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THE TREND

Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during July 2009 decreased to 50,250 tonnes compared to 62,550 tonnes during July 2008. The aggregate production during the first four months of the current financial year was 209,575 tonnes as against 242,115 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a negative growth of 13.4% due to unfavourable weather conditions. The provisional estimate of NR production for August'09 is 65,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during July'09 increased to 78,910 tonnes as against 74,220 tonnes during June'09. The cumulative consumption for the first four months of the year 2009-'10 increased to 297,850 tonnes as against 292,840 tonnes registering a growth of 1.7% compared to the same period last year. The growth in

consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first four months of the current year was 2.3% as against 13.4% obtained during the corresponding period of the previous year. At the same time the cumulative consumption of NR by the general rubber goods sector registered a growth of 0.8% during April'09 to July'09 compared to a negative growth of 1.1% during the same period of the previous year. The increase in import and decrease in export of NR was mainly due to the lower price prevailing in the international market from March'09 onwards. The consumption provisionally estimated for August'09 is 79,000 tonnes.

Import of NR in the country during July'09 was 27,100 tonnes as against 2,667 tonnes during July'08. The total import of NR for the first four months of 2009-'10 was 77,608 tonnes as against 24,269 tonnes during the

corresponding period of the previous year. Export of NR was negligible during July'09 and it was 9,299 tonnes during July'08. The cumulative export of NR during April'09 to July'09 was only 902 tonnes compared to 25,599 tonnes during the similar period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of July'09 was 184,725 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during July'09 increased to 9,637 tonnes compared to 8,776 tonnes during June'09. The cumulative production of SR during April'09 to July'09 was 34,392 tonnes as against 35,975 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR increased to 27,035 tonnes during July'09 as against 26,215 tonnes during June'09. The total consumption of SR during the first four months of the year 2009-'10 was 104,955 tonnes compared to 100,045 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a growth of 4.9%.

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
September	2008	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	6633	6757
March	"	7448	7583	7388	9540	10277	7250	7096
April	"	9309	9488	8189	11528	9948	9066	7740
May	"	9546	9805	8300	11877	9640	9218	7855
June	"	9676	9913	8109	13744	8856	9076	7683
July	"	9619	9819	8505	13763	8999	8824	8046
August	"	10049	10250	9925	13004	10660	9425	9168
September	"	10266	10651	10569	11632	11021	9651	9953

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	July 2009	July 2008	April 2009 to July 2009	April 2008 to July 2008	April 2008 to March 2009	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	34185	41490	144245	164865	617125	
Solid Block Rubber	7575	9835	31775	36125	110275	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	5820	8175	21255	26765	88070	
Others	2670	3050	12300	14360	49030	
Total	50250	62550	209575	242115	864500	-13.4
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1751	1295	5557	5334	12523	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6650	6120	23035	24820	71758	
Others	1236	1718	5800	5821	12458	
Total	9637	9133	34392	35975	96739	-4.4
Total NR & SR	59887	71683	243967	278090	961239	-12.3
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	48415	52430	191285	199745	597440	
Solid Block Rubber	20865	14695	66970	53420	146060	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6185	6130	25565	24245	80520	
Others	3445	4285	14030	15430	47700	
Total	78910	77540	297850	292840	871720	1.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	48589	47187	184062	179968	508121	2.3
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	10815	9830	41835	39330	111745	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	7915	7790	31720	30800	82740	
Others	8305	7870	31400	29915	98465	
Total	27035	25490	104955	100045	292950	4.9
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	18512	17522	70046	67449	185094	3.9
Total NR & SR	105945	103030	402805	392885	1164670	2.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	67101	64709	254108	247417	693215	2.7

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	July 2009 (1)	July 2008 (2)	April 2009 to July 2009 (3)	April 2008 to July 2008 (4)	April 2008 to March 2009 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	7610	7270	29390	29175	86390
Consumption	7580	7235	29090	29130	86030
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2815	2625	10035	10343	29191
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	4295	3680			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	27100	2667	77608	24269	77616
Synthetic Rubber	18465	17455	75090	76890	190630
Total NR & SR	45565	20122	152698	101159	268246
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	6	9299	902	25599	46926

STOCK AT THE END OF JULY 2009			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	75300	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	127435
With Dealers & Processors	60720	Solid Block Rubber	24570
With Auto Tyre units©	33295	Latex(drc)	7485
With other manufacturing units	15410	Others	25235
Total	184725	Total	184725

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	5440 ^p		
With Auto Tyre units	20580	SBR	17515
With other manufacturing units	4175	Others	12680
Total	30195	Total	30195

p:provisional

WORLD NR & SR CONSUMPTION PROJECTION

('000 tonnes)						
Year	Natural Rubber (NR)			Synthetic Rubber (SR)		
	Tyre Sector	General rubber goods	Total	Tyre Sector	General rubber goods	Total
2000	5027	2351	7378	4845	5888	10733
2005	6363	2706	9069	5704	6201	11905
2006	6459	2856	9315	5967	6528	12495
2007	6844	3043	9887	6331	6827	13158
2008	6783	2943	9726	6082	6491	12573
2009	6439	2764	9203	5762	5851	11613
2010	6756	2910	9666	5544	6182	11726
2011	7190	3027	10217	5669	6616	12285
2012	7666	3128	10794	6020	7039	13059
2013	8132	3177	11309	6452	7319	13771

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