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The Trend

Natural Rubber (NR) Production in the country during November 2007 increased to 109,480 tonnes as against the production of 95,525 tonnes during November 2006. The cumulative production during the first eight months of the current financial year was 508,330 tonnes compared to 560,705 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering a negative growth of 9.3%. The provisional estimate of NR production for December'07 is 112,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during November'07 decreased to 72,525 tonnes from 74,430 tonnes during October'07. The total consumption during April'07 to November'07 was 569,460 tonnes as compared to 543,775 tonnes,

registering a growth of 4.7 percent. The growth in consumption by the auto tyre sector during the first eight months of the year 2007-08 was 6.2 % as against 4.4% during the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for November'07 is 73,500 tonnes.

The country imported 8,122 tonnes of NR during November'07 compared to 5,467 tonnes during November'06. The cumulative import of NR during the first eight months of the year 2007-08 was 59,878 tonnes as against 34,346 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Export of NR during November'07 was 1,234 tonnes as against 973 tonnes during November'06. The total export of NR during April'07 to November'07 decreased to 19,063 tonnes as against 50,675 tonnes during the

same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of November '07 was 148,050 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during November'07 marginally increased to 8,709 tonnes from 8,404 tonnes during October'07. The total production of SR during the first eight months of the year 2007-08 slightly increased to 67,016 tonnes compared to 66,579 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR marginally decreased to 26,505 tonnes during November'07 as against 26,680 tonnes during October'07. The cumulative consumption of SR during the first eight months of the current fiscal year increased to 196,330 tonnes as compared to 181,880 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		International		Domestic		Domestic		International	
January	2007	9132	9716	9319	10866	10377	9055	8556				
February	"	9421	9757	10605	11225	12204	9190	9313				
March	"	8933	9057	10050	10753	12095	8819	9157				
April	"	8877	8979	9870	10983	11503	8856	9139				
May	"	8564	8685	9638	10395	10611	8522	9127				
June	"	7980	8093	9226	10127	9748	7920	8774				
July	"	7796	7943	8420	9440	8790	7805	8237				
August	"	8499	8742	8690	10375	9228	8470	8498				
September	"	8577	8856	8737	10104	9733	8351	8587				
October	"	9210	9424	9130	10496	9877	8984	8907				
November	"	9358	9603	9868	10658	10803	9026	9323				
December	"	8922	9221	9833	10096	10600	8848	9644				
January	2008	9244	9432	10334	10296	11579	9303	10040				

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

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	November 2007	November 2006	April 2007 to Nov. 2007	April 2006 to Nov. 2006	April 2006 to March 2007	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Production						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	83360	71785	364170	408845	612735	
Solid Block Rubber	10995	9480	61195	64920	98500	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	8880	8115	48690	52395	86780	
Pale Latex Crepes	240	190	980	1095	2055	
Others	6005	5955	33295	33450	52825	
Total	109480	95525	508330	560705	852895	-9.3
Synthetic Rubber (SR)p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1291	972	10040	8006	12285	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6452	6290	49087	46965	71730	
Others	966	957	7889	11608	15498	
Total	8709	8219	67016	66579	99513	0.7
Total NR & SR	118189	103744	575346	627284	952408	-8.3
Consumption*						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	49085	49725	387935	382450	561580	
Solid Block Rubber	11885	9680	100240	81425	132755	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7405	7015	50020	49310	76190	
Pale Latex Crepes	220	195	1525	1360	2170	
Others	3930	3875	29740	29230	47610	
Total	72525	70490	569460	543775	820305	4.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	39690	39348	323210	304215	462081	6.2
Synthetic Rubber (SR)p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	9585	7420	72320	66750	98170	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6805	6715	58645	53305	79900	
Others	10115	9460	65365	61825	92760	
Total	26505	23595	196330	181880	270830	7.9
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	16295	14154	127728	115319	170809	10.8
Total NR & SR	99030	94085	765790	725655	1091135	5.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	55985	53502	450938	419534	632890	7.5

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	November 2007 (1)	November 2006 (2)	April 2007 to Nov. 2007 (3)	April 2006 to Nov. 2006 (4)	April 2006 to March 2007 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	7170	7005	54255	51980	78495
Consumption	7350	6805	54690	51770	78435
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2451	2030	17625	15624	23714
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3300	3875			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

Import/Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	8122	5467	59878	34346	89699
Synthetic Rubber	15940	16605	143495	117750	171998
Total NR & SR	24062	22072	203373	152096	261697
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	1234	973	19063	50675	56545

Stock at the end of November 2007			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	50720	Ribbed Smoked sheet	97230
With Dealers & Processors	47860	Solid Block Rubber	19530
With Auto Tyre units©	37406	Latex(drc)	11290
With other manufacturing units	12064	Pale Latex Crepe	415
		Others	19585
Total	148050	Total	148050

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	6150 p		
With Auto Tyre units	15190	SBR	13610
With other manufacturing units	2250	Others	9980
Total	23590	Total	23590

p:provisional

WORLD POSITION OF NATURAL RUBBER

COUNTRY-WISE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER ('000 tonnes)			
Country	2006	2007	% growth
Thailand	3137	2970	-5.3
Indonesia	2637	2791	5.8
Malaysia	1284	1215	-5.4
India	853	810	-5.0
Vietnam	554	608	9.8
China	533	577	8.3
Others	682	714	4.7
World Total	9680	9685	0.1

COUNTRY-WISE CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER ('000 tonnes)			
Country	2006	2007	% growth
China	2400	2534	5.6
U.S.A.	1003	1017	1.4
Japan	874	886	1.4
India	815	849	4.2
Malaysia	383	454	18.5
Rep.of Korea	364	379	4.1
Indonesia	355	379	6.8
Brazil	287	329	14.6
Thailand	321	321	0
Germany	269	300	11.5
Others	2145	2267	5.7
World Total	9216	9715	5.4

Source: "Rubber Statistical Bulletin" of the International Rubber Study Group.