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The Trend

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during December 2008 decreased to 100,225 tonnes as against the production of 111,730 tonnes during December 2007. The decrease in production was due to adverse weather conditions as well as lower rubber prices. The cumulative production during the first nine months of the current financial year was 676,005 tonnes compared to 620,060 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a growth of 9.0%. The provisional estimate of NR production for January'09 is 93,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during December'08 decreased to 68,290 tonnes from 73,290 tonnes during November'08. Even though, the performance of the tyre industry showed a sharp decline in their consumption during December'08 as a reflection of the

global economic recession, the performance of the general rubber goods sector improved a little. The total consumption during the first three quarters of the current fiscal year was 661,955 tonnes compared to 642,570 tonnes, registering a growth of 3.0%. The rate of growth in consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first nine months of the current financial year was 3.7% as against 6.6% attained during the same period of the previous year, where as the growth in the non-tyre sector was 2.2% compared to 2.9% in the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for January'09 is 64,000 tonnes.

Import of NR during December'08 was 3,586 tonnes compared to 8,180 tonnes during December'07. The cumulative import of NR during the first nine months of the year 2008-09 was 65,748 tonnes as against 68,826 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The country

exported 3,115 tonnes of NR during December'08 as against 5,126 tonnes during December'07. The total export of NR during April'08 to December'08 was 40,858 tonnes as against 24,581 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of December '08 was 211,210 tonnes.

Synthetic Rubber (SR) production during December'08 increased to 7,059 tonnes from 6,128 tonnes during November'08. The aggregate production of SR during the first nine months of the year 2008-09 decreased to 72,133 tonnes compared to 79,059 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR also decreased to 22,650 tonnes during December'08 as against 24,510 tonnes during November'08. The consumption of SR during the first three quarters of the current financial year decreased to 220,000 tonnes compared to 222,860 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
February	2008	9516	9687	10994	11216	12617	9565	10659
March	"	10152	10354	11354	11703	12613	10150	10759
April	"	10756	10965	11318	12313	12474	10683	10727
May	"	11970	12248	12755	13731	13444	11629	12201
June	"	12389	12708	13860	14383	15260	12340	13432
July	"	13180	13340	13780	14772	15391	13141	13643
August	"	13549	13782	12720	14033	13338	13145	12547
September	"	13284	13536	13228	13658	13983	12560	12837
October	"	8831	9074	9963	10886	10640	8659	9320
November	"	7413	7681	8599	9230	10308	7393	8256
December	"	6279	6488	6156	7502	7732	6075	5921
January	2009	6874	7034	7449	9652	8885	6800	6922
February	"	6788	6903	7331	9543	9257	6833	6757

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international price for RSS 3 refers to SICOM price from 23-1-2009 and that of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	December 2008	December 2007	April 2008 to Dec. 2008	April 2007 to Dec. 2007	April 2007 to March 2008	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Production						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	76935	85370	488510	446585	583875	
Solid Block Rubber	7290	9695	80730	72885	100705	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	9200	10570	66205	61350	88305	
Others	6800	6095	40560	39240	52460	
Total	100225	111730	676005	620060	825345	9.0
Synthetic Rubber (SR)p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	479	1442	8262	12637	16879	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6010	6648	55098	55736	74045	
Others	570	1761	8773	10686	15362	
Total	7059	9851	72133	79059	106286	-8.8
Total NR & SR	107284	121581	748138	699119	931631	7.0
Consumption *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	46570	46430	454970	434365	577635	
Solid Block Rubber	10115	15410	112825	115650	155670	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7355	6730	58560	56750	77715	
Others	4250	4540	35600	35805	50435	
Total	68290	73110	661955	642570	861455	3.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	35443	42912	379481	366059	495577	3.7
Synthetic Rubber (SR)p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	7820	8680	83860	81000	110965	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	5695	8310	62865	66955	88205	
Others	9135	9540	73275	74905	97985	
Total	22650	26530	220000	222860	297155	-1.3
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	12376	15926	140482	142926	191507	-1.7
Total NR & SR	90940	99640	881955	865430	1158610	1.9
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	47819	58838	519963	508985	687084	2.2

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	December 2008 (1)	December 2007 (2)	April 2008 to Dec. 2008 (3)	April 2007 to Dec. 2007 (4)	April 2007 to March 2008 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	7030	7280	65615	61535	83075
Consumption	7120	7210	65260	61900	83165
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2301	2464	22176	20264	27589
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3990	3370			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

Import/Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	3586	8180	65748	68826	86394
Synthetic Rubber	17895	17335	154340	143825	195705
Total NR & SR	21481	25515	220088	212651	282099
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	3115	5126	40858	24581	60353

Stock at the end of December 2008			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	102135	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	155045
With Dealers & Processors	72020	Solid Block Rubber	21680
With Auto Tyre units©	21900	Latex(drc)	12530
With other manufacturing units	15155	Others	21955
Total	211210	Total	211210

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	12385		
With Auto Tyre units	21300	SBR	18640
With other manufacturing units	4040	Others	19085
Total	37725	Total	37725

p:provisional

WORLD POSITION OF NATURAL RUBBER

COUNTRY-WISE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER			
('000 TONNES)			
Country	2007	2008	% growth
Thailand	3056	3020	-1.2
Indonesia	2755	2824	2.5
Malaysia	1200	1078	-10.2
India	811	880	8.5
Vietnam	602	663	10.1
China	600	638	6.3
Others	702	839	19.5
World Total	9726	9942	2.2

COUNTRY-WISE CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER			
('000 TONNES)			
Country	2007	2008	% growth
China	2550	2435	-4.5
U.S.A.	1018	1041	2.3
Japan	887	858	-3.3
India	851	878	3.2
Malaysia	446	461	3.4
Rep. of Korea	377	358	-5.0
Indonesia	391	414	5.9
Brazil	345	352	2.0
Thailand	374	367	-1.9
Germany	283	211	-25.4
Others	2362	2175	-7.9
World Total	9884	9550	-3.4

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