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THE TREND

Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during November 2011 increased to 94,400 tonnes as against the production of 90,500 tonnes during November 2010 due to favourable weather conditions. The cumulative production during April 2011 to November 2011 was 575,100 tonnes compared to 548,150 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering a growth of 4.9%. The provisional estimate of NR production for December'11 is 106,800 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during November'11 was 82,440 tonnes compared to 76,495 tonnes during October'11. The total consumption during the first eight months of 2011-12 was 634,420 tonnes compared to

628,240 tonnes recording a growth of 1.0 percent only. The growth in consumption by the auto tyre sector during April'11 to November'11 was 5.0% as against 4.3% during the same period of the previous year. At the same time, the non-tyre sector registered a negative growth of 5.9% compared to a negative growth of 1.2% during the same period last year. The NR consumption provisionally estimated for December'11 is 84,000 tonnes.

The country imported 15,129 tonnes of NR during November'11 compared to 14,413 tonnes during November'10. The total import of NR during the first eight months of 2011-12 was 111,958 tonnes as against 152,658 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Export of NR during November'11 was 666 tonnes compared to 60 tonnes

during November'10. The total export of NR during April'11 to November'11 was 21,551 tonnes as against 4,798 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of November'11 was 252,000 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during November'11 was 8,636 tonnes compared to 8,592 tonnes during October'11. The total production of SR during April'11 to November'11 was 71,978 tonnes compared to 72,041 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR increased to 36,345 tonnes during November'11 compared to 31,275 tonnes during October'11. The cumulative consumption of SR during the first eight months of 2011-12 increased to 280,695 tonnes compared to 270,755 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year.

PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER (Rupees per quintal)

Month / year		RSS 5	RSS 4	RSS 3	Latex(60% drc)		ISNR 20	SMR 20
		Domestic		International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
January	2011	21250	22160	25061	24915	24949	21725	23722
February	"	22600	23400	28153	24617	26653	23113	25247
March	"	21715	22002	24826	21543	24701	21646	21458
April	"	23568	23868	26071	23974	25976	23322	22235
May	"	22306	22523	23367	22622	23760	21520	20165
June	"	21950	22185	22577	23163	23089	21623	20314
July	"	20994	21242	21266	22877	21895	21002	20157
August	"	19917	20462	21356	21861	21912	20086	20705
September	"	20744	21459	21843	22253	22254	20879	21310
October	"	20931	21185	20252	21592	21348	20153	20051
November	"	19206	19502	17525	19236	18718	17740	16988
December	"	19683	20030	17938	18345	18733	18805	17430
January	2012	18556	19094	18639	18153	18700	18640	17663

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international RSS 3 refers to Bangkok price and international price of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	November 2011	November 2010	April 2011 to Nov. 2011	April 2010 to Nov. 2010	April 2010 to March 2011	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4) (6)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	70800	67570	417680	396270	618960	
Solid Block Rubber	11440	11365	76445	73185	117830	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6975	6205	48170	46935	76065	
Others	5185	5360	32805	31760	49095	
Total	94400	90500	575100	548150	861950	4.9
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1418	2107	11574	12571	19994	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6250	6540	52350	50825	75905	
Others	968	1437	8054	8645	14441	
Total	8636	10084	71978	72041	110340	-0.1
Total NR & SR	103036	100584	647078	620191	972290	4.3
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	56445	49620	405200	388685	607455	
Solid Block Rubber	17840	19865	161540	169080	235130	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	5815	6315	49195	51535	77380	
Others	2340	2210	18485	18940	27750	
Total	82440	78010	634420	628240	947715	1.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	54943	48724	414186	394293	597623	5.0
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	16130	14955	120175	114195	174855	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	12280	10485	87200	80740	125305	
Others	7935	8865	73320	75820	111670	
Total	36345	34305	280695	270755	411830	3.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	26881	25021	204283	194931	298414	4.8
Total NR & SR	118785	112315	915115	898995	1359545	1.8
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	81824	73745	618469	589224	896037	5.0

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	November 2011 (1)	November 2010 (2)	April 2011 to Nov. 2011 (3)	April 2010 to Nov.2010 (4)	April 2010 to March 2011 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	8965	8545	67245	66080	99960
Consumption	8570	8365	66465	65750	100290
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3371	3366	27442	26450	40511
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	5730	5610			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	15129	14413	111958	152658	188337
Synthetic Rubber	20900	26986	218733	204056	302030
Total NR & SR	36029	41399	330691	356714	490367
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	666	60	21551	4798	29851

STOCK AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 2011^R			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	109170	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	177565
With Dealers & Processors	94665	Solid Block Rubber	25730
With Auto Tyre units©	27185	Latex(drc)	12415
With other manufacturing units	20980	Others	36290
Total	252000	Total	252000

©: including transit R: revised

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	9335		
With Auto Tyre units	31050	SBR	21980
With other manufacturing units	5480	Others	23885
Total	45865	Total	45865

p:provisional

DISTRIBUTION OF MANUFACTURERS ACCORDING TO THEIR TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF RUBBER DURING 2010-11p

Consumption Group	No. of Manufacturers	Consumption (Tonnes)			
		Natural Rubber	Synthetic Rubber	Reclaimed Rubber	Total
A	1607	8930	1620	615	11165
B	1545	47585	10210	5065	62860
C	595	38320	10450	6110	54880
D	477	107745	38820	20290	166855
E	56	34985	7685	5975	48645
F	76	710150	343045	62235	1115430
Total	4356	947715	411830	100290	1459835

DISTRIBUTION OF MANUFACTURERS ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER DURING 2010-11p

Consumption Group	No. of Manufacturers	Consumption (Tonnes)
A	1546	7542
B	1675	48073
C	545	40030
D	489	120710
E	44	31899
F	57	699461
Total	4356	947715

p: provisional

- A: - 10 Tonnes & below
 B: - Above 10 Tonnes and upto & including 50 Tonnes
 C: - Above 50 Tonnes and upto & including 100 Tonnes
 D: - Above 100 Tonnes and upto & including 500 Tonnes
 E: - Above 500 Tonnes and upto & including 1000 Tonnes
 F: - Above 1000 Tonnes