishes. Excludes superstructure paints which are included with architectural and decorative paints.

TABLE 5. GASES

Period	Acetylene gas (511.15)	Carbon dioxide carbon monoxide and nitrous oxide(a) (522.73)	Hydrogen, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen (522.21)
	'000 cu.m.	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1990-91 1991-92 1992-93	3,047 2,708 2,846	89 97 99	1,558 1,974 1,680
1991— March qtr June qtr September qtr December qtr	668 782 790 586	23 19 23 24	n.p. 406 503 620
1992— March qtr June qtr September qtr December qtr	553 779 798 725	27 23 22 27	465 386 391 456
1993 March qtr June qtr September qtr December qtr	615 708 786 646	28 23 27 28	379 454 467 478
1992-93: July to Dec. 1993-94: July to Dec.	1,523 1,432	49 55	847 945

⁽a) Excludes dry ice.

TABLE 6. INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS

	Acid	s (in terms of 10				
	_					
Period	Hydrochloric; Chlorosulphuric (522.31)	Seasonally Original adjusted(a) Trend(b)		Ammonium sulphate Superphosphate(c) (562.13) (562.23.24.25)		
	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	1000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1990-91 1991-92	55,663 n.p.	986 816			215 233	1,574 1,337
1992-93	62,231	868			280	1,440
1992 — December	5,126	88	78	76	n.p.	165
1993 —						
January February	4,195 5,368	94 69	79 60	74 72	28 25	203 179
March April	5,454 5,545	85 68	74 66	70 69	25 23	193 117
May June	5,955 n.p.	71 75	68 76	69 69	22 28	97 66
July August	4,336 5,437	64 42	77 52	69 r 71	11 25	54 36
September October	5,687 5,717 5,220	61 67 1 76	75 75 80	r 72 73 r 73	14 19 17	53 92 143
November December	5,657	83	75	72	20	143
<u>1</u> 994	4.700	22	677		•	100
January February	4,703 4,240	82 71	67 64	71 70	17 18	129 150
1992-93: July to Feb. 1993-94: July to Feb.	n.p. 40,997	569 545	4.7	•••	183 142	967 799

⁽a) See paragraph 5, Explanatory Notes. (b) See paragraph 6 to 8, Explanatory Notes. (c) Double and triple superphosphates expressed in terms of single phosphate i.e. 9 per cent P equivalent.

TABLE 7. ORGANIC SURFACE-ACTIVE AGENTS(a) (tonnes)

Period	Anionic(b) (554.24)	Cationic(c) (554.25)	Other(d) (554.26)
1990-91 1991-92	19,247 16,643	4,552 2,461	5,158 3,956
1992-93	17,606	2,100	3,939
1992 —			
December	1,301	145	273
1993			
January	1,050	191	303
February	1,495	126	297
March	1,542	206	366
April	1,531 1,575	177	340
May	1,575	155	398
June	1,545	185	362
July	1,478	157	397
August	1,545 1,478 1,696	213	427
September	1,865	193	391
October	1,737	190	343
November	2,049	212	427
December	1,452	140	384
1994			
January	1,289	187	279
February	1,692	214	357
1992-93: July to Feb.	11,411	1,376	2,473
1993-94: July to Feb.	13,258	1,506	3,005

⁽a) Organic surface-active agents are capable of absorption at an interface and in that state display a number of physico-chemical properties responsible for surface activity (e.g. reduction of surface tension, foaming, emulsifying and wetting). Excludes soap.

(b) Organic surface-active agents which ionise in aqueous solution to produce negatively charged organic ions responsible for surface activity (e.g. sulphates and sulphonates of fats, vegetable oils or resin acids). (c) Organic surface-active agents which ionise in aqueous solution to produce positively charged organic ions responsible for surface activity (e.g. salts of fatty amines). (d) Includes non-ionic and ampholytic agents.

TABLE 8. DETERGENTS AND SOAP

	Soaps in bars, cakes,		_	cleaning pre	aning preparations				
	moulded pieces or shapes for			Dish Fabric washing washing preparations			Soaking, rinsing or		
Period	personal use(a) (554.12)	Shampoo pr (553.31)	Scouring eparations(b) (554.39)	Liquid (554.28)	Other(c) (554.29)	Liquid (554.51)	Osher(c) (554.52)	bleaching preparations (554.53)	Other(d) (554.54)
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 litres	tonnes	'000 litres	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1990-91 1991-92 1992-93	32,725 32,760 35,070	19,215 19,968 21,732	11,820 11,865 12,106	42,547 41,936 42,224	110,034 110,013 97,077	25,457 30,679 32,479	3,906 3,633 3,688	23,912 32,196 33,488	36,682 35,792 34,163
1992 — December	2,532	1,334	610	3,353	6,609	2,571	353	2,912	2,455
1993 — January February March April May June July August September October November December	2,088 2,879 3,660 3,235 3,443 3,157 3,018 3,046 2,896 2,789 3,041 2,556	1,540 1,653 2,153 1,548 1,992 1,961 2,040 1,978 r1,980 r1,971 r2,020 1,536	536 1,203 1,383 898 1,323 920 1,190 910 r 1,186 r 1,088 r 1,241 933	2,203 2,880 4,022 3,414 3,562 3,471 4,739 3,968 4,004 r 4,620 r 4,588 4,140	6,364 8,596 8,566 7,721 8,447 8,833 9,356 9,479 19,293 110,475 18,761 7,677	1,996 2,732 3,211 2,783 2,693 3,273 3,403 3,079 r 2,953 r 3,035 r 2,821 2,626	285 144 275 401 321 251 265 265 265 1291 1232 1297 236	2,843 3,298 3,358 2,497 2,569 2,506 2,814 2,928 r3,453 r2,999 r3,414 3,648	2,034 3,019 2,760 2,927 3,228 2,980 2,992 3,151 r 2,667 r 3,093 r 2,973 3,012
1994 — January February	2,008 3,190	1,475 1,870	775 1,393	3,492 4,204	6,338 8,850	2,270 2,929	248 275	3,839 3,522	2,617 2,563
1992-93: July to Feb. 1993-94: July to Feb.	21,575 22,543	14,078 14,869	7,583 8,716	27,753 33,755	63,510 70,230	20,520 23,117	2,441 2,110	22,558 26,617	22,267 23,068

⁽a) Includes abrasive and medicated. (b) Includes abrasive soap not in bars, cakes, moulded pieces or shapes. (c) For example powders. (d) Includes surface-active preparations for use in the processing or preparation of minerals, hides and skins, paper, dyed textiles, textile fibres, pharmaceutical and cosmetic products.

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