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The Trend

Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during January 2009 decreased to 91,900 tonnes compared to the production of 103,515 tonnes during January 2008. The cumulative production during the first ten months of 2008-09 was 767,905 tonnes compared to 723,575 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a growth of 6.1%. The production provisionally estimated for February'09 is 48,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR during January'09 decreased to 64,045 tonnes from 68,290 tonnes during December'08. However, the total consumption during April'08 to January'09 increased to 726,000 tonnes from 713,580 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a growth of 1.7% only.

During the first ten months of the year 2008-09, the auto-tyre manufacturing sector showed a slower growth of 0.7% as against 6.8% during the corresponding period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for February'09 is 69,000 tonnes.

Rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country imported 5,701 tonnes during January'09 compared to 8,552 tonnes during January'08. The quantum of import of NR during the first ten months of the year 2008-09 was 71,448 tonnes as against 77,378 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The country exported only 1,421 tonnes of NR during January'09, whereas the export of NR during January'08 was 8,053 tonnes. The total export of NR during April'08 to January'09 was 42,279

tonnes as against 32,634 tonnes during the analogous period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of January'09 was 243,695 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during January'09 increased to 8,063 tonnes from 7,059 tonnes during December'08. The cumulative production of SR during the first ten months of the year 2008-09 decreased to 80,196 tonnes compared to 88,412 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR slightly decreased to 22,255 tonnes during January'09 as against 22,650 tonnes during December'08. The consumption of SR during April'08 to January'09 decreased to 242,255 tonnes compared to 247,465 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	
March	2008	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				
March	"	7448	7583	7388	9540	10277	7250	7096				

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	January 2009	January 2008	April 2008 to Jan. 2009	April 2007 to Jan. 2008	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)	69300	75575	557810	522160	583875	
Solid Block Rubber	8230	12070	88960	84955	100705	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	8925	10450	75130	71800	88305	
Others	5445	5420	46005	44660	52460	
Total	91900	103515	767905	723575	825345	6.1
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	916	1505	9178	14142	16879	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6060	6450	61158	62186	74045	
Others	1087	1398	9860	12084	15362	
Total	8063	9353	80196	88412	106286	-9.3
Total NR & SR	99963	112868	848101	811987	931631	4.4
Consumption *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	43855	45520	498825	479885	577635	
Solid Block Rubber	9540	13910	122365	129560	155670	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7050	6340	65610	63090	77715	
Others	3600	5240	39200	41045	50435	
Total	64045	71010	726000	713580	861455	1.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	33095	43703	412576	409762	495577	0.7
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	7905	9570	91765	90570	110965	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	5590	7100	68455	74055	88205	
Others	8760	7935	82035	82840	97985	
Total	22255	24605	242255	247465	297155	-2.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	11837	15923	152319	158849	191507	-4.1
Total NR & SR	86300	95615	968255	961045	1158610	0.8
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	44932	59626	564895	568611	687084	-0.7

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	January 2009 (1)	January 2008 (2)	April 2008 to Jan. 2009 (3)	April 2007 to Jan. 2008 (4)	April 2007 to March 2008 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	6685	7120	72300	68655	83075
Consumption	6580	7050	71840	68950	83165
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2119	2299	24295	22563	27589
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	4095	3440			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

Import/Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	5701	8552	71448	77378	86394
Synthetic Rubber	11490	17005	165830	160830	195705
Total NR & SR	17191	25557	237278	238208	282099
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	1421	8053	42279	32634	60353

Stock at the end of January 2009			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	120475	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	182450
With Dealers & Processors	85300	Solid Block Rubber	23595
With Auto Tyre units©	22120	Latex(drc)	13895
With other manufacturing units	15800	Others	23755
Total	243695	Total	243695

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	11515		
With Auto Tyre units	19610	SBR	17595
With other manufacturing units	3900	Others	17430
Total	35025	Total	35025

p:provisional

COUNTRY-WISE IMPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER (IN THOUSAND TONNES)

Country	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p	2008p
China	915	1150	1206	1329	1506	1547	1617
U.S.A	1126	1120	1156	1170	1012	1029	1052
Japan	772	792	801	849	886	850	849
Rep.of Korea	326	342	352	371	365	378	359
France	254	236	244	246	236	243	221
Germany	266	283	270	282	296	330	242
Spain	186	191	194	193	195	203	184
Brazil	144	162	184	195	179	221	232
Canada	155	148	152	160	150	144	143
Italy	146	149	159	159	162	160	142
Taiwan	106	115	120	115	102	116	100
Turkey	95	109	120	130	133	145	138
U.K.	94	99	100	96	80	103	86
Mexico	67	74	76	79	75	72	73
India	26	46	63	62	50	113	83
World*	5375	5802	6081	6386	6451	6885	6173

COUNTRY-WISE EXPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER (IN THOUSAND TONNES)

Country	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p	2008p
Thailand	2354	2574	2637	2632	2772	2704	2561
Indonesia	1502	1661	1875	2025	2287	2407	2408
Malaysia	887	947	1106	1128	1131	1018	916
Vietnam	455	432	480	538	680	682	619
Liberia	109	107	115	111	101	115	81
India	44	63	72	60	71	30	77
Cambodia	40	41	41	41	60	53	58
Sri Lanka	36	35	40	32	46	50	46
Nigeria	24	22	29	25	28	29	28
World*	5155	5639	6177	6412	6885	6702	6129

Italics : Estimated. *: including other countries not reported separately.

p: provisional

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