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THE TREND

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during August 2010 increased to 72,500 tonnes compared to 64,750 tonnes during August 2009. The cumulative production during the first five months of 2010-'11 was 297,750 tonnes as against 274,325 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a growth of 8.5%. The production provisionally estimated for September '10 is 77,500 tonnes.

Consumption of NR during August'10 increased to 79,500 tonnes as against 76,200 tonnes during July'10. The total consumption for the first five months of the current fiscal year increased to 388,550 tonnes as against 377,600 tonnes during the same period last year, recording a growth of 2.9%. The cumulative

consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during April'10 to August'10 was 244,286 tonnes compared to 234,509 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year recording a growth of 4.2%. At the same time, the non-tyre sector registered a nominal growth of 0.8% only. The consumption provisionally estimated for September'10 is 80,500 tonnes.

Import of NR in the country during August'10 was 22,262 tonnes compared to 22,640 tonnes during August'09. The cumulative import of NR for the first five months of 2009-10 was 78,470 tonnes as against 103,483 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. The country exported only 17 tonnes of NR during August'10 compared to 91 tonnes during August'09. The total

export of NR during April'10 to August'10 was 4,364 tonnes compared to 1,017 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of August'10 was 196,210 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during August'10 increased to 8,942 tonnes from 8,188 tonnes during July'10. The cumulative production of SR during April'10 to August'10 nominally increased to 44,086 tonnes as against 44,037 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR increased to 34,220 tonnes during August'10 as against 33,765 tonnes during July'10. The total consumption of SR during the first five months of the current financial year was 167,145 tonnes compared to 131,945 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a growth of 26.7%.

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
October	2009	10389	10898	11103	11759	11197	9749	10506
November	"	10816	11302	11893	11642	11961	10557	11353
December	"	12900	13430	13048	13383	13515	12712	12793
January	2010	13217	13772	14163	14803	15066	13213	13677
February		13404	13700	14465	14864	16038	13285	13840
March	"	14782	14948	15084	15956	16949	14661	14374
April	"	16237	16418	17354	17286	17719	15871	14698
May	"	15708	15983	16715	16999	16628	14360	13069
June	"	16872	17087	16902	19603	17061	15241	13449
July	"	17750	18215	15680	20375	17070	15919	13513
August	"	17128	17952	15442	18512	17194	15440	14265
September	"	16206	16645	16199	18880	17809	15608	15514
October	"	17336	18112	17308	19753	18475	17743	16768

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international price for RSS 3 refers to Bangkok price since 3-5-2010 and international price of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	August 2010	August 2009	April 2010 to August 2010	April 2009 to August 2009	April 2009 to March 2010	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4) (6)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	53035	43077	213515	187772	578650	
Solid Block Rubber	9535	9779	40795	41645	120780	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	5690	8404	26210	29118	85760	
Others	4240	3490	17230	15790	46210	
Total	72500	64750	297750	274325	831400	8.5
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1524	1862	7062	7419	17997	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6500	6204	32520	29239	72666	
Others	918	1579	4504	7379	16080	
Total	8942	9645	44086	44037	106743	0.1
Total NR & SR	81442	74395	341836	318362	938143	7.4
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	45190	49605	247165	240890	621435	
Solid Block Rubber	25580	20650	97360	87620	190545	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6310	6325	32305	31890	82515	
Others	2420	3170	11720	17200	36070	
Total	79500	79750	388550	377600	930565	2.9
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	49358	48946	244286	234509	576210	4.2
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	14535	10595	69435	52430	138905	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	10330	8330	48585	40050	104465	
Others	9355	8065	49125	39465	104340	
Total	34220	26990	167145	131945	347710	26.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	25110	19171	118613	89684	238153	32.3
Total NR & SR	113720	106740	555695	509545	1278275	9.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	74468	68117	362899	324193	814363	11.9

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	August 2010 (1)	August 2009 (2)	April 2010 to August 2010 (3)	April 2009 to August 2009 (4)	April 2009 to March 2010 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	8540	7890	39670	37280	93535
Consumption	8480	7645	40160	36735	92250
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3405	2926	15338	13500	34968
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	4790	4540			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	22262	22640	78470	103483	176756
Synthetic Rubber	21630	19750	126410	94840	250210
Total NR & SR	43892	42390	204880	198323	426966
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	17	91	4364	1017	25090

STOCK AT THE END OF AUGUST 2010			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	88920	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	127415
With Dealers & Processors	57600	Solid Block Rubber	30830
With Auto Tyre units©	32530	Latex(drc)	8250
With other manufacturing units	17160	Others	29715
Total	196210	Total	196210

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	6355		
With Auto Tyre units	27010	SBR	20950
With other manufacturing units	4895	Others	17310
Total	38260	Total	38260

p:provisional

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER IN MAIN PRODUCING COUNTRIES

(In Thousand Tonnes)

Country	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ^a
Thailand	2937	3137	3056	3090	3164	3253
Indonesia	2271	2637	2755	2751	2440	2592
Malaysia	1126	1284	1200	1072	857	1000
India	772	853	811	881	820	844
China	541	538	588	548	643	641
Vietnam	482	555	606	660	724	770
Sri Lanka	104	109	118	129	137	143
Philippines	79	88	101	103	98	102
Cambodia	20	21	19	19	34	44

AVERAGE ANNUAL YIELD OF NATURAL RUBBER IN MAIN PRODUCING COUNTRIES

(Kg per hectare of tapped area)

Country	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ^a
Thailand	1736	1800	1723	1698	1704	NA
Indonesia	862	967	993	994	901	935
Malaysia	1320	1370	1420	1430	1450	1480
India	1727	1879	1767	1903	1760	1769
China	1082	1128	1168	1053	1178	1131
Vietnam	1441	1558	1603	1654	1717	1730
Sri Lanka	1145	1128	1247	1382	1437	1490
Philippines	1108	1274	1567	1581	1574	1695
Cambodia	979	1086	1112	1181	982	1100

a : anticipated

NA : Not available

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